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***2 SUITED OVERCALLS***

# THE MICHAELS CUE BID

The Michaels Cue Bid is one tool we have to show two suited hands in competition.

When the opponent bids a suit, and our partner has not bid, the **CUE BID** of that suit will show **two other 5 card suits**.

On the hand to our right, the bid of 2 Spades by South (Cue Bid) would show 5 Hearts and 5 of a Minor suit.

With this tool we get to show our shape right away with one bid.

The image shows a bridge hand simulation interface. At the top, the bidding sequence is displayed: WEST (empty), NORTH (empty), EAST (1♠), and nycpro (empty). Below the bidding sequence is a large light blue area representing the bidding table. On the left side, there is a blue box labeled 'obot'. On the right side, there is a blue box labeled 'E'. At the bottom, the hand layout is shown. The hand is held by South (S), indicated by a blue box with 'S' and a crown icon. The hand is labeled 'nycpro' and has a strength of '5+'. The cards are: 2♠, K♥, J♥, 10♥, 8♥, 3♥, K♣, J♣, 9♣, 5♣, 2♣, 7♦, 6♦. A small diamond icon and '5+' are visible in the bottom right corner of the hand layout.

# THE UNUSUAL

## 2 NT

The Unusual 2NT is another tool we have to show two suited hands in competition.

When the opponent bids a suit, and our partner has not bid, the **Jump to 2NT** will show **two other 5 card suits**.

On the hand to our right, the bid of 2 NT by South (Unusual) would show 5 Hearts and 5 Clubs

With this auction we get to be even more specific and show both our 5 card suits specifically.

WEST NORTH EAST nycpro

1♦

obot E

2 K J 10 8 3 K J 9 5 2 7 6

♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦

S nycpro 5+

NORTH

# THE MICHAELS CUE BID

NORTH

WEST

1♣ EAST

2♣ SOUTH

SOUTH

WEST

1♦ EAST

2♦ SOUTH

SOUTH

WEST

1♥ EAST

2♥ SOUTH

SOUTH

WEST

1♠ EAST

2♠ SOUTH

SOUTH

NORTH

# THE UNUSUAL NO-TRUMP

NORTH

WEST

1♣ EAST

2NT SOUTH

SOUTH

WEST

1♦ EAST

2NT SOUTH

SOUTH

WEST

1♥ EAST

2NT SOUTH

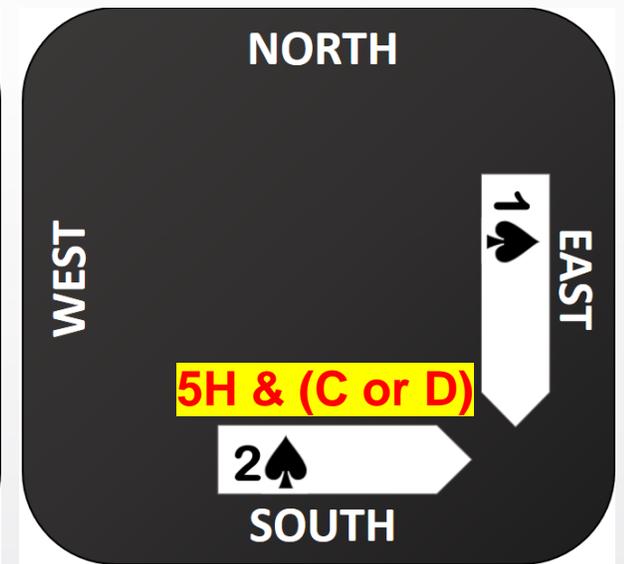
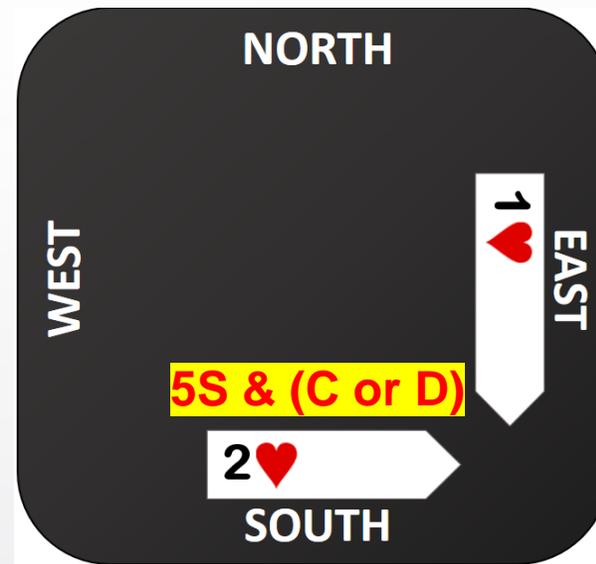
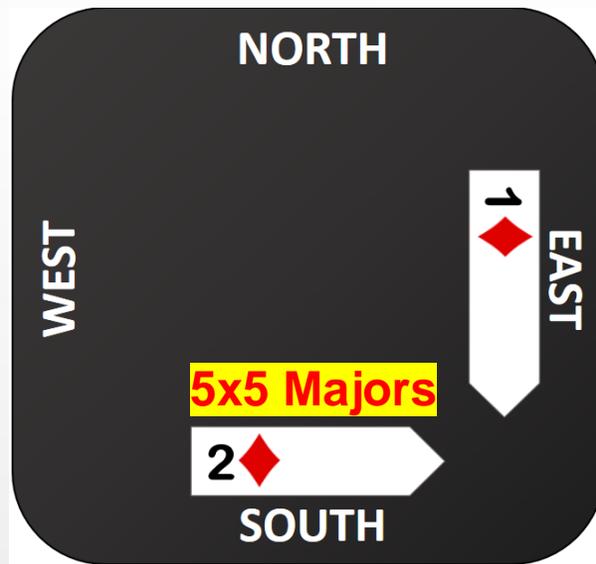
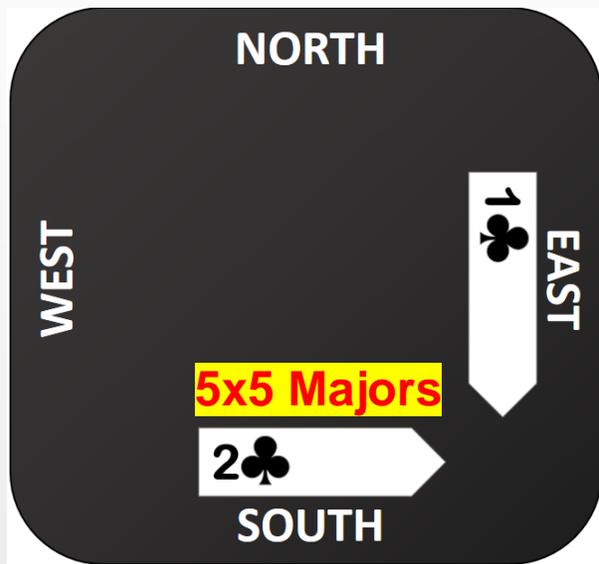
SOUTH

WEST

1♠ EAST

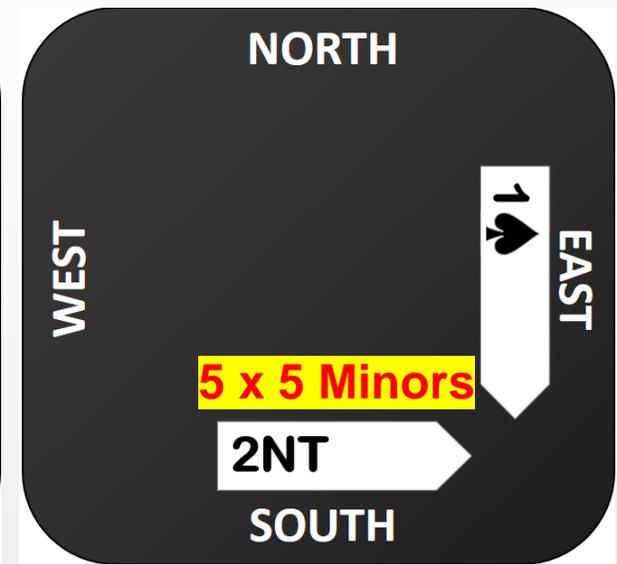
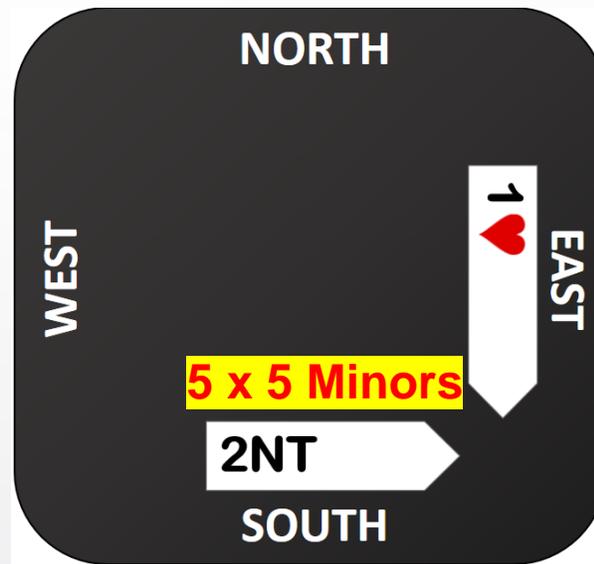
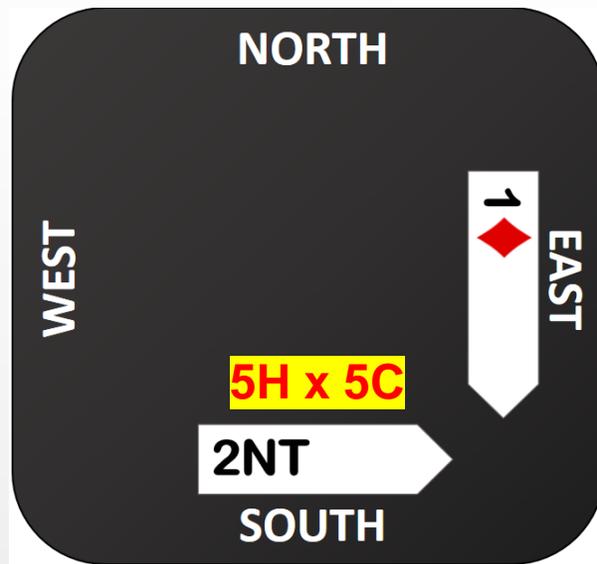
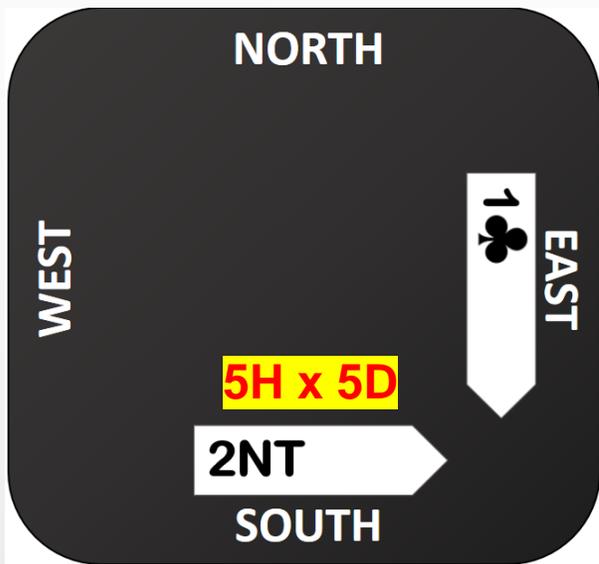
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SOUTH



When we **cue bid** the opponent's **minor** suit opening, we are always showing **both Major Suits**

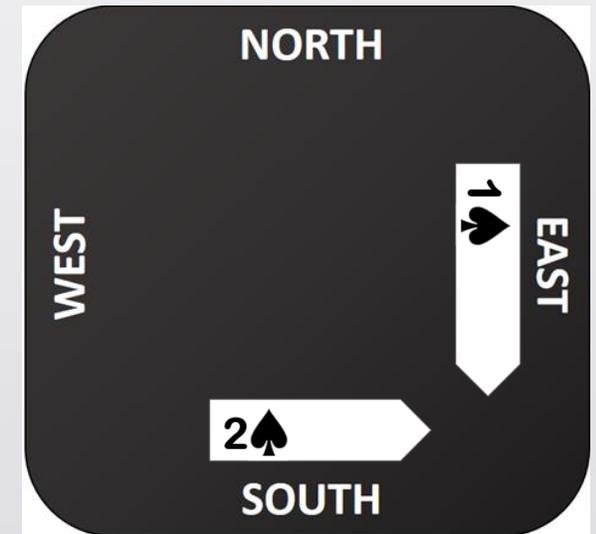
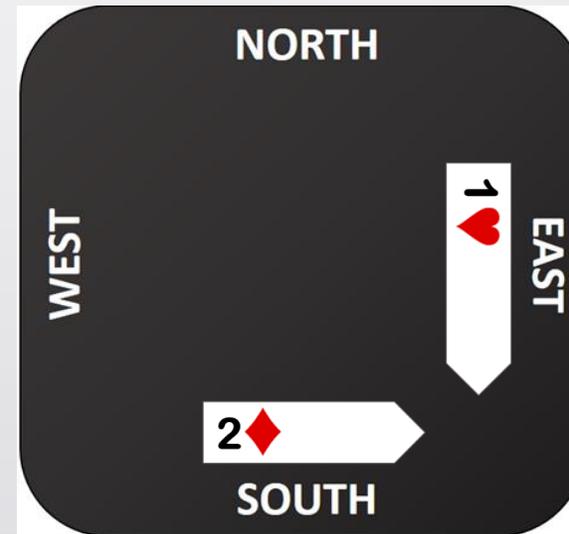
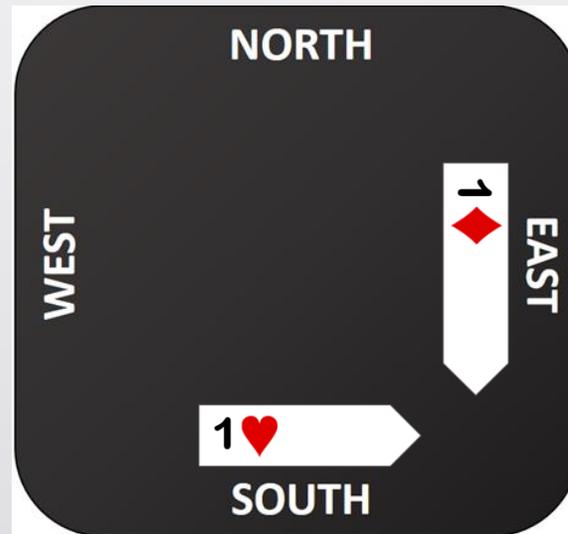
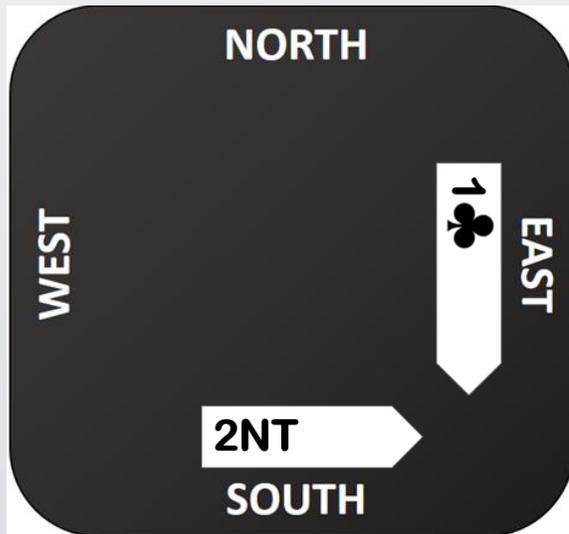
When we **cue bid** the opponent's **major** suit opening, we are always showing **the Other Major and 1 minor suit.**



The **Unusual 2NT** bid will always show the **two lowest ranking unbid suits**.

# The **Michaels** Cue Bid and the **Unusual 2NT** bid are both dependent on what suit the opponent bids

Imagine we are sitting south with this hand, at each of the tables below. Our call will depend on what East bids 1<sup>st</sup>.



# STRENGTH OF THE TWO SUITED BIDS

The Michaels and Unusual NT bids each show one of two strengths of hand.

## Preemptive Strength

Think "Weak 2 Bid Strength"

**5 – 10<sup>ish</sup> pts.**

This is the most common strength for these bids

WEST NORTH EAST nycpro  
1♥

**We will not bid again unless forced**

2NT

K J 9 9 7 5 4 2 A 8 4 3 2  
♠ ♠ ♠ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

S nycpro 5+

Detailed description: A bridge hand simulation for North. The auction shows West bidding 1♥ and North bidding 2NT. A yellow callout box says "We will not bid again unless forced". North's hand is shown as K♠, J♠, 9♠, 9♦, 7♦, 5♦, 4♦, 2♦, A♣, 8♣, 4♣, 3♣, 2♣. The bottom status bar shows "S nycpro 5+".

## Strong Hand

Think "Power Double"

**18+ pts.**

Rarely Occurs but is useful for those strong 2 suiters

WEST NORTH EAST nycpro  
1♦

**We plan to bid again to show 18+ points.**

2♦

A Q J 10 4 K Q J 7 5 K Q 8  
♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣

S nycpro 5+

Detailed description: A bridge hand simulation for North. The auction shows West bidding 1♦ and North bidding 2♦. A yellow callout box says "We plan to bid again to show 18+ points.". North's hand is shown as A♠, Q♠, J♠, 10♠, 4♠, K♥, Q♥, J♥, 7♥, 5♥, K♣, Q♣, 8♣. The bottom status bar shows "S nycpro 5+".

**We do not make 2 suited bids when we are between 11+ - 17.**

We are better off bidding our suits naturally with hands of this strength.

WEST NORTH EAST nycpro  
1♠

2♥

Q J A Q 10 6 2 A Q 10 4 3 8  
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

S nycpro 5+

Detailed description: A bridge hand simulation for North. The auction shows West bidding 1♠ and North bidding 2♥. North's hand is shown as Q♠, J♠, A♥, Q♥, 10♥, 6♥, 2♥, A♣, Q♣, 10♣, 4♣, 3♣, 8♣. The bottom status bar shows "S nycpro 5+".

# RESPONDING TO TWO SUITED BIDS

EAST SOUTH WEST nycpro  
1♦ 2NT Pass

3♣

9 4 A 7 J 8 4 3 Q 7 4 3 2  
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

N nycpro 5+

EAST SOUTH WEST nycpro  
1♦ 2♦ Pass

2♥

9 4 A 7 J 8 4 3 Q 7 4 3 2  
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

N nycpro 5+

EAST SOUTH WEST nycpro  
1♠ 2♠ Pass

2NT

9 4 A 7 J 8 4 3 Q 7 4 3 2  
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

N nycpro 5+

With this hand we prefer partner's minor suit over Spades.

When we know both of the suits our partner is showing, we simply just take our preference of those suits.

When we don't know both suits and want to take a preference for partner's other suit, we bid **2NT** to tell partner you want to play in the unknown suit.