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GUS Weak Two Opening = 6+ to 12- HCP

GUS™ is an acronym for the "Granovetter Unified System." This system is a combination of "asking-and-describing" bids and natural "two-way" bidding.

"Asking-and-describing" is more common than you think. When the bidding goes, for example, 1NT by opener and 2♣ by responder, the 2♣ bid (Stayman) is an asking bid, e.g., "Do you have a four-card major?" When you open the bidding 1♠ and your partner responds 2NT, Jacoby, it is an asking bid: "Do you have a singleton, and, if not, are you minimum or maximum?" If you make a Blackwood bid, you are asking: "How many aces do you have?"

The GUS weak-two bid structure is an "ask-and-describe" structure.

Gus weak two's usually deny 6-4 hands (also avoid opening 2♦ with 3361 shape and good majors).

Responses:

2M/3m = nf

3M = inv

4♣ = KCB

4M = to play

2N = asks, GF except after 3♦ rebid. Opener bids:

3♣ = bal (3♦ asks for fragment up the line)

3♦ = Minny

3♥/3♠/3N = 6331's short LMH

Follow-ups: Responder can place the contract in any suit, make a slam try or bid KCB in any suit by using Gus Slam Bid follow-ups (stay tuned!)

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