

Lesson 26

2-suiter bids

Bids that show 2 suits at once can be effective as preempts or to seek a cheap sacrifice. But make sure that certain criteria are met:

- Michaels / unusual NT bids must be 5-5. Do not compromise on 5-5! Strength = 4-11 at white and 9-13 at red. Or 18+ and to show this you will raise partner's selection. With the intermediate range, bid the suits.
- Over their NT, 5-4 is ok. If you are 6-4 with a 6-card major, treat it as a 1-suiter.
- 2NT over their 1NT (to show minors) has to be 5-5 min since you are venturing into the 3-level
- If they bid 2 suits, a takeout double should be 5-4 with 4 in the other major. And a sandwich NT would promise less defense than a double, i.e. after 1C – P – 1H - ? Dble with AQxx, xx, KQxxx, xx but bid 1NT (sandwich) with Qxxx, xx, KQxxx, xx or 2NT with QJxxx, x, KQxxxx, x
- You should not have 2 aces for a 2-suiter preemptive bid

2-Suiter bids can be great fun but be careful not to draw a road map for declarer in the play of the hand.

At white v/s white, if your partner makes a michaels 2D bid over their 1D (showing the majors), (1D) – 2D – (P) – ?

	A	B	C	D
S	Qxx	Qxxx	x	Axx
H	Qxx	x	J9xxx	Axx
D	Qxx	Qxxx	xxx	Axxx
C	xxxx	KJxx	AJ9x	KQx

Solutions:

- A 2H. Select as you were requested to
- B 3S. Use the LAW. 5+4 spades = 9. So bid to the max
- C 4H! Use the LAW. If we go down, they will have a game in NT or Ds!
- D 3D. Ask partner to choose, then raise to game. Take a rest as dummy.

2-Suiter bids are the spices in a curry... make the taste unique and exotic. Use these bids to show your flair and make the opponents' life difficult. Make it impossible for them to have a smooth sail into their ironclad slam!

And smile mischievously when you go to sleep remembering these hands.

Put fun back into your bridge!