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What to do when opponents bid an Unusual NT

1 ♠ -(2NT)-???
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Why do we need it?

* 1 ♠ - (2NT) - ???

* A.) ♠ Jxxx  ♥ xxxxx  ♠ xx  ♣ Axx (compete)

* B.) ♠ Qxxx  ♥ KJxx  ♠ xx  ♣ Axx (invite)

* C.) ♠ xx  ♥ QJxxxx  ♠ xx  ♣ Axx (compete)

* D.) ♠ Jx  ♥ KQTxxx  ♠ xx  ♣ Axx (invite)
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Traditional Agreements

* Our suits (♣ & ♥) and their suits (♦ & ♣)

* Raise is competitive (to play) 1 ♠-(2NT)-3 ♠

* New suit is competitive (to play) 1 ♠-(2NT)-3 ♥

* Lower cue bid is invitational (or better) in lower suit 1 ♠-(2NT)-3 ♣ (invitational+ for ♥)

* Higher cue bid is invitational (or better) in higher suit 1 ♠-(2NT)-3 ♦ (invitational+ for ♠)
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Traditional Examples

* 1 ♠-(2NT)-???
* A.) ♠ Jxxx ♥ xxxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♠ !)
* B.) ♠ Qxxx ♥ KJxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♦ !)
* C.) ♠ xx ♥ QJxxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♥ !)
* D.) ♠ Jx ♥ KQTxxxx ♦ xx ♣ Axx (3 ♣ !)
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Traditional Troubles

- 1NT-(2NT)-???
- Lebensohl, Unusual Over Unusual, Std. Systems On?
- 1♥-(2NT)-???
- ♠KQxxx ♥xx ♦AJx ♣Kxx (3NT, 4♠, or 4♥)
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Invisible Cue Bids

* Our suits (♠ & ♥) and their suits (♦ & ♣)

* Direct bid of either of our suits is still competitive 1 ♠-(2NT)-3♠ or 1 ♠-(2NT)-3♥

* Higher cue bid is invitational (or better) raise 1 ♠-(2NT)-3♦ and 1 ♥-(2NT)-3♦ (invitational+ for opener’s suit)

* Lower cue bid is invitational (or better) in our other suit
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Invisible Examples

* Opener) ♠ Jx ♥ AKJxx ♦ xx ♣ QJxx
  Responder) ♠ KQxxx ♥ xx ♦ AJx ♣ Kxx
  1♥-(2NT)-3♠-(P)-3♦-(P)-3NT

* Opener) ♠ JTxxx ♥ AJxx ♦ A ♣ Kxx
  Responder) ♠ AK ♥ QTxx ♦ QTxxxx ♣ T
  1♠-(2NT)-X-(3♣)-3♥-(P)-4♥

* Opener) ♠ KJx ♥ AKJxx ♦ Qxx ♣ xx
  Responder) ♠ Qxxx ♥ Txx ♦ AKx ♣ Kxx
  1♥-(2NT)-3♦-(P)-4♥
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Other Applications

* Our suits (♠ & ♥) and their suits (♦ & ♣)
* Can be used whenever the opponents make a 2 suited overcall
* Unusual 2NT
* Michaels
* Some NT overcalls (e.g. 2♦ Cappelletti)