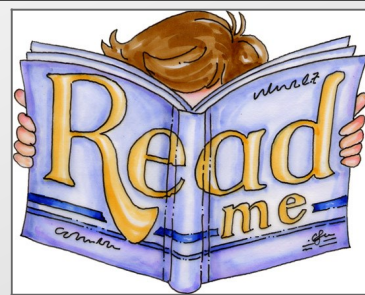


## LIBRARY CORNER

### David Bird, British Bridge Writer

One of the most prolific authors of books on the game of bridge is the English author David Bird. A search on Amazon.com indicates that he has written over 150 books on the subject. He is also listed as a correspondent writing bridge columns for both The Mail on Sunday and the London Evening Standard. The Bridge Center library holdings include many of Bird's books, with some titles including more than one copy. The publisher indicates in the author notes that Bird "writes both amusingly and instructively." But don't let the idea of humor fool you. The information and instruction Bird presents in his books can help the serious bridge player improve his/her game tremendously. Excellent examples and a bulleted list of "Points to Remember" at the end of each chapter are of great value in helping the reader understand each point and, one can hope, apply the lessons learned in an actual bridge game.



## ALERT!!

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### A message from the president...

I would like to congratulate Richard Spangler for winning the coveted title of Member of the Month. The board formed a new committee several months ago, and Richard agreed to head it. This committee has been working hard to find ways to try to get our table counts back up to our pre-pandemic numbers. The committee has produced many wonderful ideas, and we are beginning to act on these ideas. In addition to many of the items I listed below, they have also undertaken a new program—a Partnership Committee. This is not replacing our very well-established Ambassador program but in addition to it. The aim of the Partnership Committee is to identify players who would play more often if they had regular partners. This committee will facilitate this process.



Thank you, Richard, for the excellent job you and your committee are doing!!

The board is working hard to make our club a fun and inviting place to play bridge. We have Learn Bridge in a Day classes coming up followed by weekly beginning classes. We are hosting a new game on Monday Nights for those with fewer than 349 points aimed especially at completely new and newer players.

We have several special games with unique themes. On November 8, you have the opportunity to play with anyone of your choice as long as you have NEVER played with them before. That should be great fun!

August 19<sup>th</sup> will be a team mentor/mentee game with LUNCH. Team games are great fun! The more teams, the more fun! The more players, the more food too!

Please look at our new and wonderful Website to find out about all of the many things happening at your bridge center!

*Iris*



# A Smidgen of Smiths

## What Do You Do When the Opponents Double Stayman?

After a double of 2C (Stayman), your opponents will be leading a club against your contract. If you are going to play NT, you need some way to determine if you have a club stopper between your two hands.

1N P 2♣\* Db1\*\*  
?  
\*Stayman  
\*\*Lead-directing

Here are our suggestions:

1N P 2♣ X  
Pass

This shows a club stopper. It says nothing about the majors, simply shows a club stopper. Your partner will now redouble. This asks the 1NT bidder to bid what he originally would have bid, without the interference. (2♦, 2♥, 2♠). If you don't find a major suit fit, you can safely bid NT.

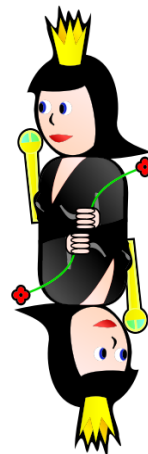
1N P 2C X  
2♦, 2♥, 2♠

This is your normal response to Stayman and denies a club stopper. If you don't have a major suit fit, you need to get your oars in the water and find someplace other than NT to play the hand if the 2C bidder doesn't have a stopper either.

1N P 2C X  
XX

Redouble suggests to your partner that you think you can make 2♣X XX (doubled and redoubled). You probably have 5 clubs and no 4-card major. Of course, the Stayman bidder always has the option to bid over the redouble with short clubs and/or something else to bid. As an aside, if you ever double Stayman as a lead-directing with KQxx, AQxx, AJTx, or something similar, you would not want it to go redouble and two passes to you. If they only make 2, your score would be minus 560 NV and minus 760 Vul. If they make more than 2, the score gets exponentially higher. Probably best to tighten up your lead-directing doubles.

You can also use this system over Puppet Stayman. Give it a try!



Linda and Ron Smith



### NEW PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Would you like to play more bridge but need additional partners? We have created a Partnership Committee with Jan Alexander (janalexander@epbf.com) as the lead and a small team supporting her to connect players with other players also looking for partners. The team will help both Open and Limited players (including new players). If you want to play more often, are willing to help a new player, or are a new player looking for a partner, we are here to assist you.

We will reach out to you soon to see who wants additional partners. We will coordinate the entire effort. Once you inform us that you would like added partners, we will reach out to people with similar conventions, skills or interest to get the first game going.



# All Chattanooga Bridge Players!

## It's a Mid-Summer Cocktail Social

You (and a guest) are invited to meet  
& greet all our non-bridge spouses,  
significant others, and friends

When: **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **6:00**

Dress: **Casual**

Where: **Home of Iris & Lee Abelson**  
**310 High Crest Road**  
**Signal Mountain 37377**

**Bring an Appetizer to Share**

**We'll Have Beer and Wine**





## FAIRYLAND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Fairyland Club celebrated America's birthday in July with hot dogs, apple pie and hats...we love hats. I can't think of anything to celebrate in August, but that doesn't mean we don't have surprises and shenanigans up our sleeves. You must be present to find out! So join us at the Mountain City Club Thursdays at 10:15.

### New! Magnificent Member of the Month

This august lady (get it?) is always smiling, happy and funny even when she has to play treasurer despite being terrible at math. She makes our boards every week and endures a game of bridge with Bad Lucy once a month. When Good Mabel shows up she is formidable. I'm honored to have been her partner when she made Life Master and thankful to call her my friend. In appreciation of our members, our August Magnificent Member of the Month is **LEIGH BROADWAY**.

**Suzy Bryant**  
President, FDBC

Pictured enjoying the Independence Day festivities from top right are Suzy Bryant, Dan Chandler and Susie Crouch; Sharon Lewis and Sue Riddle; and John Felker, Susan Rothberger, Suzy Bryant and Stephanie Felker.



## Hardy, Har, Har

After his wife kept insisting, Walter, recently retired and now a dedicated bridge player, finally broke down and went to his internist for his physical. Since he hadn't seen Walter in several years, the doctor took his time and performed a comprehensive examination. Upon completion, the physician said, "Frankly, Walter, I'm concerned with what I see. Do you get much exercise?" Walter sheepishly answered, "Only when I sit East/West."



## HATS OFF TO...



This month we tip our hat to the leadership of the Fairyland Duplicate Bridge Club. Those who regularly play will attest to winning being just the icing on the cake as Thursdays are always fun at the Mountain City Club. Whether celebrating a holiday or receiving a member appreciation perk, players enjoy the competition, fellowship, laughter and (sometimes) sweets! Thanks to Suzy Bryant, Dan Chandler, Susie Crouch, and Carole Rowland for all their hard work. You do make a big difference!



## Myra's Box

Many of us have been around a LONGGGG time, but some of us have not. Over the years, ACBL changes WHAT we alert, WHAT we announce, and other more subtle changes. Hopefully, these are all fashioned for the good of the game and not simply to be an annoyance to the players. Many bids and practices become more commonplace, and that is when ALERTS are removed. Believe it or not, negative doubles used to be alerted.

However, some things do not change in principle, and I just wanted to touch on a few subtleties you may/may not be aware of. Our club has a few "bad habits" that I want to revisit as our tournaments are coming up quickly.

1. The bidding auction is NOT complete UNTIL the final bid is followed by 3 passes. Quite a few of us "check out of the auction" and just start tapping the pass card that is already on the table. If you are in the final pass out chair that is okay to do. But, if you are not in that position, you MUST put a pass card out in tempo. It is really best to put out a final pass card in all seats. Then it just becomes second nature. "Why?" you ask... Well, just tapping an already existing pass card conveys information to your partner that "Hey, I am finished bidding." That is giving unauthorized information to your partner.

2. Another blast from the past is the old STOP card or the SKIP BID, please wait. These are other things that ACBL has modified our treatment of. However, if there is a JUMP bid in front of you, you must pause for 5-10 seconds before you bid. Again, why you ask? This pause is required to not give your partner any unauthorized information. If you were to pass quickly, you convey again, that you have nothing more to say. That is not something your partner is allowed to know. Please make this a standard practice.

I just want to put in a small blurb also about Directors. You wouldn't play basketball or football or baseball without umpires or referees. That is all Bridge Directors are. Calling the Director is not to be looked on unfavorably. They are simply there as the "rule keepers." I heard at a table today a "self-ruling" that was inaccurate. Please do not hesitate to call. Directors are happy to assist.

*Myra*



## Can You Come Up With the Answer?

A "Yarborough" (named after the second Earl of Yarborough who is said to have bet a 1000 to 1 against the occurrence of such a hand) is defined as a bridge hand with no cards above a nine. What are the odds against being dealt five consecutive Yarboroughs?

- A. 625 million to 1?
- B. 228 billion to 1?
- C. Who cares?

C. If you actually tried to calculate this, you have absolutely no sense of priorities. The answer would be in the quadrillions. (A little birdie told me it is 20,414,133,359,114,717 to 1!)

Thanks again to Richard Pavlicek.

# August Special Game



Our monthly Mentor/Mentee game always falls on the third Friday of the month, and this month that's the 19th. But in August there's a special twist—our M/M game will be a team game. Sue Shramko will match mentors and mentees as usual and then match a pair with another pair to form a 4-person team. Team games are always fun, and this will help those planning to play in the Swiss team competition at our NLM tournament later this month at the Chattanooga Bridge Center.

Leigh Broadway and Marianne Gilbert are the hostesses for this game and are planning to serve hot dogs for all to enjoy. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. Lunch will be at 11:30, and the game will start at noon.

It is important to understand what's different about a team game. Take advantage of the two mentors on your team to learn the scoring and play strategy.

## Monday Night Under 349 Game



Starting Monday, August 1, we will have an under 349 face-to face night game at the Chattanooga Bridge Center. The game will begin at and should end around 9:00.

Over time, we expect to add a short lesson before the game starts at 6:00 and a post-game analysis of 2-4 hands if the players are interested. The game will be stratified, especially for our new and beginning players. Come and play bridge with other novice players. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SPECIAL Game

### Play With Someone New!

On Tuesday, November 8, we will have a special Open game at Noon where your partner **MUST** be someone that you have *never* played with before!! This is the perfect chance to expand your group of partners with whom you play at the club. We will assist you, if needed, to find this "new" partner. We will provide details shortly, but start thinking of whom you have been interested in playing bridge with in the past, but have not had the opportunity. **NOW** is your chance!!



**ATTENTION**

## How would you fill in the blank? "To me bridge \_\_\_\_."

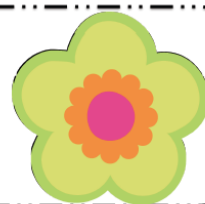
After putting his thinking cap on, CBC bridge player Bruce Antman filled in the blank this month with this thoughtful answer:

*"To me bridge is creative interaction with good, smart, positive people."*

**Amen!**



**ODD**



It is odd, but true! David Vine recently pointed out an unusual occurrence at the Chattanooga Bridge Club that occurred on Tuesday, July 25. When he reviewed the scores, David realized that every pair that played in the afternoon game got master points. Now, that doesn't happen very often!



# It's Time to Share the Fun

We know you love the game of bridge and just how much you want to share the fun. Why not encourage your family and friends to take the Learn Bridge in a Day course that will be offered at the Chattanooga Bridge Center on **September 10**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For \$50 if paid in advance or \$60 at the door, they can join us for a day of fun and excitement. This course is designed for people who played bridge in college; those who took classes years ago, but never had the opportunity to play; or, those who look at you with envy and admiration whenever you talk about your 7NT Grand Slam. LBIAD will help them learn the fundamentals, see if the game is for them, refresh their skills, and exercise their minds. Lunch and materials are provided.

Please note regular players at Unit 206 games receive a \$10 discount. The Chattanooga Bridge Center has developed some great plans for follow-up learning including a set of lessons by Mike Holmes, lessons by Suzy Bryant and Janie Hunt, a new game on Monday night for newer players, and more. But, it all starts with Learn Bridge In A Day! If you use Facebook, please put the word out to your friends, neighbors and family.

To register or for more information, you can email or call Dan Chandler: DanLChan@hotmail.com or (423) 400-6999. Also, please let Dan know if you would like to volunteer to be a table monitor.



## New Class Offering Bridge Basics 1



The timing couldn't be better. Mike Holmes and the Chattanooga Bridge Club are offering the first beginning bridge class "Bridge Basics I, An Introduction." This course is for individuals new to bridge or those who have been absent from the game for a period of time. It is a face-to-face course that will be held at the CBC. The first class begins on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**. This is an eight-week course, and class begins at 9:00 a.m. and will finish at 11:00 a.m. The cost of the course is \$60.00.



# MANNERS ARE IMPORTANT!

## Respect the time of others



- ♦ We recommend that you arrive at least 15 minutes before starting time.
- ♦ Watch the timer and be considerate of others; move when the round is called. Don't move early or late; move only after the round is called.
- ♦ Have a completed Convention Card (both you and your partner).
- ♦ Make your opening lead or table the dummy before you enter the contract in your private score sheets or the BridgeMates. Remember the opening lead is to be led face down to allow for questions!
- ♦ Bid and play in a timely manner.
- ♦ When moving to a new table, make sure you are at the right table with the right opponents.
- ♦ Also check to see that Bridgemates and Place Card agree.



Not everyone can pull this off, but Rosalie Basten can. Rosalie decided to use all her weapons at the bridge table and came dressed for success at a July Nooga game. Gamblers have lucky dice and athletes have lucky socks. Rosalie has lucky pants. Bet you she wears them to the NLM tournament.



## Upcoming Special Games

Make sure you mark your calendar now so you won't miss the fun at these upcoming special games. More information will be provided as we get closer to the dates.

August 19, Friday	Mentor/Mentee STaC Team Game
September 18, Sunday	Fall Covered Dish Pairs' Game
October 22, Saturday	Halloween Party Team Game
November 8, Tuesday	Play with Someone New!
November 13, Sunday	Dinner Casserole Pairs' Game
December 10, Saturday	Christmas Party STaC Pairs' Game

**Save  
the  
Date**



## Friday Face-to-Face Mentor/Mentee Game

Mark your calendar now for our August game on the 19th which will be a team game. For those who have never played in a team game, the strategy and scoring are a bit different. For novice players, this game is the perfect opportunity to learn from players with more experience before the Chattanooga Non-Life-Master tournament. Sue Shramko will pair mentors with mentees as well as form the 4-person teams. If you would like to play as either a mentor or mentee, text or call Sue at 404.304.7017. July winners were:

### North/South

1st  
2nd  
3rd

Cheryl Whitfield/Mary Jane Emrath  
Sue Shramko/Marianne Gilbert  
Pat Whitaker/Jane Bricard

### East/West

1st  
2nd  
3rd

Earl Rothberger/Jim Lafavor  
Sandy Cervantes/John Hubbard  
Gordon Park/Myra Tatum



## Thanks, Nancy

Unit 206 would like to thank our good friend Nancy Mapel for her unexpected gift of \$3,000. While the gift was a surprise, it was typical of this giving and caring woman. Nancy passed away last year, and no matter where she lived, she retained her solid and genuine Midwest values. She was always ready and eager to help and contribute. She treated all, friend or stranger, with the same neighborly kindness we came to expect. Nancy sang beautifully and was a member of a number of local choral groups. In addition, she loved to garden, read and play bridge. In fact, a number of years ago, Nancy was influential and forceful in kicking off Unit 206's participation in The Longest Day. She chaired a number of the fundraising activities with enthusiasm and vigor and expected members of her committee to show the same committed involvement. The many of us who knew her well consider ourselves sincerely fortunate that this unique lady entered our lives. Bless you, friend.

## Nooga East Bridge Club News

Every Monday, there is a game at Christ United Methodist Church at 8645 East Brainerd Road. Please arrive no later than 12:15 as the game starts promptly at 12:30. Call or text Sharon Lewis at 423.240.5360 or Teresa Moore at 423.321.2778 to let them know that you plan to be there. Everyone is invited to come, and we hope to see you there.



## Cleveland Bridge Club News



It is with sadness that we let you know of the passing of two Cleveland bridge players: Jean Snyder and Frances Pullen. Many of us in Unit 206 knew at least one of these ladies, and we will miss seeing them at the bridge table. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends as they try to cope during this difficult time. It is our sincere hope that they find comfort in loving memories and strength in the support of the many who care.





# Chattanooga Fall Sectional

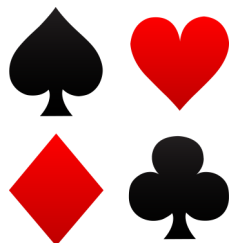


Make plans now to attend our upcoming Fall sectional at the East Ridge Community Center September 30-October 2. On Friday and Saturday, there are morning and afternoon open and 299'er pair events. The Swiss team event on Sunday will be stratified per team average. Session fees are \$12, but there is a \$5 discount for players with fewer than 50 master points playing in the 299'er and Swiss games.

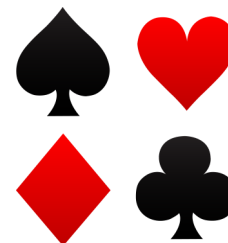
Richard Spangler (805.231.8917) is the Tournament Chair and Myra Tatum (423.316.4025) is the Partnership Chair. Contact either one if you need additional information.



Our Blast from the Past this month shows Buddy Landis and Linda Smith ten years ago at our Memorial Day Sectional Tournament in May, 2012.



## July Special Game



Anyone who was there will tell you that everyone had a great time at our July 9th special pairs' game. Prior to the game, players enjoyed a delicious "summer eats" lunch and then settled down for competitive and spirited competition. Congratulations to these partnerships who enjoyed the event even more since they placed:

1st (tie)	John Felker/Stephanie Felker Earl Rothberger/Susan Rothberger
2nd	Joe Viola/Myra Reneau
3rd	Donna Cart/Doug Cart



## How to Be a Better Partner



Since we all want to win, and our partner is on our side, it is important to work together as a team. Remember it's been proven that a relaxed and happy partner can make a difference.

Rule 1: Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. "According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner. " Punch (British magazine).

Thanks to Marty Bergen.

## A cartoon illustration of a man with brown hair, wearing a grey shirt and a blue tie, shouting into a red megaphone. The megaphone has three curved lines indicating sound waves. The man is standing on a grey oval shadow.

This is a convenient (and obviously less expensive) way for local players to earn silver points and gain tournament experience.

Mary Duffy is Food Chair and could use your help. Go to the SignUpGenius website ( <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caea62dabfcc70-august>) and sign up.

When returning the suit partner has led, with two cards remaining, return the higher. With three cards remaining, return the lowest.



The final tally for The Longest Day fundraiser is in, and Chair Mary Robertson is overwhelmed to report that our efforts raised **\$13,369**. Many thanks to all the wonderful donors who contributed in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease.

If you and your partner disagree on a particular play, you can always get the opinion of a more experienced player whom you respect. However, rather than put this person in a difficult situation, the most courteous way to ask is to show the expert both hands and not identify who held which.



# One Last Thing...

By John Friedl

2♦ to _____ HCP	
Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	ZNT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit: NF <input type="checkbox"/>
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In this month's column we continue our tour around the ACBL convention card with a look at "Weak Twos," i.e., a preemptive opening bid of 2 Diamonds, 2 Hearts or 2 Spades. The purpose of the weak 2-level opening bid is both to describe one's hand with some precision and to take away an entire level of bidding from the opponents, thereby making it more difficult for them to find their fit and reach their best contract.

A Weak Two bid is generally made with a six-card suit, although some players will shade that to five cards if the suit quality is good. The standard range of high card points for a Weak Two bid is either 5 or 6 on the bottom end to 10 on the upper limit. On your convention card, write in the range in the two blanks on the top line for each suit bid, and then check the box that says Natural: Weak.

Normally the partner of the Weak Two bidder will pass with a hand anywhere up to a minimum opening bid of around 12 points. With 3-card support for opening bidder's suit you may want to make a preemptive raise to 3 of that suit, making it even more difficult for the opponents to get to their best contract.

With a very solid opening bid and support for opener's suit, Responder can consider raising to game. If you are one who likes rules to guide you in the bidding, there is one called the "Rule of 17," which says that if the sum of your high card points and your cards in opener's suit add up to 17 or more, raise to game. But like any rule, you need to temper this one with sound judgment. Aces and kings are much more valuable than queens and jacks, and a holding of three low cards in a side suit can be dangerous. Also, if opener's bid is 2 Diamonds you will need a bit more than for a major to compensate for the need to take 11 tricks rather than 10.

What if you are not sure about bidding game, and want to know more about partner's hand? After all, 5 to 10 points is a pretty big range, and what might be an easy game opposite partner's good 10-point hand could be a disaster opposite a terrible 5-point hand. The remedy for this dilemma is the 2 No Trump forcing bid asking partner for more information about her hand.

There are two common conventions used with the forcing 2 No Trump bid, and you and your partner should discuss which one you want to adopt. In the first, 2 No Trump asks opener for a "feature," i.e., an ace or a king in a suit other than the one she bid. For example, if you opened 2 Spades and have the king of diamonds in your hand you would respond 3 Diamonds when partner bids 2 No Trump asking about a feature. Without a side ace or king you would simply rebid your original suit at the 3 level.

The value of asking about a feature is that it can disclose a possible entry to the hand in a side suit, a possible stopper if the final contract is in No Trump, or a possible filler for Responder's side suit as a source of additional tricks. Bidding game in No Trump is usually not a good idea when partner has shown a six-card suit because unless the suit is solid (including the cards in your own hand) you may have to lose a trick before you can collect the remaining five tricks in the suit, and if the opponents hold up their winner until you are out, you will need a side suit entry to opener's hand.

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# One Last Thing...continued

The second conventional bid is called "Ogust," named after the American expert Harold Ogust. In this convention, 2 No Trump asks opener to answer two questions: How good is your hand? And, how good is your suit? A good hand is generally measured by point count – are you closer to the top of the range (8 to 10 points) or the bottom (5 to 7)? A good suit is generally one that has no more than 2 losers and 2 of the top 3 honors or 3 of 5. Something like KJ10xxx would be a good suit; QJ10xxx is ok but not as good; and Q10xxxx is definitely a poor suit. If Responder has one honor in the suit and at least 2-card support, then the suit will likely yield five winning tricks. The quality of the rest of opener's hand then serves to guide Responder as to whether to go on to game or stop at the 3 level.

How do you respond to the questions about suit and hand quality? The responses are made in steps: 3 Clubs is "bad hand, bad suit." 3 Diamonds is "bad hand, good suit." 3 Hearts is "good hand, bad suit." And 3 Spades is "good hand, good suit." It's not that hard to remember if you keep in mind that a minor suit response is a bad hand and a major suit response is a good hand; the lower minor or major is a bad suit, the higher is a good suit.

A bad hand with a good suit might be something like AQ10xxx in the suit and no other high cards in the hand – 2 losers in the suit and at the bottom of the point range with only six high card points. A good hand with a good suit would be that same trump holding with an outside king.

The final box in this section of the convention card is "New Suit NF." Suppose you open with a bid of 2 Hearts and partner responds 2 Spades? Is he forcing you to bid again, or does he want you to pass? Is he showing you a strong hand with spades, or a weak hand? Does he promise support for your suit as well, or does he deny support?

This situation may come up more often than you might think at first. When you have unbalanced distribution with a six-card suit, it is more likely that other hands are also unbalanced. But when you show a six-card suit, unless partner has a good reason to pull the contract to another suit (say, for example, a void in your suit and a very good long suit of his own) he should either support your suit or just pass.

The question for your partnership agreement is whether to treat a new suit as forcing or non-forcing. If it is forcing, partner can bid a new suit asking if you have complementary values, and he will have support for your suit as well. He might have three low cards in your suit and something like AJ10xx in a side suit, and if you have the king or queen he can go on to game, while without a complementary honor in your hand he will stop at the 3 level. But if you treat a new suit as non-forcing, it will show a weaker hand with a long suit and partner is suggesting that suit as an alternative for trump, expecting you to pass.

As with all conventional bids, when you fill out your convention card you should discuss these bids with your partner and make sure you agree on them, in particular what a 2 No Trump response is asking for and whether a new suit is forcing or non-forcing. And as a final word of advice, be aware of vulnerability when making a Weak Two bid with a particularly bad suit. There is no guarantee that partner has anything to support your suit, or your hand, and opponents will know from your bid that you have less than opening strength. Down 3 vulnerable is minus 800!

