

Cappeletti Cue Bids

This simple but effective cue bid shows your two suits after the opponents have bid their two suits. How? By bidding the higher or lower ranking suit they have bid to show which one of yours is longer.

The unusual feature of this bid is that you must have unequal suits! It does not show a certain number of points, only distribution. Here is an example:

A97642
QJT75
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Your left hand opponent opens 1 Club and your right hand opponent bids 1 Diamond. Your turn! Since Diamonds are higher ranking than Clubs, playing Cappeletti Cue Bids, you will bid 2 Diamonds. Partner now has lots of good information and it could make for a nice defensive bid or it might lead you to bid a winning partial or game score!

Are these alertable? NO, cue bids are never alertable. Does this come up very often? Not really, but when it does, it is very fun! One more example:

KT
QJ9654
QT95
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Your left hand opponent bids 1 Club and your right hand opponent bids 1 Spade, you have more Hearts than Diamonds and Hearts is higher ranking, so you must cue bid their higher ranking suit, you bid 2 Spades. Mission accomplished! Watch the vulnerability!

Swedish Jacoby 2 No Trump

Similar to Jacoby 2NT is Swedish 2 No Trump. I believe this is a more informative way to describe your hand after partner tells you with a 2NT bid that they have at least 4 of your trump and 12 or more points. It is certainly a more exact sequence to help you get to more slams or to stay out of unmakeable slams.

Here are the responses following 1M.....2NT

3 Clubs.....Minimum hand, any distribution
3 Diamonds.....Better hand with no shortness
3 Hearts.....Better hand, Club shortness
3 Spades.....Better hand, Diamond shortness
3NT.....Better hand, other Major shortness

Here is what happens if partner(the Swedish 2nt bidder) wants to know about your distribution over 3 Clubs(minimum) by bidding 3 Diamonds. If you have no shortness, bid 4 of your major.

3 Hearts.....Club Shortness
3 Spades.....Diamond Shortness
3NT.....Other Major Shortness

By now partner knows a lot about your hand and can Cue bid, bid 4NT, or bid 4 of your major.

Yes, this is alertable and so are all the responses. Try this out and you will switch to it! It is easy and you get lots more information for placing the contract. Players in Sweden and Denmark use this bid (they call it Stenberg and Bekkasin). There are many variations , but this version requires the least memorization.

Doubling Back In

Are your hands sometimes tied behind your back without help from partner? Yes, in the case of wanting to make a **penalty** double after the opponents have bid right before you and partner has opened the bidding! What is in the way? The negative double that the double would show. So, you are at the mercy of partner **Doubling Back In**.

How often does partner do this for you? Not often enough! You might hear the excuse that partner couldn't support every suit and only had a doubleton in one of the unbid suits. Even with the doubleton there is most likely somewhere else your side can play the hand. Try to double back in as often as possible.

There are certain times that the opener really cannot reopen with a double:

1. He has the suit they are bidding, so knows you do not. He may decide to pass and defend.
2. He is very distributional and does not have a defensive hand, but one that is offensive and needs to play the hand.
3. You are a passed hand and he has made a very light opening in 3rd seat.

Partner opens 1 Heart in first seat and your RHO(Right Hand Opponent) bids 2 Diamonds. You hold Kxx, xx, KQT9x, Qxx. You have to pass and wait for partner to double back in. If the opponents are vulnerable and you are not it is even more exciting. Yes, if partner doubles for you, it could be a killer double and a TOP board!

So, whenever possible, **Double Back In!** Even if Opener's partner can not leave the double in, chances are you will end up on your feet in a partial or back in the first bid suit. The slight risk is worth the gamble. The reward is huge.

ROSENKRANTZ DOUBLES

This wonderful defensive and offensive bid first popularized by Hungarian George Rosenkrantz(world renowned chemist) 1916-2019.

A Rosenkrantz Double is used when partner has overcalled and you hold at least 2 cards in his suit(you can have more) and one of the top 2 honors. You double RHO's bid and redouble if they double to show that you have this holding. You must be able to stand it if partner rebids his suit, in other words you need more than just the honor in their suit.

When you have the knowledge of what partner is holding in your suit it is invaluable to both defense and taking another bid if necessary. We all know that getting opponents to the 3 level is a big part of the game and Rosenkranz can do exactly that. It can also help if you want to sacrifice with favorable vulnerability.

Let's have an example:

West 1D	North 1S	East 2C	South ?
	AJ652 KQ52 T7 J9		
Q43 A96 AJ542 Q2			T98 JT8 86 AK654
	K7 743 KQ93 T873		

We can all see that with normal bidding and no Rosenkranz, South would be passing. If South bids partner's suit instead of doubling here it will show he does not have one of the top 2 honors. If you are playing Rosenkranz, you will double here.