

Jacoby 2NT revised 27 July 2021

It is my fervent wish that all of you following my lessons learn the Jac2NT perfectly. It is a convention that will assist you greatly in unravelling the intricacies of strong hand bidding.

32 Problems were set in the previous lesson. How did you fare?

Many hands fall into the category 1H-2NT/4H-P and these will not be discussed. Hand 2 is an example. On hands 7 and 8, opener will show shortage but it is responder that will jump to 4H and close proceedings. The bid of 4H by either party at their first turn after 1H-2NT shows a MINIMUM.

Dealer 1
HCP=17 ♠ AJ94
♥ AKQ32
♦ K42
♣ 6

3rd Hand 1
HCP=12 ♠ T2
♥ T765
♦ AJ93
♣ AKT

1H	-	2NT	
3C	-	4H	signoff
4S	-	4NT	4S=slam try
5D	-	6H	5D=0 or 3

The following hands will make a slam if a particular finesse pays off. If you are having a less-than-average round, this kind of hand may be just what the doctor ordered if you go to slam aggressively: Hands 3, 9, 13, 14, 18, 28.

Dealer 12
HCP=17 ♠ 43
♥ KT8753
♦ AK4
♣ AK

3rd Hand 12
HCP=13 ♠ A952
♥ AQJ2
♦ 98
♣ Q97

1H	-	2N	
3H	-	3S	3H=17-20
4NT	-	5S	
7H			

Dealer 15
HCP=14 ♠ QJ9
♥ AKJ43
♦ K652
♣ 9

3rd Hand 15
HCP=18 ♠ AK
♥ Q752
♦ AQT9
♣ K53

1H	-	2NT	
3C	-	4NT	
5H	-	6H	

Dealer 19
HCP=12 ♠ AK4
♥ QT842
♦ K952
♣ 7

3rd Hand 19
HCP=16 ♠ 95
♥ AKJ7
♦ Q87
♣ AQT8

1H	-	2NT	
3C	-	3H	3H=wait (extras)
4NT	-	5D	
6H			

Now try these by yourself: 21, 27, 29 and 32.

THAT is the way to get to those slams, champ! xxx