

## Weak 2 Workshop: Responding to partner's Weak 2

1.	Vul: None North East South West 2♣ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ A 4 3 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ T 8 2	4♠ 2NT Pass 3♣	0 0 10 5	We might consider making an immediate raise to the level of the fit, but with our balanced 11 points (no ruffing opportunities) we're right to try to buy the contract in 2♠. If West bids something, we can always compete with 3♠ on the next round.
2.	Vul: None North East South West 2♣ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ ♥ K J 9 7 6 ♦ 4 2 ♣ A Q T 5 4 3	3♥ 2NT 3♣ Pass	0 0 4 10	Partner hasn't chosen a good time to open a Weak Two. Although 3♣ might sometimes be a better contract, on balance it's best to pass.
3.	Vul: None North East South West 2♣ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ 4 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ A Q 8 6 ♣ K J 9 5 3	Pass 2NT 3♣ 3NT	10 3 2 0	Partner has a maximum of 10 points and the hand looks like a misfit. 2♠ might well be our last making contract
4.	Vul: None North East South West 2♦ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ K J 8 7 ♥ A Q T 3 ♦ A K 9 ♣ 7 6	2♥ 3♦ 2NT 3NT	0 2 10 3	We use the 2NT enquiry in an attempt to reach 3NT, which we would bid over a 3♣ rebid, which would show a club stopper. If partner instead bids 3♦, showing a minimum hand, we simply pass.
5.	Vul: None North East South West 2♥ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ K 8 5 ♥ Q T 7 3 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ T 8 3	Pass 2NT 4♥ 3♥	3 0 5 10	With a flat 4333 shape (so no ruffing opportunities), we should tend to raise only to one less than the level of the fit. A single raise might be sufficient to cause problems for the opponents.
6.	Vul: None North East South West 2♦ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ A 6 5 ♥ J 8 7 5 4 ♦ K 6 ♣ K Q T	2♥ 2NT Pass 3♦	4 2 10 0	With essentially a weak 1NT opening, we do best to pass. On the Rule of 17 we would need 15 points to bid 2NT (15 HCP + two card support)
7.	Vul: N/S North East South West 2♠ Pass ?	SOUTH ♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ T 7 5 2	3♠ 4♠ Pass 2NT	10 3 6 0	At adverse vulnerability we should be wary of "raising to the level of the fit". On this hand a single raise is best, since our trumps are strong enough to make it unlikely that we'll have to play in 3♠ doubled.
8.	Vul: N/S North East South West 2♥ Dbl ?	SOUTH ♠ 8 4 ♥ J 8 5 3 ♦ K 6 ♣ T 6 5 3 2	3♥ 4♥ 5♥ Pass	10 5 0 4	The single raise strikes the right balance between pre-emption and safety. At adverse vulnerability it's rather dangerous to raise to game with a weak hand and no singleton.

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North East South West  
2♥ Dbl ?

SOUTH			
♠	8 4	3♥	10
♥	J 8 5 3	4♥	5
♦	K 6	5♥	0
♣	T 6 5 3 2	Pass	4

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