

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

Jun 25: Preemptive bids

Jul 2: Bergen raises

Jul 9: Bids after Opponents 1NT opening bid

Jul 16: Unusual 2NT and Michaels

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Aug 6: Jacoby 2NT

Aug 13: Blackwood and Gerber

Aug 20: Drury

Aug 27: New minor forcing and 4th suit forcing

What is Jacoby 2NT?

- A conventional response, by the partner, to an opening bid of
1♥ or 1♠.
- Shows a strong raise with 4+ card support.
- **Forcing to game and MUST BE ALERTED.**
- **All following bids below game must be alerted**
- **Off over interference.**

When is Jacoby 2NT used?

- After partner opens 1♥ or 1♠.
- Responder has 4+ card support
- Opening hand or better (typically 13+ points)

Goals of Jacoby 2NT

- Discover opener's hand shape.
- Identify side-suit shortness.
- Decide between game and slam.
- Keep bidding low.

Partner opens 1♠ - what do you bid?

Answers

1. ♠KQ987	♥8	♦A932	♣K87	2NT
2. ♠A654	♥9765	♦K	♣AQJ4	2NT
3. ♠A32	♥AKT98	♦QJ9	♣98	2♥
4. ♠QJ52	♥KQ	♦A862	♣Q53	2NT
5. ♠K987	♥A43	♦Q98	♣T98	3♣
6. ♠AK32	♥Q98	♦T98	♣432	3♣

Opener's Rebids - Overview

Opener describes hand after 2NT:

- Show shortness
- Show minimum balanced hand
- Show extra strength
- Shows a 5-card side suit at the 4 level instead of showing shortness

Showing Shortness

Opener bids a new suit at the 3-level:

- 3♣ / 3♦ / 3♥ / 3♠

- Shows singleton or void in that suit

- Helps responder evaluate slam potential.

Showing minimum balanced hand

- 4 of the Major
- Minimum opening hand 12-14
- No singleton or void

Showing extra strength

3 of the major:

- Can be only 5 but contains 2 of the top 3 honors
- Strong opening hand
- Typically, 16+ points

Shows a 5-card side suit at the 4 level

If opener has a 2nd 5-card suit,
bid it at the 4 level

Responder's Follow-Up:

Responder evaluates:

- Fit and controls
- Shortness opposite shortness
- Cue-bidding toward slam
- Signing off in game if appropriate

Opener bids 1♠, partner bids 2NT –
what does opener rebid?

Answers

1. ♠AKQ32	♥T98	♦QJT	♣32	4♠
2. ♠AKQ32	♥T	♦KQJT9	♣32	4♦
3. ♠AKQ32	♥T	♦KQJT	♣432	3♥
4. ♠AKQ32	♥T9	♦QJT	♣432	4♠
5. ♠AKQ32	♥AKQ	♦T98	♣32	3♠
6. ♠AKQ432	♥KT9	♦98	♣98	4♠

Key Takeaways:

- Jacoby 2NT is a **game-forcing** raise
- Used with 4+ trumps and strong hands
- Helps explore slam efficiently
- **Requires partnership agreement**

Next Thursday, Aug 13

Blackwood,
Roman Key Card

(1430 and/or 3014)

and

Gerber