

## DOUBLES – Lead Directing – Session 5

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We have covered several kinds of doubles to date: takeout, negative, penalty, redouble, etc. When someone doubles an *artificial bid*, however, it is called a **lead-directing double**.

Here are some artificial bids that you know:

- Stayman
- Jacoby Transfer
- A two-club opening bid
- A two-diamond response to a two-club opening bid
- A bid of four clubs after your partner opens 1NT or 2NT
- That's enough for now...

Examples:

Your LHO opens 1NT; partner passes; RHO bids 2 clubs. You double. You are not doubling for penalty, because the 2-club bid has nothing to do with clubs, rather it instructs opening bidder to bid either two \_\_\_\_\_ or two \_\_\_\_\_ if she possesses four cards in that suit, or to bid two \_\_\_\_\_ if she does not. You are not employing a takeout double either, because the two-club bid was *artificial*. Your double of two clubs asks partner to lead a club after your opponents have established their final contract. You might hold the A and K of clubs, so a club lead by partner would be a good, safe lead.

Another example... LHO opens 1NT; partner passes; RHO bids 2 diamonds, after which opener says HEARTS!!! (immediately). You double. For penalty? \_\_\_\_\_ For takeout? \_\_\_\_\_ For the heck of it? \_\_\_\_\_ What are you asking your partner to do?

Another..... Your RHO opens 2C. You double. RHO gets really nervous and wishes she had passed instead of bidding, because she hates to get set, correct? \_\_\_\_\_ BUT WHAT IF ONE OF YOUR OPPONENTS REDOUBLE? Yikes! They might score a thousand points or perhaps a million. Correct? \_\_\_\_\_ They won't redouble. They are seeking game or a slam, and they aren't going to let you interfere, because with opener's powerful hand, they want to have the fun of playing a contract and won't stop bidding until they find their game or slam. They will frown at you and keep bidding. But your partner won't frown, will she? She will lead a \_\_\_\_\_.

Another..... Your LHO opens 2C. Partner passes. RHO bids two diamonds. You double, asking partner to lead a \_\_\_\_\_.

Another ... You open 1NT. LHO passes. Partner bids 4 clubs. RHO doubles. You bid 4 spades. Etc. What suit will your LHO lead after you and partner have settled on 6NT? \_\_\_\_\_

One more. Partner opens 1H; RHO bids 1NT. You pass and LHO bids 2C. P passes and RHO bids 2D. Your opps end up bidding 3NT. Your hand (spades first, then hearts, etc.) J 10 9 8 3 2 10 8 7 5 J 9 8 Your lead? \_\_\_\_\_ Leading the jack of spades is tempting, huh? But then LHO has how many spades? \_\_\_\_\_ The best lead is your \_\_\_\_\_, because that's the suit partner suggested you lead!

OK, some practice hands.