

#### responses to 2NT openings

On a 2NT opening, the Opener promises exactly 20-21HCP and a regular hand. Sometimes, it's possible to have a 5 card major. Responder passes with less than 4HCP. With +4HCP Responder's bids are :

- 3. with at least one major with 3 or 4 cards : with only 3 cards in a major, you need an irregular hand (void or singleton)
- Transfer 5 cards in a major or 6 in a minor: Opener only rectifies if he has a 3 card support
- 3NT natural, no 3 card major and support to play Game.
- 4. two-suiter minors and Game forcing
- 4 ♦ two-suiter majors and Game forcing



Problem E5987 2. Puppet StaymanWith 3 cards in a major and an irregular hand, use Puppet Stayman to find a major fit.



Problem E5990 3♦ This is a Texas bid meaning 5 ♥ cards.



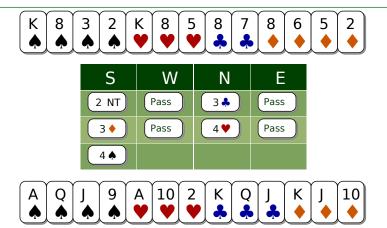


#### font size='22px'>After a 2NT opening bid, Opener's rebid after 3♣

- 3 ♦ 4 cards in one or both majors
- 3♥ 5 ♥ cards
- 3 ♠ 5 ♠ cards/font>
- 3NT No 4 card major



Problem E5993 ♠ Showing a 5 card major: team has a fit.



Problem E5994 3♦ Showing one or both majors with 4 cards, therefore denying a 5 card major





### Responder's 2nd bid after Opener's 3♦ bid.

- 3♥ 4♠ cards (reverse bid so that Opener is Declarer)
- 3 ♠ 4 ♥ cards
- 3NT no 4 card major
- 4♣ both majors with 4 cards



Problem E5992 3♠ Showing 4♥ cards.

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#### Responder's 2nd bid after Opener's 3♥ or 3♠ 2nd bid.

- 4♥ or 4♠ fitted no slam ambition
- 3♠, 4♣, 4♦ or 4♥ fitted and control
- · 3NT not fitted

Responder's 2nd bid after Opener's 3NT bid.

- 4 6 cards in suit slam try
- 4 ♦ 6 cards in suit slam try



Problem E5996 4♥ Slam not possible, Responder signs off with Game.