## 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  $(4\clubsuit = \spadesuit + \clubsuit)$ :

```
\begin{array}{cccc}
2 & 4 & P \\
\hline
& 4 & Strong with & \\
& 4 & Strong with & \\
\end{array}
```

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

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♠<sup>A</sup>

4♠ Strong with ♥

4♦ Strong with ♦
```

Here, we can set all 3 suits! (partner has  $6 \checkmark 4 \spadesuit$ )

1  $\checkmark$  2  $\diamond$ 

```
2♠ 2NT
3♥

3♠ Sets ♠ (non-serious ON)
3NT To play
4♠ Sets ♥
4♦ Sets ♦
```

4

4

1♣ 1♠ 2♥ 2NT

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

```
3 \checkmark
3 \bigstar Sets \bigstar (non-serious ON)

3NT To play

4 \bigstar Strong with \checkmark !!!

An absurd, 5-level case. 4 \bigstar = \checkmark + \checkmark \bigstar

3 \bigstar 4 \bigstar P
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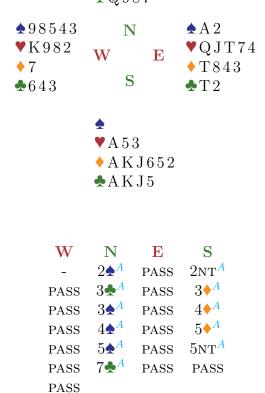
Show your major

Strong with •

```
3♣
        4 \clubsuit^A
                P
                          4
\mathbf{P}
        4♥
                 \mathbf{P}
                          4
                                    Strong with •
                          4\mathrm{NT}
                                    Strong with \forall (5\forall is higher than 5\diamond!)
        4 \clubsuit^A
                 \mathbf{P}
                          4
3♣
\mathbf{P}
        4
                 \mathbf{P}
                          4\mathrm{NT}
                                    Strong with ♦ (After all this, we gained some space for a much
                                    needed 5♣ Last Train bid!)
                          5♣
                                    Strong with \blacktriangle
The absolute pinnacle of Two-Way Set in practice.
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**♥**6

**♦** Q 9 **♣** Q 9 8 7



- 2NT = ASK gf
- $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = ASK$

• 3 = Any 6-4

- 3**♠** = 4**♣**
- $4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} = \text{Strong with } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} (4 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} \text{ sets } \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet})$
- 4♦ = Strong with ♣ (4♣
   4♠ = ♥ shortness (lo/hi)

•  $5 \triangleq 0/3$ 

- $5 \blacklozenge = \text{keycard ask}$
- 5NT = queen ask