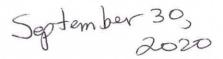
## LESSON THREE- OPENING AT LEVEL TWO- STRONG BIDS



There are two opening bids at level two that indicate strength.

- 2 No Trump- A bid of 2 NT shows 20-21 HCP. Distribution points, as in 1 NT, do not factor in this bid. A bid of 2 NT has the same requirements as does 1 NT (a balanced hand, no singletons or voids, at most one doubleton, a stopper in every suit). This bid, however has a range of 20-21 HCP, instead of 15-17 points. Responders can decide if the partnership has a total of 26 points, before going on to bid game (3 NT)
- 2. Two Clubs- A bid of 2C shows 22 or more total points. Distribution points count. THIS BID DOES NOT PROMISE CLUBS. IT IS A POINT COUNT ONLY. Responders must bid (forcing bid), so opener can know their best suit.

REMEMBER: You should have 25-26 total points to attempt a complete game contract (3 NT, 4 Hearts, 4 spades), or 28-29 points to try 5C or 5D. When possible, go for a contract in a major suit first. Your second choice is no trump, and your last choice would be in a minor suit (clubs or diamonds). Remember, too, that an opening bid at the one level can show anywhere from 13-21 points, so if you have 20-21 points with an UNBALANCED hand, do not bid 2 NT, open a suit at the one level!!

Create a hand that cou	ld be opened with 2 NT. Spades?	
Hearts?	Diamonds?	
Clubs?		
Create a hand that cou	ld be opened with 2 Clubs. Spades?	
Hearts?	Diamonds?	
Clubs?		*

## SAMPLE HAND # 3- LESSON # 3- CONTRACT 2 NT - DEALER: WEST

Date: September 30, 2020

**NORTH** 

Spades-QJ

Hearts-753

Diamonds-6542

Clubs- A 10 9 8

**WEST** 

Spades-AK76

Hearts-AJ98

Diamonds - AJ3

Clubs- K J

**EAST** 

Spades- 10 9 8 5

Hearts- 10 6 4

Diamonds-1097

Clubs-Q75

SOUTH

Spades-432

Hearts- K Q 2

Diamonds- K Q 8

Clubs- 4 3 2

- 1. Who do you think made the opening bid? What was it?
- 2. Do you think the contract is correct? Why or why not?
- 3. How many tricks will it take to defeat the contract?