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Reminder : when you have a 3 suiter a wake-up double at the 1 level can be bid with 8-9HCP

You absolutely have to bid except ... if the Responder has bid.
Be cautious, don't bid as if it were a take-out double..

- bid at the lowest level with up to 10HCP
- with 11-12HCP jump bid
- with a stronger hand, cue-bid the Opener's major to find the best Game
- with 4-4 in the majors and 8-10HCP, cue-bid in the Opener's minor
- 1NT with a regular hand, a stopper in Opener's suit, no 4 card major and 11-12HCP

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
X			

K	8	6	4	A	10	9	3	J	10	5	2	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦

Problem E20073 Responding to a wake-up double, be happy bidding 1 ♠. If it had been a take-out double you would have bid 2 ♠.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♥
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
2 ♣			

K	7	9	7	5	3	A	J	10	6	5	8	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E20075 Here, 2 ♣ is the best bid.



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Don't forget : Your P who responds to your double has jumped to the 2 level, this is rarely for a 5 card suit. Why? Because if he had had a 5 carder, he would have overcalled during the 1st round of bidding!

S	W	N	E
			1♥
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
2♠			

A	Q	J	8	A	9	7	6	6	3	8	6	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E20076 2♠ A jump which mainly rules out the possibility of 5 cards. Otherwise it would have been 1♠ after the 1♥ opening bid.