



### Responding to a major weak 2 opening.

The opener has said everything he had to say : you are the one to manage what is coming next

Reminders :

Any response bid at game level is a stop ; your partner will pass.

Any support bid is also a stop : your partner will have to pass.

Any shift is forcing (except, of course, at game level).



No fit, 13 HCP... don't even think about it... just pass, and the opponents may overcall...hopefully ! you'll be waiting for them !



In response to a 2  $\forall$  opening, follow the law of total tricks : 9 trump cards = 9 tricks. If you fail, this will most probably mean that the opponents have missed a  $\blacklozenge$  contract.

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### With a support (at least 2 cards)

Support and 7-8 HCP : follow the law of total tricks

- with 3 cards, raise the preempt at level 3.
- with 4 cards, go for game

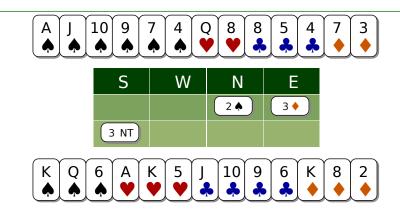
With a strong hand (15HCP and above), but no slam ambition, go to game :

- 4 ♥ or 4 ♠
- or 3 NT with a 15 HCP balanced hand, and stoppers in all suits



#### Quiz 1049

A smart bet because of your finesse options ( $\blacklozenge$  and  $\clubsuit$ ). Be aware of the quality of your long suits and the possibilities they offer.



With a balanced hand there is no guarantee that you do not lose 4 tricks on a 4 contract

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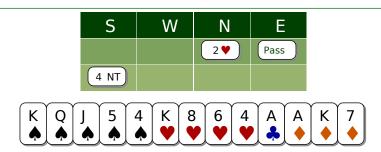


#### Looking for a game or a slam:

- 2 NT is asking for more informations (forcing !)
- A jump shift at level 4 is a prospection bid : 4 cards support and a nice 5 carder.
- Blackwood right away in order to locate an Ace or K trump



With a "low range" opening, The opener will repeat his suit at level 3. In this case, it will be the final contract, and there will be no game.



Blackwood ... To go straight to the point.





### Without support

With less than 13-14 HCP : pass ! With 13-14 HCP or more

- shift with a nice 5 or 6 carder
- raise at game level with 4 or 5 obvious tricks
- 3 NT with a leading minor suit and stoppers in the other suits.



You can afford this forcing shift bid = for  $3 \clubsuit$ , you need a nice 6(or more) carder. In addition, with a void in  $\blacklozenge$ , you need to be strong enough to face a misfit.



#### Problem E4575 Your chances of making 9 tricks are very high, especially after a likely $\blacklozenge$ lead.

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