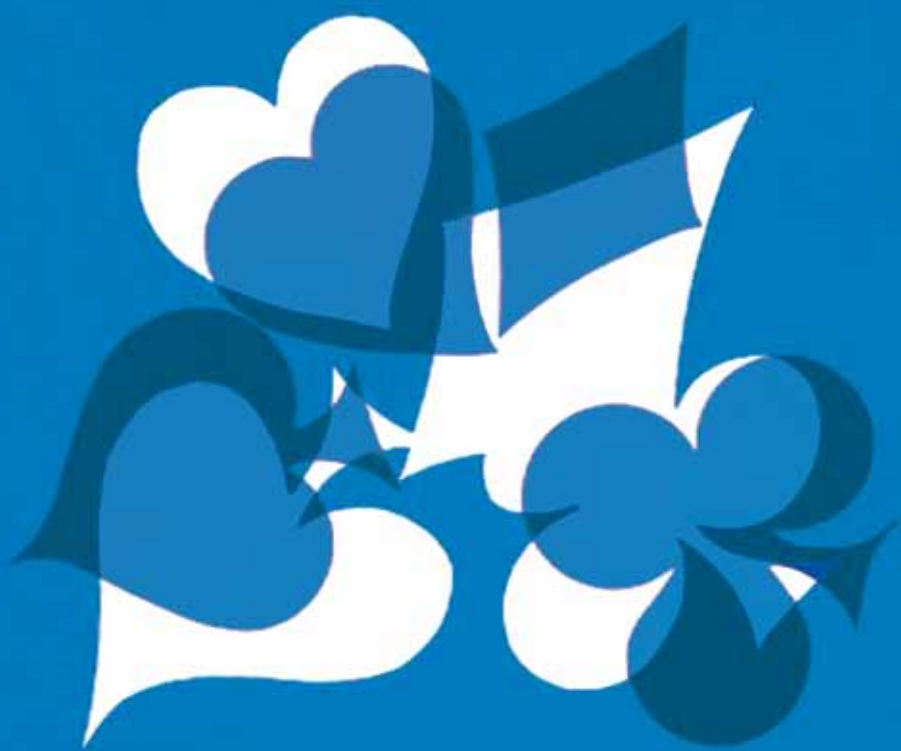


WINNING BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

JACOBY 2NT

Patty Tucker



An Honors eBooklet from Master Point Press

Text © 2014 Patty Tucker

All rights reserved.

Honors Books is an imprint of Master Point Press. All contents, editing and design (excluding cover design) are the sole responsibility of the author.

Master Point Press
331 Douglas Ave.
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M5M 1H2 (416) 781-0351
Email: info@masterpointpress.com
www.masterpointpress.com
www.bridgeblogging.com
www.teachbridge.com
www.ebooksbridge.com

ISBN: 978-1-77140-518-8 (PDF)
978-1-77140-668-0 (EPUB)
978-1-77140-830-1 (MOBI)

Editing: Patty Tucker, Shaleen Baze and Frances Davis
Layout: Natalie Hynson
Cover Design: Olena S. Sullivan/New Mediatrix

eBooklets on Conventions After a Major Suit Opening

Bergen Raises

Help Suit Game Tries

Splinter Bids

1NT Forcing

Jacoby 2NT

Drury

These booklets may be purchased as a single volume in digital or paper format under the title *Conventions After a Major Suit Opening*, one of eight books in Patty Tucker's Winning Bridge Conventions Series.

WINNING BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

JACOBY 2NT

Patty Tucker



An Honors eBooklet from Master Point Press

Jacoby 2NT

Jacoby 2NT

Jacoby 2NT is a bid made by Responder after Opener bids 1♥ or 1♠ and right hand opponent passes. A jump to 2NT by Responder promises four or more cards in opener's suit, game forcing values, and asks Opener to further describe their hand. Typically this is a balanced forcing raise, though you will occasionally have an unbalanced hand.

Examples of a typical hand that Responder might hold to make a Jacoby 2NT bid after a 1♥ opening bid:

1) ♠Q32 ♥AQ72 ♦AQ65 ♣93

14 HCPs, four hearts and a balanced hand.

2) ♠AK2 ♥9872 ♦J7653 ♣A

12 HCPs, four hearts and an unbalanced hand whose long suit is weak and whose singleton is an Ace. (*Remember, a Splinter Bid, will never be a singleton Ace or King.*)

3) ♠AK2 ♥AQ872 ♦A5 ♣J53

18 HCPs, five hearts and a balanced hand.

Examples of a typical hand that Responder might hold to make a Jacoby 2NT bid after a 1♠ opening bid:

4) ♠KQ32 ♥AQ72 ♦AQ65 ♣3

17 HCPs, four spades and an unbalanced hand with a singleton that is too strong to make a Splinter Bid. (*Remember, a Splinter Bid, as a response to an opening bid, shows 10-13 HCPs.*)

5) ♠AJ72 ♥A72 ♦1065 ♣AJ8

14 HCPs, four spades and a balanced hand.

6) ♠AJ72 ♥A2 ♦109865 ♣A7

13 HCPs, four spades and a unbalanced hand whose long suit is weak.

After Responder bids Jacoby 2NT, Opener has a series of bids which he considers. The order of this series of bids is determined by the information that bridge theorists have determined will be the most valuable for the partnership.

- **Opener's first obligation is to show a second suit.** It must be a good five card suit. A good suit would be a suit that contains at least one of the two top honors. Opener would signify this by jumping to the four- level in their second suit.

- **Opener's second obligation is to show shortness.** With a singleton or a void in another suit, Opener would bid three of the suit in which they have shortness (the singleton will not be an ace or king).
- **Opener's third obligation is to show the strength of their hand.** If Opener has no second suit and no shortness, they will show the strength of their hand. (*The point ranges below are a guideline. Opener is allowed to use his judgment as to the value of his hand*).
 - 3♥ or 3♠ – Shows a very good hand (~17+ points or the equivalent in length or shape), no shortness and slam interest.
 - 3NT – Shows no shortness and a hand interested in slam if partner has extra values (~14-16 points or the equivalent in length or shape).
 - 4♥ or 4♠ – Shows a minimum hand with no shortness and no interest in slam (~11-13/14 points).

This third obligation is the most common rebid and the most valuable portion of this convention. The skill to evaluate how “good” your hand is acquired through experience... through trial and error. Let's look at a few hands and see how you do. The following hands all assume a 1♠ opening bid and a 2NT response.

The *'Winning Bridge Conventions'* Series

Competitive Doubles	(Print / eBook)
Takeout Doubles	(eBooklet)
Negative Doubles	(eBooklet)
Responsive Doubles and Snapdragon Doubles	(eBooklet)
Balancing Doubles and Re-opening Doubles	(eBooklet)
Support Doubles	(eBooklet)
Maximal Doubles	(eBooklet)
Conventions after a Notrump Opening	(Print / eBook)
Stayman	(eBooklet)
Jacoby Transfers	(eBooklet)
Texas Transfer	(eBooklet)
Smolen	(eBooklet)
Four-Suit Transfers	(eBooklet)
Three-level Responses to a 1NT Opening Bid	(eBooklet)
Three Spades over 2NT	(eBooklet)
Lebensohl	(eBooklet)
Conventions after a Major Suit Opening	(Print / eBook)
Bergen Raises	(eBooklet)
Help Suit Game Tries	(eBooklet)
Splinter Bids	(eBooklet)
1NT Forcing	(eBooklet)
Jacoby 2NT	(eBooklet)
Drury	(eBooklet)

Competitive Bidding	(Print / eBook)
Weak Two Bids	(eBooklet)
Preemptive Bidding	(eBooklet)
Michaels Cuebid	(eBooklet)
Unusual 2NT	(eBooklet)
Sandwich NT	(eBooklet)
Unusual vs. Unusual	(eBooklet)
Cuebidding in Competitive Auctions	(eBooklet)
Good/Bad 2NT	(eBooklet)
Conventions Useful with Strong Hands	(Print / eBook)
2NT Rebid by Opener	(eBooklet)
Jump Shift	(eBooklet)
Reverses	(eBooklet)
Strong 2♣ Convention and 2♦ Waiting	(eBooklet)
Cuebidding Controls	(eBooklet)
Gerber and Blackwood	(eBooklet)
Conventions Useful with 2/1	(Print / eBook)
1NT Forcing	(eBooklet)
Inverted Minors	(eBooklet)
Two-Way Checkback	(eBooklet)
Fourth Suit Forcing	(eBooklet)
2/1 Review Hands	(eBooklet)
Slam Bidding Conventions	(Print / eBook)
Serious 3NT	(eBooklet)
Cuebidding Controls	(eBooklet)
Roman Key Card Blackwood	(eBooklet)
Kickback Key Card	(eBooklet)
Defensive Carding & Opening Leads	(Print / eBook)

Jacoby 2NT

Bridge students quickly discover that ‘basic’ bidding’ will only get them so far. If they really want to improve, it is necessary to master a certain number of bidding conventions, and be prepared both to play them and play against them. This ebooklet covers the Jacoby 2NT convention.



PATTY TUCKER (Dunwoody, Georgia) is an ABTA Master Bridge Teacher and cofounder of Whirlwind Bridge and Atlanta Junior Bridge. Her success at the bridge table culminated in her victory in the 2000 Baldwin Flight A North American Open Pairs with long-time bridge partner Kevin Collins. Patty and Kevin were married in 2006.