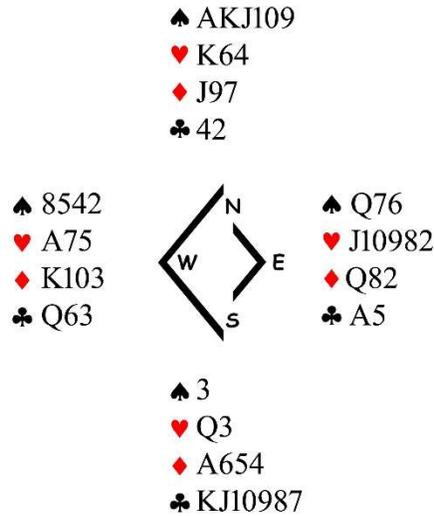


# 304. Jump Shift In Two-Over-One

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P	3 ♣	All Pass	

--None Vulnerable--

We saw in last week's column that a jump to the two-level over partner's opener is weak. However, a jump to the three-level is invitational, not pre-emptive or weak, showing 10 to 12 points and a six-card suit.

## The bidding:

North opens the bidding with his 12-count. It is an opener even if the Diamond Jack were the Diamond Two. He has four controls (Ace is two and a King is one), two and a half quick tricks and the Spade suit. This is better than some four-triple-three 13-counts.

South responds three Clubs showing six Clubs and an invitational hand. Without this bid, he would have to bid 1NT forcing because Two Clubs is game forcing in

Two-Over-One. Over the Two Diamond response he would bid 2NT and that is where he would play. Next week, we will see what happens in Standard American and the following week, we will see what a Three Club rebid after forcing No Trump means.

**Opening Lead:**

Small Spade making declarer guess where the Queen is.

**The Play:**

Dummy wins the Spade Ace. Dummy has a shortage of entries. If there is only one dummy entry (the Spade Ace) trump will have two losers unless the doubleton Queen is held by East.

Declarer, resigning himself to two trump losers, pitches a Diamond on the Spade King and ruffs the Spade Queen. Now a small club is played from South's hand. West wins the Queen. He cannot play a Diamond because this gives declarer a chance to lose only one Diamond. If declarer plays Diamonds himself, he cannot avoid two losers.

West exits a trump. East wins the Ace and returns a Heart. He cannot touch Diamonds either. Declarer ducks and if West does not take the Heart Ace, the Heart Queen gets pitched on a good Spade. This dilemma for West is called Morton's Fork. Declarer will lose three trump, no Hearts, no Spades and two Diamonds for down one. It is down two if West takes the Heart Ace and exits a Heart which would be bad if South had three Hearts.