



Lesson 28 Teaching Notes

Weak Two Openers

Aims

- To cover the Acol Three Weak Two Openers

Content

- 1 Introduce Weak Twos in the majors and Diamonds but not Clubs.

It shows a 6 card reasonable quality suit in a hand of about 6 - 10 hcp.

It should not include a four card major (unless very low suit quality)

It should not contain too many controls to avoid missing slams if partner is strong

It is a mini pre-empt, a bid made in a long suit with relative few high cards that will make tricks only if the hand is played in our best suit. Alternatively it may complicate opponents' bidding by using up their space. (we will return to pre-emptive bidding in a later lesson).
- 2 Discuss the Responses to a weak two opener:
Raises are to play, not invitational, they simply increase the pre-emptive value of the opening bid

A response of 2NT shows a quality hand of 15+hcp seeking a possible game or slam contract if the opening weak two bidder is sufficiently strong or has important significant cards
- 3 Discuss Opener's Rebid
With a weak hand, opener rebids the weak two suit
With a strong hand opener shows a feature:- Ace, or guarded honour Kx, Oxx