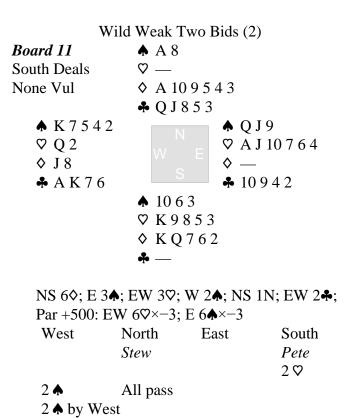


Stew wants to play wild weak two bids, when not vulnerable at matchpoints, and I have been trying it out. Our card is marked 3 to 9 HCP, with the idea that 10 HCP and a 6-card suit is good enough to open one of a major; we play Precision and open with a Bergen rule of 19.

Made 3 — EW +110

Furthermore, a 5-card suit is common for a weak two bid in this situation. To sort this out, we play modified Ogust rebids over responder's 2 NT: 3 - 3 = 15 Sealt 5-carders, 3 - 3 =

This definitely lets us bid more often, but it has a cost. Stew was afraid to compete over $3 \diamondsuit$, fearing I had a stinker. I considered reopening with $3 \heartsuit$ on my fine hand, but bidding again after a preempt is very poor style. As a result, we yielded a partscore swing. In fact, we make game in either major, due to the favorable location of the \diamondsuit K.



With 18 Bergen points (8 HCP and 10 cards in the two longest suits) and no aces, I did not feel my hand warranted a $1 \heartsuit$ opening bid. I feel strongly that there is no zone between $1 \heartsuit$ and $2 \heartsuit$, where hands are passed. Stew says to get in there, non-vulnerable at matchpoints, so I bid $2 \heartsuit$. This effectively muzzled Stew with his void in my suit, so we missed a slam! And they made $2 \spadesuit$! Maybe I was supposed to back in with my good second suit.

Made 2 — EW +110

This is two failures out of many weak two bids. I have not been keeping track of our successes on other boards. I definitely have my doubts about wild weak two bids.