

Newton Individuals, Jan 5, 2013

Board 19
 South Deals
 E-W Vul



♠ A Q J 8 2
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K 8 7 2
 ♣ A 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	?	

Playing in an individual event, you cannot defend yourself against all your partners. Take the East hand, and see if you can do better than my partner. Trust me, you cannot do worse. Fill in the blanks below, and select your rebid:

2 ♣ -- promises ___ or more clubs and at most ___ spades. Circle one: minimum invitational forcing

1 NT (instead) -- promises ___ or more clubs and ___ to ___ spades. Circle one: minimum invitational

Your rebids after opener's 2 ♣:

2 ♦ -- promises _____ in diamonds and ___ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round

2 ♥ -- promises _____ in hearts and ___ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round

2 ♠ -- promises ___ or more spades, usually with ___ to ___ clubs. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round

2 NT -- promises _____ in diamonds and hearts. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round

3 ♣ -- promises ___ clubs or more and ___ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round

3 ♠ -- promises ___ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round

3 NT -- promises ___ or more spades. I'll give you a freebee: this one is to play.

4 ♣ -- promises ___ support. Circle one: weak invitational forcing

I have seen this auction messed up by several novice, intermediate, and even better players recently. Learn this!

- Pete Matthews

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===== Solution =====

♠ 9	N	♠ A Q J 8 2
♥ A Q 7 3	W	♥ 10 4
♦ J 10	E	♦ K 8 7 2
♣ K Q 10 4 3 2	S	♣ A 9

♠ 10 7 5
♥ J 8 6
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ J 7 6
♠ K 6 4 3
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 8 5

EW 6♣; EW 4N; EW 4♠; EW 3♥; EW 4♦; Par -1370

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			Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

The correct auction for this deal is shown above. 3 NT by West is the normal contract.

2 ♣ -- promises six or more clubs and at most three (usually fewer) spades in a minimum hand. Occasionally partner will have only five clubs, but that is his problem: he should not open a bare minimum with the need to rebid a 5-card minor. Weak responders usually *pass* this bid, even (or especially) when void in clubs, and much of the time with two clubs.

1 NT (instead) -- promises three or more clubs and two to three spades (no singleton) in a minimum hand. In an Individual, I discuss this with novice partners, so I can rebid my 5-card major safely - I have been burned.

2 ♦ -- promises a stopper in diamonds and four or more spades, forcing-one-round.

2 ♥ -- promises a stopper in hearts and four or more spades, forcing-one-round. (5+ spades, if 4+ hearts.)

2 ♠ -- promises six or more spades, usually with zero to one clubs, weak. (At matchpoints, a doubleton club is more likely.) Opener usually passes, but may proceed with an unusually good fit for spades, expecting a singleton club. 2 ♠ was the bid my partner selected, and I have seen this elsewhere recently. Partner made 3 ♠.

2 NT -- promises stoppers in diamonds and hearts, invitational. A club honor is a big plus.

3 ♣ -- promises two or more clubs and four or more spades, invitational. A club honor is a big plus.

3 ♠ -- promises six or more spades in an invitational hand.

3 NT -- promises four or more spades. Opener usually passes.

4 ♣ -- promises club support, forcing.

Experienced players would usually play 3 ♦ and 3 ♥ as splinter bids (0-1 cards in the bid suit) in support of clubs, since two of each suit is natural and forcing.