

Wild Weak Two Bids (1)

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

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

NS 4♠; NS 4♥; NS 3N; EW 3♦; NS 1♣;
Par +420

West	North	East	South
	<i>Stew</i>	Pass	<i>Pete</i> 2♥
3♦	All pass		
3♦ by West			
Made 3 — EW +110			

Stew wants to play wild weak two bids, when not vulnerable at matchpoints, and I have been trying it out. Our card is marked 3 to 9 HCP, with the idea that 10 HCP and a 6-card suit is good enough to open one of a major; we play Precision and open with a Bergen rule of 19.

Furthermore, a 5-card suit is common for a weak two bid in this situation. To sort this out, we play modified Ogust rebids over responder's 2 NT:
3♣=all 5-carders, 3♦=bad hand, 3♥=medium, 3♠=good.

This definitely lets us bid more often, but it has a cost. Stew was afraid to compete over 3♦, fearing I had a stinker. I considered reopening with 3♥ on my fine hand, but bidding again after a preempt is very poor style. As a result, we yielded a partscore swing. In fact, we make game in either major, due to the favorable location of the ♦K.

Wild Weak Two Bids (2)

Board 11
South Deals
None Vul

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

NS 6♦; E 3♠; EW 3♥; W 2♠; NS 1N; EW 2♣;
Par +500: EW 6♥×-3; E 6♠×-3

West	North	East	South
	<i>Stew</i>	All pass	<i>Pete</i> 2♥
2♠	All pass		
2♠ by West			
Made 2 — EW +110			

With 18 Bergen points (8 HCP and 10 cards in the two longest suits) and no aces, I did not feel my hand warranted a 1♥ opening bid. I feel strongly that there is no zone between 1♥ and 2♥, where hands are passed. Stew says to get in there, non-vulnerable at matchpoints, so I bid 2♥. This effectively muzzled Stew with his void in my suit, so we missed a slam! And they made 2♠! Maybe I was supposed to back in with my good second suit.

This is two failures out of many weak two bids. I have not been keeping track of our successes on other boards. I definitely have my doubts about wild weak two bids.