2CIF Convention

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2CIF Introduction and Objectives

The convention is "to see if", or 2CIF for short, and it is used after our opening of one of a suit, and responder then bids 2♣ to see if opener has certain hand types. The sequences are:

Responder's 2♣ shows a game forcing hand that wants to learn more about opener's hand. It can have any hand that is willing to force the partnership to at least game, but most often will either be ♣s or balanced.

Objectives of 2CIF:

- ➤ Investigate for the best spot for game without disclosing unnecessary information to the opponents.
- Allow balanced hands the capability to explore for the best spot without treating the hands as a suit oriented hand.
- ➤ Identify when opener has extras that would make slam possible.
- ➤ Provide many of the benefits of relay asking bids in a non-relay approach that is less taxing on memory and rote work.

Here is the framework of opener's rebids to the 2♣ response to an opening bid:

2CIF Opener's Rebid in reply to 2♣ - Framework

Response	Style	Description
2♦	Major	Shows exactly 4 cards in an unbid major, or, for a major suit
	Interest	opening, 6 or longer in opener's major. For a minor suit
		opening, not 4-4 in the majors if unbalanced.
2♥	Minimum,	Denies 4 or longer in an unbid major, and, for a major suit
	no major+	opening, denies 6 or longer in opener's major. Less than 15.
2♠	Maximum,	Denies 4 or longer in an unbid major, and, for a major suit
	no major+	opening, denies 6 or longer in opener's major. 15+ and not
		balanced and, if a major suit opening, not a 5-4-2-2.
2NT	Big	15+ balanced, or if a major suit opening a 5-4-2-2 with a four
	Balanced,	card minor. No extra major length (no 4 card major if a minor
	no major+	suit opening, not 4 in other major).
3♣	Majors,	4-4 in majors unbalanced if a minor suit opening, 5-5 in
	unbalanced	majors if 1♠ opening, 6-5+ in majors if 1♥ opening
3♦ or	Very	Transfers showing a 6-5+. If a minor opening 3♠+ shows 6-
higher	Shapely,	5+ with the other minor. For a major opening, transfer to
	6-5+ usually	opening major shows ♣s, bidding opening major shows ♦s.
		1♥-2♣—3♠+ shows solid seven card ♥ suit, no second suit.

After opener's rebid at 3♣ or below, the cheapest bid re-asks opener to give a further description.

If opener rebids 2♦ or 2♥ to responder's 2♣, then responder can bid 2NT, which asks partner to bid 3NT if balanced or semi-balanced, and if unbalanced to describe hand.

Not including the cheapest bid, all suit bids by responder below game at the second turn to bid are natural with ♣s (game forcing of course). Game bids by responder at the second turn to bid are to play, but opener will bid again with a maximum opening hand, further describing the hand.

Graded replies

Opener can be asked to grade hand – that is to show how good the hand is. Anytime opener completes the description of hand shape, and there is no re-ask for further shape, responder can make the cheapest suit bid of 3♠ or below to ask opener to grade hand. In addition, when a bid has a + sign after it, it means this bid and all higher all show the same hand type, and opener uses the bids to grade hand.

If at most one void is possible, grading is:

Bids below 4♣: Graded replies, cheapest bid = minimum, next cheapest=more than minimum. A bid of 3NT denies a void.

4♣: Void in the lowest ranking suit possible, and promises extras if opener could have bid 3♠.

4♦ or higher: Best or near best hand possible, no void, shows Roman Key Card Blackwood responses with opener's opening suit as trump

If two voids are possible (e.g. opener is 6-5+), 4♣ and below are the same, and:

- 4♦: Void in highest ranking suit possible, promises extras if opener could have bid 3♠.
- 4♥ or higher: Best or near best hand possible, no void, shows Roman Key Card Blackwood responses with opener's opening suit as trump.

After 3♦ or higher reply to 2♣

The cheapest suit bid by responder asks opener to grade hand as above. After opener grades hand but has not shown Roman Key Card Black Wood Responses, the cheapest suit bid, not including game bids in the suit or suits opener has shown length in, is Roman Key Card Blackwood for the opening suit. If opener has shown a 6-5+, for Roman Key Card Blackwood in the second suit, responder makes the cheapest bid available just above the Roman Key Card Blackwood for opener's suit, not including any game bids in one of the 6-5 suits.

After 3♣ reply to 2♣

When opener rebids $3 \clubsuit$ in reply to $2 \clubsuit$, $3 \spadesuit$ by responder now re-asks. After a minor suit opening, and the $3 \spadesuit$ re-ask, opener rebids:

- 3♥: Void in other minor (4-4-0-5 if 1♣ opening, 4-4-5-0 if 1♦ opening). 3♠ now asks opener to grade how good hand, starting with 3NT=minimum.
- 3♠+: Singleton in other minor (4-4-1-4 if 1♠ opening, 4-4-4-1 if 1♠ opening).

After a major suit opening and the 3♦ re-ask, opener rebids:

- 3♥: Short in ♦s. 3♠ now asks opener to grade hand.
- 3♠+: Short in ♣s.

2NT ask to 2♦ or 2♥ Reply

The 2NT ask to opener's 2♦ or 2♦ reply is used to get the partnership to 3NT or a suit game without disclosing unnecessary information to the opponents. Over the 2♦ rebid showing extra major length, 2NT is used to find out what that extra major length is, and if opener is minimum, medium, or great for an opening bid:

2CIF Opener's Rebid Scheme after 2NT Re-ask of 2◆

Rebid	Minor Suit Opening	Major Suit Opening
3♣/3♦	Great hand, or medium hand for a 3♥	Great hand, or medium hand for a 3♥
	bid (4♠s) over 2NT. 3♦ asks then	bid (showing ♠s) over 2NT. 3♦ asks
	opener bids $3 \checkmark (4 \spadesuit s)$, $3 \spadesuit (4 \checkmark s)$ or	then opener bids 3♥ (♠s), 3♠ (♥s) or
	3NT (4-4 majors). Over 3♥, 3♠ asks	3NT (6-4+ majors). Over 3♥, 3♠
	if medium (bid 3NT) or great (bid	asks if medium (bid 3NT) or great
	above 3NT).	(bid above 3NT).
3♦	Medium hand for a 3♠ and 3NT	Medium hand for a 3♠ and 3NT
	rebid over 2NT. 3♥ asks, then	rebid over 2NT. 3♥ asks, then
	opener bids 3♠ (4♥s) or 3NT (4-4	opener bids 3♠ (♥s) or 3NT (6-4+
	majors).	majors).
3♥/♠	No extra length in major bid, 4 in	No extra length in major bid, extra
	other major, minimum.	length in other major (6+ if opening
		major, 4 if not opening major).
3NT	4-4 in majors, minimum.	6-4+ in majors, minimum.

Over opener's 2 rebid showing a minimum with no extra major length, 2NT is used to find out if opener has shortness:

2CIF Opener's Rebid Scheme after 2NT Re-ask of 2♥

Rebid	Minor Suit Opening	Major Suit Opening
3♣	Both minors, singleton/void in a	5-5 with ♦s. 3♦ asks shortness suit,
	major. 3♦ asks short major, 3NT	opener's major showing short ♣s.
	showing singleton/voids in both.	
3♦	6 or longer opening minor, singleton	5-5 with ♣s. 3♥ asks shortness suit,
	or void in the other minor.	opener's major showing short ♣s,
		3NT showing short in other major.
3♥/♠	Singleton or void in major bid, 6 or	3 of opener's major shows singleton
	longer opening minor, at most 3 in	in other major, 4-3/3-4 in minors. 3
	the other minor.	of other major shows a void, 4-4 in
		the minors.
3NT	No singleton or void.	Not 5-5, not singleton/void in other
		major.

Cheapest Bid Re-Ask Structure

This is the general scheme for the re-asks where opener rebids on the three level:

2CIF Opener's Rebid Scheme after Re-ask to the 3 Level

Rebid	Minor Suit Opening	Major Suit Opening
3♣/3♦	3♣ (if available)=Long in opener's	3♣=Length in ♦s, not long ♣s
	minor	3♦=short ♦s (or if balanced short ♣s
	3♦=Shortness in highest ranking suit	possible too).
	possible.	
3♥	Shortness in second highest ranking	♣s
	suit possible.	
3♠+	Flat, or if all hand types are	Flat hand, or if all hand types are
	balanced, then 3♠=doubleton other	balanced, 3♠=♦s, 3NT+=doubleton
	minor, 3NT+=no doubleton.	in other major

After the second re-ask, anytime (except for 6-5+) 4♦ is available for responder, it is the terminating bid. It demands opener bid 4♥ and then responder will place the contract by bidding it or pass 4♥. The only time opener does not bid 4♥, as demanded by 4♦, is with a very strong hand, 19+, wanting to show undisclosed strength. If 4♦ is available for responder, any bid higher than 4♦ by responder is Roman Key Card Blackwood for a suit, or if 4NT, Roman Key Card Blackwood for no suit. When Roman Key Card Blackwood is for a suit, it is the suit bid by responder if opener does or can have 4 or longer in the suit, and otherwise (if opener has at most 3 in the suit) it is for opener's longer minor (♣s if both minors equal).

If 4♣ is available for responder then 4♣ is Good-Bad Gerber, used to ask if opener has a good hand or bad hand relatively to the bidding up to now (if opener has previously graded the hand, this is good or bad within the grade), with responder planning on asking for aces if opener is good. See the BridgeMatters article on this convention.

If responder bids $2\clubsuit$, opener bids $2\blacklozenge$ or $2\blacktriangledown$, and responder re-asks ($2\blacktriangledown$ or $2\clubsuit$), then following opener's third (or subsequent bids), if responder bids a major suit on the three level which is not the cheapest bid, it is a weakness showing bid. If opener has not shown four or longer in the suit, it is weakness showing in the major, while if opener has shown four or longer in the suit bid, then responder is making a weakness showing in the highest ranking suit that could not make a weak showing bid on the three level by bidding the suit. The weakness showing bid is either looking for a stopper for 3NT, or plans to make a slam try in one of suits opener has already shown, but has a weak doubleton.

If responder bids 2♣, and then re-asks, a bid of 3♠, if not the cheapest bid, shows weakness in the two highest ranking suits not including any suit opener has shown, looking for 3NT (if opener stopper) or planning on next making a slam try in a suit, but has weak doubletons.

If responder bids 24 and next re-asks, then if the bidding cannot be a weakness showing bid by the above rules then it is Optional Roman Key Card Blackwood for the suit. Opener is to make the cheapest bid if not a good hand for the suit asked for, and all other bids are Roman Key Card Blackwood replies for the suit responder bid to ask. If Opener bids the "not a good hand" reply, the cheapest suit bid is now Roman Key Card Blackwood for the suit.

2CIF Opener's Rebid in reply to 2♣ - Re-Ask Structure for a Major Opening

Re-ask	Opener has	Rebids in reply to cheapest bid re-ask		
2♦-2♥	6 or longer	2♠: 6 or longer in opener's major, not 4+ in other major.		
	major and/or	2NT re-asks:		
	exactly 4 in	3 ♣ : 6-4+ with ♦ s, or short in suit not ♦ s		
	other major	3♦ asks:		
		3♥: Short in other major		
		3♠: Short in ♣s		
		3NT+: 6-4+		
		3♦: ♦ shortness, not 6-4.		
		3♥: 6-4 in ♣s		
		3♠+: no singleton or void, no 4 card minor		
		2NT: 6-4+ in majors. 3♣ asks if shapely (3♦) or to grade		
		3X: 5 in opener's major, 4 in other major, descriptive:		
		3♣: 3 or 4♦s, 5 in opener's major, 4 in other major		
		3♦ re-asks:		
		3♥: 4♦s		
		3 ± +: 3 ♦ s		
		3♦: 3♣s, 5 in opener's major, 4 in other major		
		3♥: 4♣s, 5 in opener's major, 4 in other major		
		3♠+: 5-4-2-2, 5 in opener's major, 4 in other major		
2♥-2♠	Minimum, 5	2NT: up to 14, balanced, or a 5-4-2-2 with a 4 card minor.		
	in opener's	3♣ asks like 2NT-3♣ below		
	major, not 4			
	in other	3X: Replies like 2♠-2NT below		
	major			
2 ♠ -2NT	Maximum,	3♣: 4 or 5♦s, not void in ♣s.		
	not	3♦ re-asks:		
	balanced, 5	3♥: 4-5♦s, 3♣s		
	in opener's	3♠: 4♦s, short ♣s		
	major, not 4	3NT+: 5-5 with ♦s, not 3♣s		
	in other	3♦: 4♣s, short in ♦s		
	major	3♥: 4♣s, short in other major		
		3♠+: 5-5 with ♣s		
2NT-3 ♣	Balanced or	3♦: 5-3-3-2, not short in other major		
	a 5-4-2-2	3♥ re-asks:		
	with a	3 ♠ : short in ♣ s		
	minor, 15+	3NT+: short in ◆s		
		3♥: 5-4-2-2 with 4♣s		
		3♠: 5-4-2-2 with 4♦s		
		3NT+: 5-3-3-2 short in other major		

2CIF Opener's Rebid in reply to 2♣ - Re-Ask Structure for a Minor Opening

Response	Opener has	Rebids in reply to cheapest bid re-ask		
2♦-2♥	Exactly 4	2♠: 4+♥s, not 4♠s, not flat		
	cards in one	2NT re-asks:		
	or both	3♣: 6 or longer minor, 4♥s		
	majors, and	3♦ re-asks:		
	balanced if	3♥: singleton/void in other minor		
	both majors	3♠+: singleton/void in ♠s		
		3♦: singleton/void in ♠s, at most 5 in minor		
		3♥ re-asks		
		3 \(\phi\) : void		
		3NT+: singleton		
		3 singleton/void in other minor, at most 5 in minor		
		3 ± +: 5-4-2-2		
		2NT: Balanced, 1 or both majors, at most 4 in opening minor		
		3 asks:		
		3♦: 18+, 3♥ re-asks, 3♠: 4♠s, 3NT: 4♥s, 4♠: 4-4 majors		
		3♥: 4♠s, not 4♥s, less than 15 3♠: 4♥s, not 4♠s, less than 15		
		3P. 4VS, not 4PS, less than 15		
		3N1. both majors, less than 13		
		3X: Describes hand with 4♠s, not 4♥s, not flat:		
		3♣: 6 or longer minor, 4♠s		
		3♦ re-asks:		
		3♥: singleton/void in other minor		
		3•\(\phi\): singleton/void in \(\psi\)s		
		3♦: singleton/void in ♥s, at most 5 in minor		
		3♥ re-asks		
		3 ♠ : void		
		3NT+: singleton		
		3♥: singleton in other minor, at most 5 in minor		
		3♠+: 5-4-2-2		
2♥-2♠	Minimum,	2NT: up to 14, balanced		
	no 4 card	3♣ asks like 2NT-3♣ below		
	major			
		3X: Replies like 2♠-2NT below		
2 ♠ -2NT	Maximum,	3♣: 6 or longer opening minor, no second suit		
	no 4 card	3♦: singleton ♠, 5-4+ in minors		
	major, not	3♥: singleton ♥, 5-4+ in minors		
A) (m)	balanced	3♠+: 5-4-2-2 with the minors		
2NT-3 ♣	15+	3♦: doubleton ♠		
	Balanced	3♥: doubleton ♥		
	no 4 card	3♠: doubleton other minor		
	major	3NT+: 4-3-3-3 with 4 card opening minor		

2CIF – Examples

a)			
a)	▲ V.4	1.0.0	2. was 2CIE 24 showed major
♠ AT83	★ K6	1 ♣ -2 ♣ —	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ 653	♥ Q872	2♦-2NT—	interest, 2NT asking, 3♥ minimum
♦ AT	♦ KQ876	3 ♥- 3NT	with 4♠s not 4♥s.
♣ AJ42	♦ KT		
b)			
♠ AQJ	♦ KT52	1 ♣ -2 ♣ —	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♥ showed a minimum
▼ T72	♥ Q863	2 ♥ -3NT	with no 4 card major.
♦ 854	♦ AQ		, and the second
♣ AQ63	♣ J98		
c)	2 0,0		
♠ QJ93	♦ AKT	1♦-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ A642	♥ J8	2♦-2♥—	interest. 2♥ asked, 2NT showed
♦ AJ4	♦ Q7	2NT-3♣—	balanced. 3♥ showed weak ♥s, 3♠
♣ J4	♣ KQT982	3NT	values, 3NT suggestion.
d)			
♠ AK82	♦ JT65	1♣-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ AQ97	♥ K632	2♦-2♥—	interest. 2♥ asked, 2NT showed
♦ 32	♦ KJ76	2NT-3 ♣ —	balanced. 3♣ asked, 3NT showed 4-4
♣ QT4	♣ A	3NT-4♥	majors, less than 15.
e)			
♠ AJ82	♦ QT65	1♣-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ AQ9	♥ KJ63	2♦-2♥—	interest. 2♥ asked, 2NT showed
♦ 732	♦ AK76	2NT-3♣—	balanced. 3♣ asked, 3♥ showed 4♠s,
♣ QT4	♣ 2	3NT-4♠	not 4♥s, less than 15.
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♠ T	♠ KQ6	1♦-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ AKQ9	♥ 63	2♦-2♥—	interest. 2♥ asked, 2♠ showed 4♥s,
-	♦ KJ76	2 √ -2 √ — 2 ♠ -3NT	
♦ AQT32		2 7 -3111	not 4\(\phi\)s, not balanced. 3NT natural,
♠ QJT	♣ K963		little extra values.
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♦ AK82	♠ JT5	1♣-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ AQ97	♥ K6	2 ♦- 2NT—	interest, 2NT natural, 3NT less than
♦ 32	♦ KJ7	3NT	15 with 4-4 majors.
♣ QT7	♣ AK542		
h)			
♦ A982	★ T6	1♦-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ A97	♥ KJ3	2♦-2♥—	interest. 2♥ asked, 2NT showed
♦ QT32	♦ KJ76	2NT-3 ♠ —	balanced, 3♠ showed weak ♠s, 3NT
♠ QJ	♣ A875	3NT	showed a ♠ stopper.
i)			r
♣ T9	★ 32	1♦-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ KQ94	♥ AT63	2♦-3♠—	interest, 2♥ re-asked, 2♠ showed 4♥s,
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ	4♣-4♥	3♠ showed weak ♠s, 4♠ natural, 4♥
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♣ QJ6	♣ KT874		slam interest with weak ♠s.
j) ▲ T0	A 122	14.24	2. was 2015 24 shares 1
♦ T9	♠ AJ32	1♦-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ KQ94	♥ T	2♦-2 ♠ —	interest, 2♠ natural with ♣s, rest
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ	2NT-3♣—	natural.
♣ QJ6	♣ KT8743	3NT	
k)			
♠ QJ932	♠ AK	1♦-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, only bid available if
♥ A642	♥ JT8	2♦-3♣—	long ♣s and a game force. 2♦ showed
♦ AJ	♦ Q7	3♥-3♠—	major interest, rest natural.
♣ J4	♣ KQT982	3NT	
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Examples continued

1)			
♠ AK862	♦ JT5	1♠-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ AQ97	♥ K632	2♦-2♥—	interest, 2♥ re-asked, 3♦ showed 5-4-
♦ 3	♦ KJ76	3 ♦- 4 ♥	1-3, 4♥ to play unless opener had big
♣ QT4	♣ A2		hand.
m)			
♠ AJ82	♦ QT65	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ showed major
♥ AQ974	♥ KJ3	2♦-2♥—	interest, 2♥ re-asked, 3♠ showed
♦ 32	♦ AK76	3♠-4♠	minimum 4-5-2-2.
♣ QT	♣ J2		
n)			
↑ T	♠ KQ6	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♠ showed 15+ and just
♥ AKQ96	♥ 43	2♠-2NT—	5♥s & fewer than 4♠s, 2NT re-asked,
♦ AQT3	♦ KJ76	3♣-3♦—	3♣ showed ♦s, 3♦ re-asked, 3♥
♣ AJT	♣ K963	3 ♥- 3NT	showed 1-5-4-3 or 0-5-5-3.
o) ♠ AKT32	♠ J8	14.24	24 was 2CIE 24 major interest 2NT
♥ AQ97	▼ K6	1 4 -2 4 — 2 ♦ -2NT—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♦ major interest, 2NT asked, 3♦ showed medium hand with
◆ 32	◆ QJ74	3♦-3♥—	4♥s & 5+♠s, 3♥ re-asked, 3♠ showing
♦ QT	◆ AJ542	3 ♦ -3NT	5♠s.
p)	¥ NJJ-12	3 2 -31 1 1	J ± 3.
♠ A9842	♠ T6	1 ♠ -2 ♣ —	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♥ was minimum with
♥ A97	♥ KJ3	2 ♥ -3NT	just 5≜s and fewer than 4♥s.
♦ QT32	♦ KJ76		J
♣ Q	♣ A875		
q)			
★ T9	★ 32	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♥ was minimum with
♥ KQ942	♥ AT6	2♥-3♠—	just 5♥s and fewer than 4♠s. 3♠ and
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ	4♦-4♥	then 4♥ showed a weak doubleton ♠,
♣ Q6	♣ KT8743		slam interest.
r)			
♦ T9	♦ A2	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♥ was minimum with
♥ KQ964	▼ T73	2♥-4♥	just 5♥s and fewer than 4♠s.
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ4 ♣ KT874		
♣ QJ	₹ K18/4		
s) ♠ 8	♠ AJ92	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, was minimum with just
▼ KQ952	¥ A372 ∀ T	2♥-2♠──	5♥s and fewer than 4♠s. 2♠ re-asked,
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ	3 ♣ -3NT	3♣ showing 4+♦s.
♦ QJ6	★ KT8743	3 2 31 11	54 Showing 1. 45.
t)			
♠ A9842	♦ K6	1 ♠ -2 ♣ —	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♥ was minimum with
♥ A97	♥ KJ3	2♥-2♠—	just 5♠s and fewer than 4♥s. 2♠ re-
♦ QT32	♦ KJ76	3♣-3♦—	asked. 3♣ showed 4-5♦s & not void
♣ Q	♣ AK75	3♠-4♥	in ♣s. 3♦ re-asked, 3♠ showed 5-3-4-
		5♦-6♦	1. 4♥ was RKCB for ♦s, 5♦ showed
			two keycards and the ♦ queen
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★ T9	♠ A2	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2♥ was minimum with
♥ KQ942	♥ A6	2♥-2♠—	just 5♥s and fewer than 4♠s. 2♠ re-
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ6	2NT-3♣—	asked, and 2NT was balanced or a 5-
♣ Q6	♣ KT8743	3♠-4♦—	4-2-2 with a 4 card minor. 34 re-
		4♥-5♣	asked and 3♠ showed 2-5-4-2 exactly. 4♠ was a terminating bid, asking
			opener to bid 4♥, and then 5♣ was to
			play.
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v)			
★ K9	♠ A2	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 2NT 15+ balanced or 5-
♥ KQ964	♥ A73	2NT-3♣—	4-2-2 with a 4 card minor. 3♣ re-
♦ AJ32	♦ KQ4	3♠-4♥—	asked, 3♠ showing 2-5-4-2 exactly.
♣ Q3	♣ KT874	5 ♦ -6NT	4♥ was RKCB for ♥s. 5♦ was two
			keycards with ♥ queen.
w)			
♠ AJ832	♠ KT65	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 3♣ showed 6-5+ in the
♥ AQ9742	♥ KJ3	3 ♣ -3 ◆ —	majors, 3♦ re-asked, 3♥ showed short
♦ 3	♦ AK76	3♥-3♠—	♦s, 3♠ ask grade, 3NT showed no void
♣ Q	♣ J2	3NT-4♣—	and minimum. 4♣ was RKCB in ♥s.
		4NT-6 ♥	4NT showed two keycards and ♥
			queen.
x)			
♦ AJ9832	♦ KT6	1♠-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 3♦ showed 6-5+ in the
♥ AQ972	♥ KJ43	3♦-3♥—	majors, 3♥ re-asked, 3NT showed
♦ 3	♦ AK76	3NT-4 ◆ —	extras but no void and not lots of
♣ A	♣ J2	4♥-6♥—	extras. 4♦ was RKCB in ♥s. 4♥
			showed 0 or 3 keycards.
y)			
♠ T	♠ KQ6	1♥-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 3♥ showed a 6-5+ with
♥ AKQ965	♥ 43	3♥-3♠—	♦s. 3♠ asked, and 4♥ showed 0-3
♦ AQT32	♦ KJ76	4♥	keycards and no void.
♣ J	♣ K963		
z)			
♠ AKT32	♦ J8	1♠-2♣—	2♣ was 2CIF, 3♣ showed 5-5 majors,
♥ AQ972	♥ KJ6	3♣-3♦—	3♦ re-asked, 3♥ showed short ♦s, 3♠
♦ 3	♦ QJ7	3♥-3♠—	asked for grade, 4♦ showed extras and
♣ QT	♣ AK542	4♦-4♥—	0-3 keycards with ♠ used as trump.
		4 4 -6♥	4♥ asked for ♠ queen, 4♠ said no ♠
			queen.

System Changes

Since 1♣-2♠ is artificial, game forcing, one needs to have another bid for raising ♣s instead of just 3♣. It is suggested to play:

- 1♣-2♦: Constructive or better values with ♣s. 5|+♣s are promised unless responder has a semi-balanced game invite. Over 2♦, 2♥ asks hand type:
 - 2♠: Artificial, game invite. Opener bids NT or ♠s to place contract, or shows values. Responder corrects 2NT to 3♠ with long ♣s.
 - 2NT: Game invite with soft values in the other three suits.
 - 3♣: Constructive raise with 5+♣s

1♣-3♠: Preemptive.

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