## TWO OVER ONE – Session 2

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OK, so in Session 1, you learned that if your partner has opened one spade, one heart, or one diamond, and you have an opening hand, if you bid two of something, you have an opening hand, and that is forcing to game? Correct? \_\_\_\_\_

OK, well, maybe that's misstated. Let's try again. If you open a spade, and partner bids two of a new suit, that's a 2/1 bid forcing to game. Yes? \_\_\_\_\_ If you open a heart, and partner bids 2 clubs or 2 diamonds, that's a 2/1 bid forcing to game. Yes? \_\_\_\_\_ If you open a diamond and partner bids 2 clubs, that's a 2/1 game force bid. Yes? \_\_\_\_\_

So, there are only \_\_\_\_\_ possible auctions that constitute a 2/1 auction.

Please note that 2/1 Game Force bidding auctions do not apply to responses by a previously passed hand. What that means is that if you open the bidding with a pass, LHO passes and partner opens a spade, your two-heart response to partner is not a 2/1 bid. Why not? \_\_\_\_\_\_ What does your two-heart response mean, in case an opponent asks? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Like you learned in Session 1, your bidding reverts back to Standard American.

Same applies to you in 4<sup>th</sup> seat. LHO opponent opens the bidding with a pass, Partner passes, RHO passes, and you bid a heart. If LHO opponent passes again, and partner bids 2 diamonds, that's not a 2/1 game force bid either. You know why now. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If partner opens a spade, or a heart, or a diamond and his LEFT-HAND OPPONENT MAKES AN INTERVENING BID, that negates your ability of employing 2/1 bidding, and 2/1 is off, *unless that intervening bid is a double*.

<u>Example #1</u> :	You (opening bidder) P 2D	Орр Р	Partner 1S	Opp P	
Your 2D bid is <i>not game forcing</i> . Why not? Depending on your response agreement, it can have different meanings, but it is not game forcing.					
Example #2:	You (opener) 1H		рр 1S	Partner 2C	
Partner's 2C bid is not a 2/1 game force bid. Why not?					

OK, one last thing for today. It relates to some of your bidding frustrations last week. Remember those 10- and 11-point hands that you could not bid at the two-level because of the changed requirements for two-level bids in certain circumstances? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ For example, partner opens one spade in first chair, opp passes and you bid 2 clubs. In Standard American bidding, that two club bid promises how many points? \_\_\_\_\_\_ If 2/1 bidding, how many points? \_\_\_\_\_\_ So how does one express a 10- or 11-point hand in 2/1 bidding????

Well, that's the place for you to bid 1 NT, an invitational bid, but not game forcing, and not necessarily like a limit raise that many of you have learned to bid when you have trump support and 10-11 points. It promises 6-11 points, whereas in Standard American Bidding, it usually promises 6-9 points (we told you 6-10 points, which I would still like you to use in Standard American Bidding auctions – I'll explain why in a lesson later on in your young lives).

Shall we try some more practice hands? OK \_\_\_\_\_\_