

# Lisa

(as described in The Bridge World, October 2007)

## After 1S – 1NT; 2C

- 2D = artificial, many hand types possible, asks opener to bid 2H
- 2H = shows 2 spades and 5 hearts
- 2S = invitational preference with 2 spades
- 2NT = invitational to 3NT with less than 4 clubs
- 3 level = natural and invitational

## After 1S – 1NT; 2C – 2D; 2H

- Pass = 6+ hearts, weak
- 2S = weak preference
- 2NT = invitational to 3NT with 4 clubs
- 3C = simple raise with 5+ clubs
- 3D = natural and weak

Over the artificial 2D rebid, opener may decline the transfer by rebidding 2S. This shows game interest if responder has long hearts. Responder's continuations are unchanged, except 3H is a signoff.

## After 1H – 1NT; 2C

- 2D = artificial, many hand types possible, asks opener to bid 2H
- 2H = invitational preference with 2 hearts
- 2NT = invitational to 3NT with less than 4 clubs
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## After 1H – 1NT; 2C – 2D; 2H

- Pass = weak preference
- 2NT = invitational to 3NT with 4 clubs
- 3D = natural and weak

Various actions are available to describe club raises. Responder can show 5 clubs via direct 2S (stronger) or 2D then 2S (weaker), and can show 6+ clubs via direct 3C (stronger) or 2D then 3C (weaker). With a weak hand, heart shortness, and club support, responder passes 2C.

### After 1H – 1S; 2C

- 2D = artificial, many hand types possible, asks opener to bid 2H
- 2H = invitational preference with 2 hearts
- 2S = natural and invitational, more than one trump loser opposite a singleton (change since BW article published)
- 2NT = invitational to 3NT with less than 4 clubs
- 3 level = natural and forcing

### After 1H – 1S; 2C – 2D; 2H

- Pass = weak preference
- 2S = 6+ spades, weak
- 2NT = invitational to 3NT with 4 clubs
- 3 level = natural and invitational

Over the artificial 2D rebid, opener may decline the transfer by rebidding 2S. This shows 3-card support for spades. Responder's continuations are unchanged.

### Advantages of Lisa over standard methods

- 1) Ability for responder to distinguish between strong and weak preference
- 2) Ability for responder to describe awkward hand with 2 spades and 5 hearts after partner opens 1S
- 3) Ability for responder to show precise nature of hand with support for opener's club suit rebid
- 4) Stronger hand declares when responder has 6+ hearts and partner opens 1S
- 5) Simplifies slam exploration after 1H – 1S; 2C because all 3-level bids are natural and forcing (eliminates fourth-suit forcing)
- 6) Allows partnership to reach safer 3C rather than 2NT when 4-4 club fit is present
- 7) Allows partnership to play 2S rather than 3S after 1H – 1S; 2C when responder has invitational values with a weakish 6-card spade suit and opener has a misfitting minimum.
- 8) Eliminates the need to open 1NT with 15-17 balanced hand including 5-card major. If opener opens 1M with that hand and responder shows an invitational preference, opener continues to game.

### Disadvantages of Lisa versus standard methods

Responder cannot rebid a natural, non-forcing 2D in these auctions.