

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

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

1. 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 could be opened with 2 NT. Spades? \_\_\_\_\_  
Hearts? \_\_\_\_\_ Diamonds? \_\_\_\_\_  
Clubs? \_\_\_\_\_

Create a hand that could be opened with 2 Clubs. Spades? \_\_\_\_\_  
Hearts? \_\_\_\_\_ Diamonds? \_\_\_\_\_  
Clubs? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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NORTH

Spades- Q J

Hearts- 7 5 3

Diamonds- 6 5 4 2

Clubs- A 10 9 8

WEST

Spades- A K 7 6

Hearts- A J 9 8

Diamonds – A J 3

Clubs- K J

EAST

Spades- 10 9 8 5

Hearts- 10 6 4

Diamonds- 10 9 7

Clubs- Q 7 5

SOUTH

Spades- 4 3 2

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?