

TIP OF THE WEEK: TWO SUITED OVERCALLS

The **Michaels cuebid** allows a player to describe a two-suited hand in one bid in a competitive auction. It's an artificial bid that promises two suits with at least five cards in each suit. Both the suits should be good quality with High Card Points.

[8 KQJ64 64 QJT87]

Be careful making this bid if the High Card strength is outside your suits. Always consider Vulnerability and the level you're forcing partner to bid.

The strength of a Michals bid or Unusual 2NT requires partnership agreement. Depending on partnership agreement, it could be either weak (5-11) or strong (16+).

- . Hands with intermediate strength should simply overcall at the one level, and hope the second suit can be shown later in the auction.

Two-suited overcalls give information to both your partner and the opponents. Consider if there is anything to gain from making this bid. If you don't win the contract, your bid gives declarer an almost perfect picture of your distribution.

Rob Barrington



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Unusual 2NT

After an opponent's bid of one of a suit, a direct jump to 2NT is the 'Unusual 2NT'. This artificial bid shows the two lowest unbid suits with at least 5-5 shape. Unusual 2NT shows either a weak or a strong two-suiter. Bid your suits with an Intermediate hand.

**Bridget Rampton
Unusual 2NT**



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<https://richmondbridgeassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Unusual-and-Michaels-Slideshow.pdf>

<https://d16acbl.org/IntermediateNewcomer/Zoom/2021-08-07-Michaels%20Cuebid,%20Use%20and%20Abuse-Sandra%20Sarnow.pdf>

	Michaels	Advancer
1C (2C)	<p>Shows both Majors</p> <p>5+ hearts and 5 spades</p> <p>Examples of a</p> <p>weak hand: KJ975 KJT64 76 5</p> <p>strong hand: AKJT6 AKQ98 K5 8</p>	<p>Pick your longest major. or with equal length choose the better major.</p> <p>With a constructive, balanced hand, bid 1NT. [Q2 K8 AT986 KQ97]</p> <p>With little or no support in partner's majors, bid 2NT with an Invitational hand to ask partner to name their minor.</p> <p>* With a weak hand and no fit, bid 3C to allow partner to pass or correct.</p>
1D (2D)	<p>Shows both Majors</p> <p>5+ hearts and 5 spades</p>	<p>See above</p>
1H (2H)	<p>Shows 5+ spades and 5+ minor</p>	<p>With little or no support in partner's major, bid 2NT with an Invitational hand to ask partner to name their minor.</p> <p>* With a weak hand and no fit, bid 3C to allow partner to pass or correct.</p>
1S (2S)	<p>Shows 5+ hearts and 5+ minor</p>	<p>See above</p>

After a minimum by partner, the Michael's bidder can only bid further if they have a strong or very distributional hand.

(1S) 2S (P) 2NT --> asking partner for their minor suit
(P) 3H

	Unusual 2NT [Shows 2 lowest unbid suits]
(1S) 2NT	Promises 5+ clubs and 5+ diamonds
(1H) 2NT	Promises 5+ clubs and 5+ diamonds
(1C) 2NT	Promises 5+ hearts and 5+ diamonds
(1S) 2NT	Promises 5+ hearts and 5+ clubs

**Are two-suited conventions “On” in the following circumstances?
(Partnership Agreement)**

- . by a passed hand? [Larry Cohen says, “Yes”]
- . in Balancing seat? (Larry Cohen says, “Yes”)
- . after the other opponent bids 1NT? (Larry Cohen says, “Yes”)
- . after the other opponent raises the Opener’s suit?

Peter Hollands



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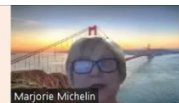
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Marjorie Michelin - Leaping Michaels

LEAPING MICHAELS



1. 4♣ shows clubs and the unbid major after the opponents open 2♥ or 2♠.

	Opponent 1	Partner	Opponent 2	Overcaller
♠ AKT98	Pass	Pass	2♥	4♣ (1)
♥ void				
♦ AT				
♣ KQJT52	(1) Leaping Michaels, showing clubs and spades (the other major).			

2. 4♣ here, over a 2♦ preempt shows clubs and a Major. Partner can bid 4♦ to ask for the major

	Opponent 1	Partner	Opponent 2	Overcaller
♠ void	Pass	Pass	2♦	4♣ (1)
♥ AKT98	Pass	4♦ (2)	Pass	4♥
♦ AT				
♣ KQJT52	(1) Leaping Michaels, showing clubs and a major. (2) What's your major?			

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