



## 2 club openings cover several types of hand:

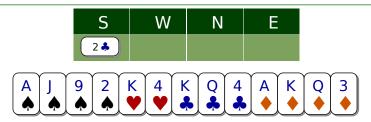
- balanced hands with at least 22-23HCP (super NT),
- third-zone one-suiter hands with a strong suit of at least 6 cards,
- fourth-zone hands with a very strong 5-card major (minimum ace king queen x x).

#### Some advice:

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



Problem 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)



Problem E2506 2 clubsAll very strong balanced hands (22-23HCP) should be opened 2 clubs followed by a NT rebid.



## Reponses to 2\* opening

2. is forcing for at least 1 round. Reponses are:

- 2♥,2♠,3♣,3♦with 8+HCP and a long suit (5+ in Major or 6+ in minor)... forcing to game



Problem E4523 2 diamondsNegative in this case. You will probably pass next time round when the opener has described his 2 club hand.



Problem E4522 Do not delay. show your strength and nice ♥ suit... a slam could well be in the cards...

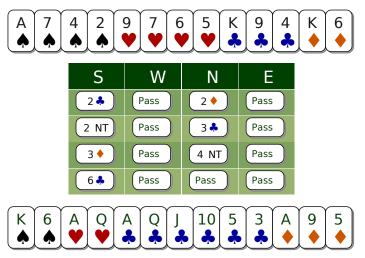
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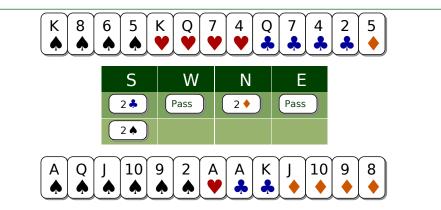


#### The opener's rebid after a 2 diamond response.

- With a nice ♥ suit, a ♥ 2-suiter or a balanced hand 24+HCP, the opener bids 2♥ 'Kokish relay' See below for bidding sequences after a 'Kokish relay'
- With a balanced hand with 22-23HCP, the opener bids 2NT and the auction continues with Stayman and Texas (not forcing)
- With a one-suiter hand, he bids his suit in general a 6-card suit headed by high honors... (and has to bid 3♥ if his suit is ♥)



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



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

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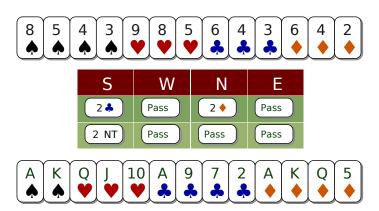




#### **Bidding after a Kokish relay**

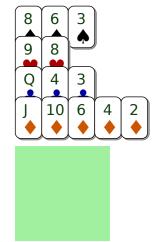
After a Kokish relay, the responder must always bid an artificial 2 relay, to allow opener to better describe his hand

- With a Game strength, the opener bids 3 ♥ ... with a weaker ♥, he would have bid 3♥ directly
- With a balanced hand with 24+HCP, the opener bids 2NT and the auction continues with Stayman and Texas, forcing to game
- With a ♥ based 2-suiter hand, he bids 3 in his second suit (3♣, 3♦, 3♠) showing 4+ in his second suit..



Not using the Kokish to show exactly 22-23HCP.. and let responder decide wether or not to bid game

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2 💙	Pass	2 🏟	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	5 🔶	Pass
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