

# Bart: Spade Opener's Two Clubs

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As played with Grand Life Master Lew Gamerman in 2013.

O2	R2	O2	R2	<b>Bart: 1♠ - 1NT; ?</b>
2♣	Bart: non-forcing catch-all, with at least 2♣.			
	2♦	Only force; invitational or 5♥ & 2♠.		
		2♥	Non-forcing, exactly 3♥.	Common Continuations
		2♠	Minimum values.	
			Pass	To play.
		2♠	[over 2♥] Good preference (8-10).*	
		2 NT	Invitational, 10-12 HCP, 4♣ (K-Q-x with 1♠ may be permitted).	
		3♣	Invitational, 5+♣.	
		3♦	Invitational, 5+♦ (usually 6).	
		3♥	[over 2♥] Inv, 5+♥. [over 2♠] Inv, 6+♥ or 1=5=4=3.	
		3♠	Invitational, ♠ honor doubleton.	
		2 NT	Extras.	
		3♣	5+ clubs.	
		3♦	Extra values, exactly 5=3=1=4 (splinter).	
		3♥	Extra values, exactly 3♥.	
	2♥	To play, 6+ hearts.		
	2♠	To play, bad preference (5-7).*		
	2 NT	Invitational, natural, denies 4 clubs.		
	3♣	To play.		
	3♦	To play.		
	3♥	Invitational, 6 good hearts.		
	3♠	Invitational, 3-card support.		
2♦	4+ diamonds.			
2♥	4+ hearts.			
2♠	6+ spades.			
Higher	As usual.			

\* We did not play good/bad preferences; they can lose a heart fit.

Bart is in effect *without interference* in this auction:

1 ♠ – 1NT; ?

Opener always rebids spades to show 6 spades, or a red suit to show four cards there. The 2 ♣ (Bart) response must be alerted, as opener may have only two clubs.