



The 2 club opening: strong undetermined hand

2 club openings cover several types of hand:

- balanced hands with at least 22-23HCP (super NT),
- third-zone one-suiter hands with a strong suit of at least 6 cards,
- fourth-zone hands with a very strong 5-card major (minimum ace king queen x x).

Some advice:

Open 2 clubs if you hold the number of tricks for game minus 1

S	W	N	E
2 ♣			

K ♠	3 ♠	3 ♥	A ♣	J ♣	3 ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	10 ♦	5 ♦	4 ♦	3 ♦
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Problème E2508

2 clubs With a magnificent third-zone one-suiter (about 18HCP), open 2 clubs strong undetermined hand. If you open 1 diamond then jump to 3 diamonds that would indicate a second-zone one-suiter (15-17HCP)

S	W	N	E
2 ♣			

A ♠	J ♠	9 ♠	2 ♠	K ♥	4 ♥	K ♣	Q ♣	4 ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	3 ♦
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Problème E2506

2 clubs All very strong balanced hands (22-23HCP) should be opened 2 clubs followed by a NT rebid.



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Careful! The 2 club opening isn't suitable for two-suiter hands in general and for minor-major two-suiters in particular.

S	W	N	E
1 ♦			

K ♠	Q ♠	10 ♠	4 ♠	A ♥	J ♥	6 ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	10 ♦	9 ♦	5 ♦
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[Problème E2510](#)

1 diamond The 2 club opening really isn't suitable for two-suiters and in particular to minor-major two-suiters.



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The 2 club opening is forcing for a round.

In response the partner usually announces 2 diamonds as a relay or else he gives:

- a very strong major of at least 5 cards headed by two high honors
- a very strong minor of at least 6 cards headed by two high honors

S	W	N	E
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦			



Problème E4523

2 diamonds Relay, even with nothing at all. You will pass with alacrity next time round when the opener has described his 2 club hand.



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The opener's rebid after a 2 diamond response.

- With a balanced hand, the opener bids 2NT and the auction continues with Stayman and Texas
- With a one-suiter hand, he bids his suit in general a 6-card suit headed by high honors



S	W	N	E
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass



Problem E6148 Example of a 2NT rebid by the opener of 2 clubs



S	W	N	E
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠			



Problem E5297 Bid your very nice suit. Your partner will decide the rest : stop, game, slam...