

**Presents:** 

**Jacoby 2 No - Trump** 

The **Jacoby 2 No – Trump** convention is a very useful gadget that provides several advantages to those who play it. It is a **game forcing major suit raise** that shows the following:

- 13 or more points
  - Note these points can include extra values for distribution, because....
- It also shows at least 4 card support for the major suit that partner opened.

This bid provides several advantages:

- 1. It forces the partnership to game.
- 2. It immediately establishes the trump suit.
- 3. Includes an excellent response structure...
  - I. Which allows us ample room to explore the possibility of slam.

This gadget may not come up that frequently but when the stars align this can be the difference between a good score and a great score.



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Don't forget to include your distribution when you are evaluating your hand. Remember you have a guaranteed 9 card major suit fit.



Here we meet the requirements well for a Jacoby 2NT bid.

- I. 13+ Total Points
- 2. 4+ cards in the spade suit. Now the opener has a simple response structure to go through.

Now partner has a **response structure** available. We both know we are playing spades so, any new suit takes on a special meaning....

### **3 LEVEL**

**NEW SUITS:** 

- 3 C = 1 OR 0 CLUBS
- 3 D = 1 OR 0 DIAMONDS
- 3 H = 1 OR 0 HEARTS

#### **3 SPADES:**

- EXTRA VALUES (15+)
- NO SHORTNESS

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

14

19

Pass 2NT Pass

#### **4 LEVEL**

NEW SUITS:

- 4 C = GOOD 5+ SUIT
- 4 D = GOOD 5+ SUIT
- 4 H = GOOD 5+ SUIT

## 4 SPADES:

- MINIMUM HAND (11-14)
- NO SHORTNESS

## **RESPONSES TO**

#### **3 LEVEL**

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- 3 D = 1 OR 0 DIAMONDS
- 3 S = 1 OR 0 SPADES

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Back to our hand.... Here partner is showing us shortness in hearts.(remember shortness is a singleton or a void). This is great news for our hand as it looked like we had quite a few heart losers. We should consider slam now, but we also don't want to rush.

We still both now we are playing spades, so... any new suit now will show a CONTROL in the suit we bid.

- For ease of use in your partnership you should start by just bidding your I<sup>st</sup> round controls up the line.
- So whenever we may want to explore slam after partner's response we can make a control bid to further the conversation.



So deciding to continue our investigation we bid 4 clubs. Which says we have Ist round control in the club suit.

# Let's talk more about controls:

Bidding a Ist round control means that the first time someone leads this suit you can take the trick. So the two types of first round controls are: an Ace or a Void in the suit you are bidding. Bidding a control always shows interest in slam.

We bid our controls in an up the line fashion, meaning: We always make our lowest available bid to show a control.

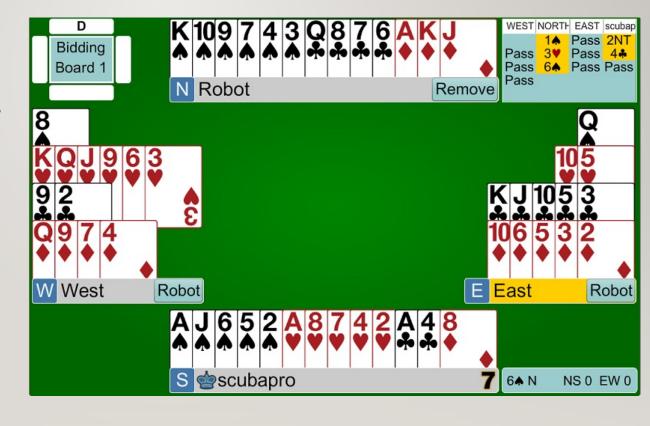


**Note:** We could also bid 4 hearts to show a control but this would deny our club Ace because we could bid clubs at a lower level than hearts.

Here is the full deal. After we showed our interest in slam and a control in clubs, our partner correctly guessed to bid 6 SPADES!!

Well done Mr. Robot.

Next time we will find even more ways to get to slam with 1430 Keycard.



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