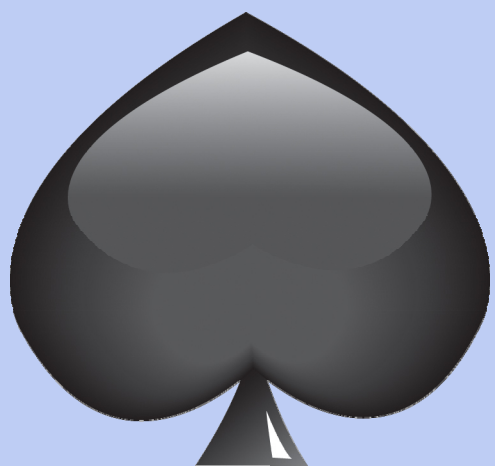


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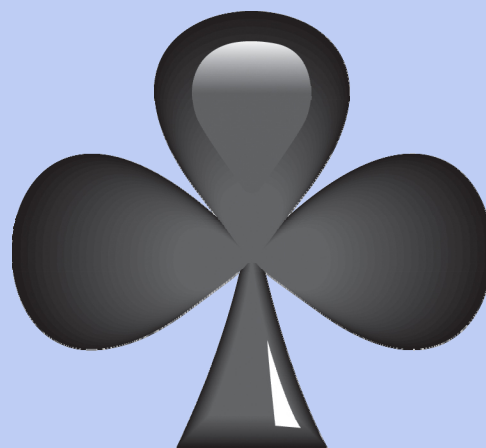
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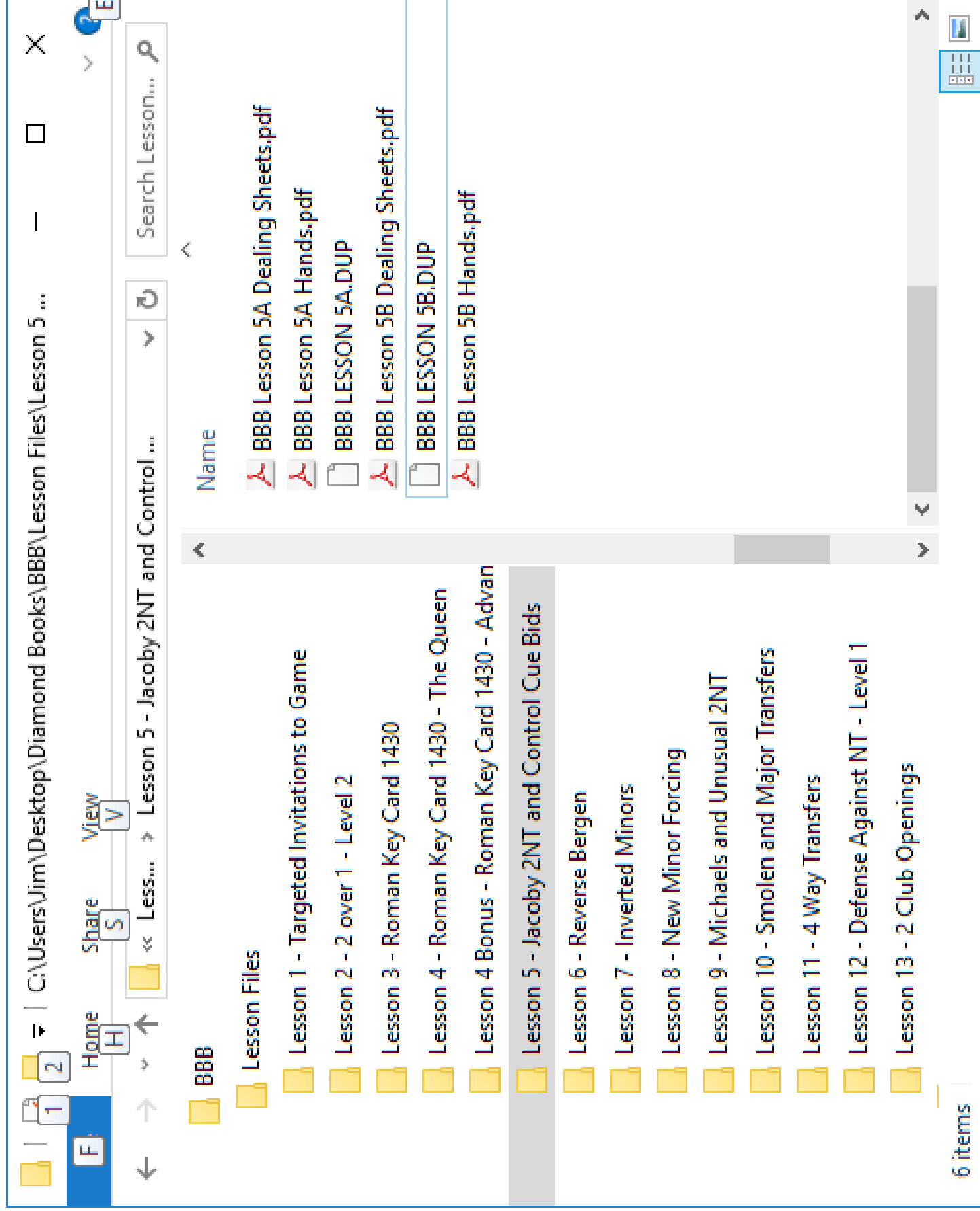


Tools To Elevate Your Bridge Game

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JACOBY 2NT

When either a Heart or Spade is the opening bid, a 2NT Response shows an opening hand and 4-card support (or more). Note: both the 2NT bid and Opener's second bid is Alertable.

OPENER'S CONVENTIONAL RESPONSES AFTER RESPONDER BIDS 2NT

Opener has five possible responses he can use to describe his hand and they fall into three priorities

1. Show an unbalanced hand with a 2nd 5-card suit, holding 2 of the top 3 honors in the suit – show the 2nd suit by bidding that suit at the 4-level. If Opener has this 2nd suit, his first priority is to show this shape. Two 5-card suits would be showing a very distributional hand (i.e., there WILL be a singleton or void in the hand).

West	North	East	South
	1♥		2NT
	4♦		

Unbalanced with a 5-card Diamond suit holding 2 of the top 3 honors.

2. Show an unbalanced hand with a singleton or void by bidding that suit at the 3-level. This is Opener's 2nd priority. Opener should not show a singleton Ace or King as short suit. If you have a singleton Ace or King pretend your hand is balanced.

West	North	East	South
	1♥		2NT
	3♣		

Unbalanced with a singleton or void in Clubs.

3. Lastly, if Opener does not have an unbalanced hand (described as holding a singleton or void), he will show his HCP count.
 - With 12-14 HCP Opener will bid his opening suit at the 4-level
 - With 15-16 HCP Opener will bid 3NT (this is showing HCP, not an interest in 3NT. The trump suit has been SET when Responder bid 2NT).
 - With 17+ HCP Opener will bid his opening suit at the 3-level.

West	North	East	South
	1♠		2NT
	4♠		

Balanced with 12-14

West	North	East	South
	1♥		2NT
	3NT		

Balanced with 15-16

West	North	East	South
	1♠		2NT
	3♠		

Balanced with 17+

Reiterating – with an unbalanced hand show your shape and with a balanced hand (no singleton or void) show your HCP.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Of course it depends on what Responder has in his hand plus the information that Opener just described.

- Bidding game in the original suit = This is all I have. If you have more, feel free to keep bidding.
- Bidding a new suit = I have an Ace in this suit and I want you to tell me any suit where you have an Ace OR 1st round control (i.e., Ace OR void). This typically is saying that Responder has POSSIBLE INTEREST in slam but wants more information before bidding 4NT (this is commonly referred to as a Control (showing) Cue Bid). Control Cue Bidding does not necessarily imply slam interest UNLESS that Cue Bid goes past the expected Game contract. Control Cue Bidding is an excellent way to gather information about partner's hand.
- Bidding 4NT = The suit was set the moment Responder said 2NT. 4NT is an Ace Asking convention (in this book Ace Asking = 1430).
- Pass = Only an option if Opener's 2nd bid was 4 of the Major. Responder's initial 2NT is a Game forcing bid.

♣	J	8	
♦	K	7	5
♥	J	10	6
♠	A	K	7
			4
			2

HCP = 12

SOUTH

BBB Lesson5A
Jacoby 2NT

Board No.

1

Dealer: N
Vul: None

EAST

WEST

NORTH

♠	J	9	8	6	5
♥	A	Q			
♦	A	8			
♣	A	K	7	6	

HCP = 18

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Lesson 5A Hands: Jacoby 2NT

1 <div>North</div> <div>HCP = 18</div> <p>♠ J9865 ♥ AQ ♦ A8 ♣ AK76</p>	<i>Dir: N</i> <i>Vul: None</i>	2 <div>North</div> <div>HCP = 12</div> <p>♠ A6532 ♥ AQ ♦ Q42 ♣ 1092</p>	<i>Dir: E</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>	3 <div>North</div> <div>HCP = 14</div> <p>♠ KQ8 ♥ KQ9742 ♦ 6 ♣ A43</p>	<i>Dir: S</i> <i>Vul: E-W</i>
<div>South</div> <div>HCP = 12</div> <p>♠ AK742 ♥ J106 ♦ K75 ♣ J8</p>		<div>South</div> <div>HCP = 15</div> <p>♠ KJ1074 ♥ 98 ♦ A5 ♣ AK43</p>		<div>South</div> <div>HCP = 12</div> <p>♠ A1073 ♥ AJ10863 ♦ 5 ♣ K9</p>	

W	N	E	S
	1♠		2NT
	3♠		4♠
	4NT		5♠
	5NT		6♦
	6♥		6♠

W	N	E	S
			1♠
	2NT		3NT
	4♠		

W	N	E	S
			1♥
	2NT		3♦
	4♣		4♠
	4NT		5♠
	6♥		

Right off the bat the first hand has LOTS of "stuff." Every hand will start with 1♠/1♥ > 2NT. Opener's 3♠ bid shows a balanced hand with 17+ HCP. Responder has a minimum hand and lets Opener be the captain. Opener, with 18 HCP, initiates 1430. Responder has 2 Key Cards (AK of Spades) and answers as if he has the Queen of Spades because he knows they have a 10-card suit. Opener bids 5NT and Responder shows the ♦K. Opener feels strongly that a 7♠ contract is possible IF Responder has the ♥K. The 4NT initiator is ALWAYS asking a question so Opener's 6♥ bid is asking if Responder has the ♥K. To answer Responder is to bid 7♠ if he has the ♥K and bid 6♠ if he is missing the ♥K. Responder bids 6♠.

Hand 2:
Opener's 3NT shows a balanced hand with 15-16 HCP. Responder shows no interest past game.

Hand 3: Opener's 3♦ bid shows an unbalanced hand with a singleton or void in Diamonds. Responder does not know if Opener has a big hand – all Responder knows is it is an unbalanced hand. Unbalanced hands are very powerful in suit contracts. Responder knows they have AT LEAST an 11-card suit and that they don't have any wasted values in Diamonds. Traditionally, Responder would name his cheapest Ace after Opener shows his shortness – he bids 4♣ to show the ♣A. Responder's 4♣ bid also shows that he does not have the ♠A because he skipped that suit. Opener does something interesting – he Cue Bids his ♠A which is interesting because it went past the 4♥ bid (game). This suggests Opener is interested in Slam. Look at Opener's hand – the Spade suit is likely his only issue. Now look at Responder's hand – if Opener has the ♠A, and if Opener is showing interest in a Slam I would expect him to have the ♥A and the ♣K. Again the response to 4NT shows the Queen because the extra Heart length makes the Queen irrelevant. Responder bids 6♥. When does the Cue Bidding stop (the contract gets set or someone initiates 4NT)? Cue Bidding past game is absolutely showing interest in Slam – usually looking for information to cover a problem in the Cue Bidder's hand. Regardless of the reason, Cue Bidding is always a method to gather information. In this case, Opener has Key Cards and shape. He wants Responder to ask (because of his Spades) or to set the contract. All that work to get there and it is a 12 trick laydown.

4 <div>North</div> <div>HCP = 13</div> <p>♠ K4 ♥ AJ1084 ♦ A7 ♣ J962</p>	<i>Dir: W</i> <i>Vul: Both</i>	5 <div>North</div> <div>HCP = 16</div> <p>♠ K8642 ♥ 64 ♦ A ♣ AKQ52</p>	<i>Dir: N</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>	6 <div>North</div> <div>HCP = 16</div> <p>♠ Q1092 ♥ AK62 ♦ A9 ♣ K65</p>	<i>Dir: E</i> <i>Vul: E-W</i>
<div>South</div> <div>HCP = 14</div> <p>♠ QJ32 ♥ K532 ♦ K106 ♣ KQ</p>		<div>South</div> <div>HCP = 18</div> <p>♠ AJ95 ♥ AKJ ♦ KQ32 ♣ 43</p>		<div>South</div> <div>HCP = 14</div> <p>♠ AK863 ♥ 98 ♦ Q ♣ AJ1094</p>	

W	N	E	S
	1♥		2NT
	4♥		P

W	N	E	S
	1♠		2NT
	4♣		4♥
	4NT		5♥
	6♠		

W	N	E	S
			1♠
	2NT		3♦
	3♥		4♣
	4♦		4NT
	5♠		6♠

Opener's 4♥ bid shows a balanced minimum hand.

Opener's 4♣ bid shows a 2nd 5-card suit with 2 of the top 3 honors. Responder shows the Ace of Hearts and Opener initiates 1430. Lacking the Queen of Spades, Opener stops at 6♠.

Opener's 3♦ bid shows an unbalanced hand with a singleton or void in Diamonds. Notice Opener did not mention the 5-card Club suit because he does not have 2 of the top 3 honors. Responder shows the Ace of Hearts and subsequently the Ace of Diamonds.

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