Two Way Set

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Basic stuff

- Two Way Set is a slam convention which enables you to forcingly show a strong hand with support to a suit on the 4 level.
- It is most profitable in sequences, where other strength-showing conventions, such as Non-Serious, cannot be used.

The algorithm follows a simple principle - the suit, in which the nearest game is the closest, is agreed via the cheapest artificial bid. Let's see an example (4♣ = ♠ + ♣):

2♥	4♣^A	P	
		4♦	Strong with ♠
		4♥	Strong with ♣

Here, 2NT is **GF** asking for shape

1♦	1♠	
2♣	2N	
3♠		
	3NT	To play
	4♣	Strong with ♠
	4♦	Strong with ♣
	4♥	Strong with ♦

As you can see, this 2NT with a natural responce scheme produces really silly auctions. But we can do better!

1X	1Y	
1Z	2N	
3♣		3 of Y (everything agreed naturally)
3♦		5X 4Z 22
3♥		5-5 or 6-4 in XZ (depending on the context) with doubleton Y
3♠		5-5 or 6-4 in XZ with Y shortness
3NT		5X-4Y-3-1Y

It might seem complicated at first, but this arrangement of responses guarantees a forcing raise in every suit in every sequence!

1♥	2♣	
2♦	2NT	
3♠^A		
	4♣	Strong with ♥
	4♦	Strong with ♦

Here, we can set all 3 suits! (partner has 6♥ 4♠)

1♥	2♦	
2♠	2NT	
3♥		
	3♠	Sets ♠ (non-serious ON)
	3NT	To play
	4♣	Sets ♥
	4♦	Sets ♦

It works after reverses as well (partner has 6-4 with 2♠):

1♣	1♠	
2♥	2NT	
3♥^A		
3♠		Sets ♠ (non-serious ON)
3NT		To play
4♣		Strong with ♥ **!!**
4♦		Strong with ♣

An absurd, 5-level case. 4♣ = ♦ + ♠♣

3♣	4♣^A	P	
		4♦	Show your major
		4♥	Strong with ♦

3♣	4♣^A	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	
		4♠	Strong with ♦
		4NT	Strong with ♥ (5♥ is higher than 5♦!)

3♣	4♣^A	P	4♦
P	4♠	P	
		4NT	Strong with ♦ (After all this, we gained some space for a much needed 5♣ Last Train bid!)
		5♣	Strong with ♠

The absolute pinnacle of Two-Way Set in practice.

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                    ♠ K Q J T 7 6
                    ♥ 6
                    ♦ Q 9
                    ♣ Q 9 8 7
   ♠ 9 8 5 4 3        N        ♠ A 2
   ♥ K 9 8 2                   ♥ Q J T 7 4
   ♦ 7          W        E     ♦ T 8 4 3
   ♣ 6 4 3          S          ♣ T 2
                    ♠
                    ♥ A 5 3
                    ♦ A K J 6 5 2
                    ♣ A K J 5
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W	N	E	S
-	2♣^A	PASS	2NT^A
PASS	3♣^A	PASS	3♦^A
PASS	3♠^A	PASS	4♦^A
PASS	4♠^A	PASS	5♦^A
PASS	5♠^A	PASS	5NT^A
PASS	7♣^A	PASS	PASS
PASS			

- 2NT = ASK gf
- 3♣ = Any 6-4
- 3♦ = ASK
- 3♠ = 4♣
- 4♦ = Strong with ♣ (4♣ sets ♠)
- 4♠ = ♥ shortness (lo/hi)
- 5♦ = keycard ask
- 5♠ = 0/3
- 5NT = queen ask