

New series of 10 topics – Thursdays at 9:30am or 4:15pm

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Michaels cue bid on convention card –
left hand side approx. 1/2 way down

DIRECT CUEBID		
OVER:	Minor	Major
Natural	☒	☒
Strong T/O	☐	☐
Michaels	☐	☐

Michaels is a direct Cue Bid

of the opponents **opening**
suit to show 5+ card length in
2 other suits.

Forcing but not alertable

How many points for a Michaels Cue bid? - REVISED

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A good guide is 8+ HCP and shape

Vulnerability is very important here.

Michaels cue bids are forcing but not alertable

Overcall

2♣ over 1♣

2♦ over 1♦

2♥ over 1♥

2♠ over 1♠

Meaning

5♥ **and** 5♠

5♥ **and** 5♠

5+♠ **and** 5+♣ **or** 5+♦

5+♥ **and** 5+♣ **or** 5+♦

Responses to Michaels 2♣ Or 2♦

- 2♥ Non-forcing sign off
- 2♠ Non-forcing sign off
- 3♥ Preemptive, with 4+ ♥
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Responses to Michaels 2♥

- 2♠ Non-forcing sign off
- 2NT Asks partner to bid his minor at the 3-level
- 3♠ Preemptive, with 4+ ♠

Responses to Michaels 2♠

2NT Asks partner to bid his minor at
the 3-level

3♥ Non-forcing sign off

RHO opens 1♣ or 1♦, what do you bid?

1. ♠KQT98	♥KJT98	♦32	♣2
2. ♠KQJ32	♥AKQ32	♦32	♣2
3. ♠AKQJ2	♥AKQJ2	♦32	♣2
4. ♠AJT98	♥KQJT	♦32	♣32
5. ♠AKQT98	♥T98	♦32	♣32
6. ♠QJT9	♥QJT9	♦KQJ2	♣2

(there are 2 answers for #6)

RHO opens 1♠, what do you bid?

1. ♠2	♥KQJT9	♦KT987	♣32
2. ♠AJT	♥KQT	♦KJT	♣QJT9
3. ♠AKT9	♥KT9	♦KT9	♣432
4. ♠A	♥KQJT9	♦32	♣KQJT9
5. ♠32	♥KQJ32	♦A	♣KJT98
6. ♠2	♥KQJT98	♦KQJ	♣432

Unusual jump to 2NT on convention card – top, 2nd box from left

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: _____ to _____ Systems on ☐

Conv. ☐ _____

Balancing: _____ to _____

Jump to 2NT: Minors ☐ 2Lowest ☐

Conv. ☐ _____

Unusual 2NT is a direct jump

Over an opponent's opening bid at the 1 level to show the 2 lowest ranking unbid suits

Unusual 2NT overcall is **forcing** **but not alertable**

- Immediately shows partner a specific 2 suited hand that would otherwise take 2 bids to illustrate
- Preempts the opponents

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Unusual 2NT

Opponent opens

You bid 2NT

1♣

5+♥ **and** 5+♦

1♦

5+♥ **and** 5+♣

1♥

5+♦ **and** 5+♣

1♠

5+♦ **and** 5+♣

Unusual 2NT cont'd

If opponent opens a preemptive 2♦, 2♥ or ♠, 2NT is **NOT** unusual but shows a natural balanced 15-18HCPs with stopper(s) in the suit bid

RHO opens 1♣, what do you bid

1. ♠432	♥KQJT9	♦KQJT9	♣-
2. ♠-	♥KQJT98	♦KQJT9	♣32
3. ♠AQT	♥KQJ	♦KQ2	♣T987
4. ♠43	♥KQJT9	♦KJ2	♣AT9
5. ♠43	♥KQJT9	♦4	♣KQJT9
6. ♠-	♥KQJT98	♦KQJT98	♣A

RHO opens 1 , what do you bid

1.  43	 KQJT9	 K	 KQJT9
2.  43	 KQJT98	 KQ	 KQJ
3.  5432	 KQJ	 AQ2	 KQJ
4.  43	 KQJT9	 2	 AKJT9
5.  43	 KQJT987	 4	 KQJ
6.  2	 KQJ2	 AT	 AT9876

Next Thursday July 23

Doubles – take out, negative & support