	Newton Individuals, Jan 5, 2013			
<i>Board 19</i> South Deals E-W Vul	W E S E A Q J 8 2 • 10 4 • K 8 7 2 • A 9			
	West	North	East	<i>South</i> Pass
	1 * 2 *	Pass Pass	1 ▲ ?	Pass

Playing in an individual event, you cannot defend yourself against all your partners. Take the East hand, and see if you can do better than my partner. Trust me, you cannot do worse. Fill in the blanks below, and select your rebid:

2 * -- promises _____ or more clubs and at most _____ spades. Circle one: minimum invitational forcing

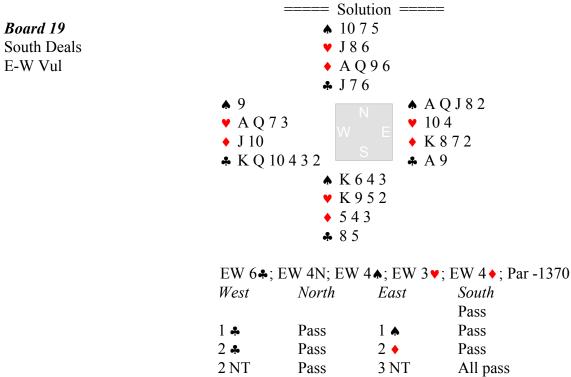
1 NT (instead) -- promises _____ or more clubs and _____ to ____ spades. Circle one: minimum invitational

Your rebids after opener's 2 *:

- 2 -- promises _____ in diamonds and ___ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round
- 2 -- promises ______ in hearts and ____ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round
- 2 A -- promises _____ or more spades, usually with _____ to ____ clubs. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round
- 2 NT -- promises ______ in diamonds and hearts. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round
- 3 promises _____ clubs or more and _____ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round
- 3 A -- promises _____ or more spades. Circle one: weak inv forcing-1-round
- 3 NT -- promises _____ or more spades. I'll give you a freebee: this one is to play.
- 4 -- promises _____ support. Circle one: weak invitational forcing

I have seen this auction messed up by several novice, intermediate, and even better players recently. Learn this!

- Pete Matthews



The correct auction for this deal is shown above. 3 NT by West is the normal contract.

2 - promises <u>six</u> or more clubs and at most <u>three</u> (usually fewer) spades in a <u>minimum</u> hand. Occasionally partner will have only five clubs, but that is his problem: he should not open a bare minimum with the need to rebid a 5-card minor. Weak responders usually *pass* this bid, even (or especially) when void in clubs, and much of the time with two clubs.

1 NT (instead) -- promises <u>three</u> or more clubs and <u>two</u> to <u>three</u> spades (no singleton) in a <u>minimum</u> hand. In an Individual, I discuss this with novice partners, so I can rebid my 5-card major safely - I have been burned.

2 • -- promises <u>a stopper</u> in diamonds and <u>four</u> or more spades, <u>forcing-one-round</u>.

2 v -- promises <u>a stopper</u> in hearts and <u>four</u> or more spades, <u>forcing-one-round</u>. (5+ spades, if 4+ hearts.)

 $2 \bigstar$ -- promises <u>six</u> or more spades, usually with <u>zero</u> to <u>one</u> clubs, <u>weak</u>. (At matchpoints, a doubleton club is more likely.) Opener usually passes, but may proceed with an unusually good fit for spades, expecting a singleton club. $2 \bigstar$ was the bid my partner selected, and I have seen this elsewhere recently. Partner made $3 \bigstar$.

2 NT -- promises stoppers in diamonds and hearts, invitational. A club honor is a big plus.

3 -- promises two or more clubs and four or more spades, invitational. A club honor is a big plus.

 $3 \blacktriangle --$ promises <u>six</u> or more spades in an <u>invitational</u> hand.

3 NT -- promises four or more spades. Opener usually passes.

4 & -- promises <u>club</u> support, <u>forcing</u>.

Experienced players would usually play $3 \\le and <math>3 \\le as$ splinter bids (0-1 cards in the bid suit) in support of clubs, since two of each suit is natural and forcing.