

**Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club**

**Beat opposition every time with '2NT' bid**

A bridge convention used in the duplicate circles with some regularity is an overall bid of 2 N T. It is used after the opposition has opened a one bid (usually of a major suit). It announces, usually, a two-suited hand in the minors.

It (the bid) states to your partner that you can stand a bid from him if he has a long minor suit. It does not require that your partner have any points to make the bid.

The bid of 2 N T is useful in reducing the bidding room of the opposition, and prevent them from finding their contract. Even though your contract may be unsuccessful, chances are, that in the game of duplicate bridge, you would earn a better result because of this action you have

taken. Consider today's hand. West here is the dealer, and could conceivably open 1 D, 1 H or 1 S. His best opening bid is a diamond, but as we are not all perfect, some will open a spade. It is after this later bid that 2 N T by south might be used.

In this instance, 2 N T is quite an aggressive bid but could prevent the E-W 4 heart contract and earn your partnership an excellent score. This is the hand:

**THE ANALYSIS:**  
Most roads for E-W lead to a reasonable 4-H contract. If East opens 1-D, West responds 1-H, which East raises to three (East's singleton A-C is a determining factor whether or not he should jump raise); if East instead opens 1-H, South will probably offer some opposition in the form of a take-out double but E-W have found their big fit immediately; finally, if East starts with 1-S, West should respond 1 NT and

the pair will find their heart fit on the second round.

In the play, declarer can avoid the diamond guess by stripping out the hand. Assuming West is declarer and North leads a club, declarer wins and plays off two rounds of hearts. South exits with a club, West takes his king, discarding a spade from dummy, and ruffs a club. South is put back on play with the A-S.

When he gets out with a spade, declarer completes the strip by winning in dummy, ruffing a spade in hand and playing a diamond to any of dummy's spots. This assures the hand against any diamond distribution.

North-South winners at the Georgetown Club were Danny Ioannidis and Richard Raymond. Second spot went to Gladys Veates and Kay Campbell and third to Enid Ashworth and Ron Glide.

East-West winners were Ron Rochford and Ed Hills with second place going to Lynne

Christian and Steve Young. Third place was held by Art Norris and Mike Larruso.

The Georgetown Club meets every Tuesday evening at the Georgetown Legion at 7:45 p.m. A welcome is extended to

all those interested in the game. The regular game is friendly and competitive. The novice section is sociable, friendly and relaxed. Come, play bridge and have fun.



**EYEING THE EXHIBITS**

This is the last week to catch "Up in Smoke", a Royal Ontario Museum display about the golden age of tobacco. Andrea Hamilton (left), 10, and sister Tamara (centre), 3, and Kerry Lea Lewis, also 10, were enjoying the display of pipes at the Georgetown Public Library on Church Street last week. The new display, "Pipes of the Iroquois", comes in Friday.

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