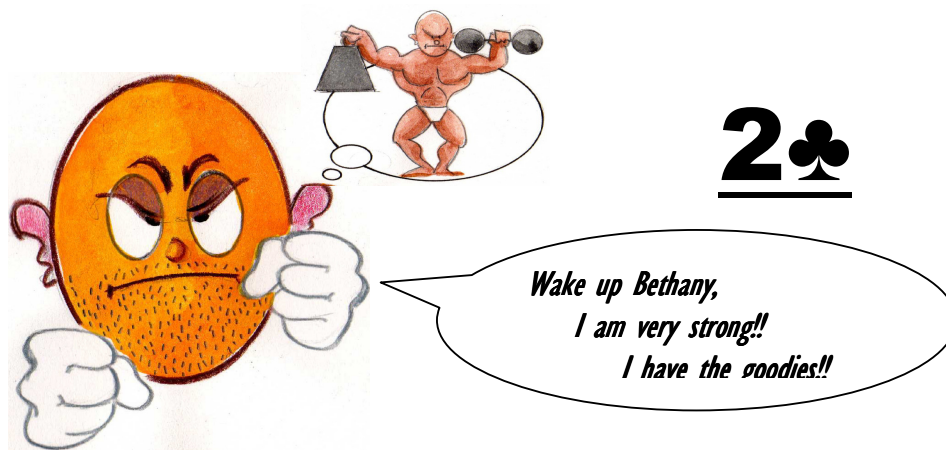


## **STRONG UNBALANCED OPENING BIDS**



**2♣** The strongest, conventional (artificial), 100% forcing, opening bid.

### Forcing to game

**With just one single exception** Opening 2♣ with a rebid of 2NT shows a balanced hand 23-24 HCP.

**2♣** Shows **23+ HCP** (*see example 1*)  
**or** the equivalent in trick taking power which is usually about  
9/10 Playing Tricks that opener can make on his own (*see example 2*)

### **Responder cannot pass**

Responder must reply with a negative or positive reply (*see Page 97*)

If opener rebids 2NT (showing balanced hand) – Responder can PASS with 0-1 pts.  
 Any other rebid by opener must be with a 5+ card suit and is forcing to game.

(1) <u>23+ HCP</u>	(2) <u>Playing tricks</u>	(3)
<b>West</b> ♠ AKQ75 ♥ AKQJ6 ♦ A5 ♣ 7	<b>West</b> ♠ AKQ10763 ♥ A9 ♦ Void ♣ AK74	<b>West</b> ♠ AK7 ♥ KQ9 ♦ AQJ8 ♣ AJ5
<b>2♣</b>	<b>2♣</b>	<b>2♣</b>
<b>2♣</b> Planning to rebid 2♠ then 3♥ Forcing to game.	<b>2♣</b> Planning to rebid and keep bidding spades. Forcing to game.	<b>2♣</b> Planning to rebid 2NT Responder can <b>PASS</b> a 2NT rebid with 0-1 pt.

