



## Gazzilli

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This Topic provides you with hands where you open with  $1\heartsuit$  or  $1\spadesuit$  and partner responds with 1NT. At this point the Gazzilli-convention enables you to continue the bidding accurately with different hand types. Opener's rebid of  $2\clubsuit$  is a conventional forcing bid, showing regular hands as well as some strong hands.

There are several versions of this convention. Here we give one of the more common ways this convention is used.

| You           | Partner | You                                             | Partner                                                    | You                                                             | Partner |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| $1\heartsuit$ | 1NT     | $2\clubsuit$ 11-15, natural or balanced, or 16+ |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $2\diamond$ 11-15, natural                      |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $2\heartsuit$ 11-14, 6 $\heartsuit$             |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $2\spadesuit$ 18+, natural                      |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 2NT GF, 5/5                                     |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $3\clubsuit$ asks second suit                   |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | $3\diamond$ 5 $\diamond$                                   |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | $3\heartsuit$ 5 $\clubsuit$                                |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | $3\spadesuit$ 6 $\heartsuit$ /5 $\spadesuit$               |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 3m invitational, 5 $\heartsuit$ /5m             |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $3\heartsuit$ GF, 6+ $\heartsuit$               |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $3\spadesuit$ 6+ $\heartsuit$ , splinter        |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 3NT 6 $\heartsuit$ , balanced, choice-of-games  |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 4m 6+ $\heartsuit$ , splinter                   |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
| $1\heartsuit$ | 1NT     | $2\clubsuit$                                    | $2\diamond$ 8+, any, GF opposite 16+                       |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | $2\heartsuit$ 5-7, no other bid                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | $2\spadesuit$ 8+, 5 $\diamond$ /5 $\clubsuit$              |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | 2NT 5-7, 5 $\diamond$ /5 $\clubsuit$                       |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | 3m 5-7, 6+m                                                |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                 | $3\heartsuit$ 3 $\heartsuit$ , invitational opposite 11-15 |                                                                 |         |
| $1\heartsuit$ | 1NT     | $2\clubsuit$                                    | $2\diamond$                                                | $2\heartsuit$ 11-15, balanced or 5 $\heartsuit$ /4+ $\clubsuit$ |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | $2\spadesuit$ 4/5 $\clubsuit$                                   |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | 2NT invitational                                                |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | 3m natural, 8-11, bad suit                                      |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | $2\spadesuit$ 16-17, 5 $\heartsuit$ /4 $\spadesuit$             |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | 2NT 16-17, balanced                                             |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | 3m 16+, 5 $\heartsuit$ /4m                                      |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | $3\heartsuit$ 15-17, 6 $\heartsuit$                             |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | $3\spadesuit$ 16+, 6 $\heartsuit$ /5 $\spadesuit$               |         |
|               |         |                                                 |                                                            | 3NT 18-19, balanced                                             |         |

### Remarks

- $1\heartsuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ - $2\spadesuit$ . This bid can be used for other meanings than showing both minors
- $1\heartsuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ - $2\diamond$ -2NT. If you have the agreement to always open 1NT with 15-17 balanced and a five-card major, this bid can be used for something else. For instance: 5 $\heartsuit$ /4 $\spadesuit$  and 2-2 in the minors, freeing up the  $2\spadesuit$  bid as showing spades in an unbalanced hand.
- $1\heartsuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ -3 $\heartsuit$ . If you have a different way of inviting with 3-card fit, you can use this bid for something else:  $\heartsuit$ Hx/5+ $\clubsuit$  invitational for instance.
- A popular version of Gazzilli is to invert the meaning of  $1\heartsuit$ -1NT- $2\heartsuit$  and  $1\heartsuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ - $2\diamond$ -2 $\heartsuit$ . The direct  $2\heartsuit$  bid then shows 5 $\heartsuit$  and 4 $\clubsuit$ , 11-15. With 6 $\heartsuit$  11-14, you start with  $2\clubsuit$ . The advantage there is that you end up in the 6-1 fit, instead of the 5-1 fit if partner is weak and can bid nothing else over  $2\clubsuit$  than  $2\heartsuit$ .
- Some pairs also play Gazzilli over  $1\heartsuit$ - $1\spadesuit$ . A lot of the same principles can be used there.

After a  $1\spadesuit$  opening again, a lot stays the same. For completeness sake, we give the full schedule here.

| You           | Partner | You                                                          | Partner                                                    | You                                                             | Partner |
|---------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| $1\spadesuit$ | 1NT     | $2\clubsuit$ 11-15, natural or balanced, or 16+              |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $2\diamond$ 11-15, natural                                   |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $2\heartsuit$ 11-15, natural                                 |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $2\spadesuit$ 11-14, 6 $\spadesuit$                          |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 2NT GF, 5 $\spadesuit$ /5m or 5 $\spadesuit$ /5 $\heartsuit$ |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $3\clubsuit$ asks second suit                                |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $3\diamond$ 5 $\diamond$                                   |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $3\heartsuit$ 5 $\heartsuit$                               |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $3\spadesuit$ 5 $\clubsuit$                                |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 3m invitational, 5 $\spadesuit$ /5m                          |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $3\heartsuit$ invitational, 5 $\spadesuit$ /5 $\heartsuit$   |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | $3\spadesuit$ GF, 6+ $\spadesuit$                            |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 3NT 6 $\spadesuit$ , balanced, choice-of-games               |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 4m 6+ $\spadesuit$ , splinter                                |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         | 4 $\heartsuit$ 6+ $\spadesuit$ , splinter                    |                                                            |                                                                 |         |
| $1\spadesuit$ | 1NT     | $2\clubsuit$                                                 | $2\diamond$ 8+, any, GF opposite 16+                       |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $2\heartsuit$ 5-7, 5+ $\heartsuit$                         |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $2\spadesuit$ 5-7, no other bid                            |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | 2NT 5-7, 5 $\diamond$ /5 $\clubsuit$                       |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | 3m 5-7, 6+m                                                |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $3\heartsuit$ 5-7, 6+ $\heartsuit$                         |                                                                 |         |
|               |         |                                                              | $3\spadesuit$ 3 $\spadesuit$ , invitational opposite 11-15 |                                                                 |         |
| $1\spadesuit$ | 1NT     | $2\clubsuit$                                                 | $2\diamond$                                                | $2\heartsuit$ 16+, 5 $\spadesuit$ /4 $\heartsuit$               |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | $2\spadesuit$ 11-15, balanced or 5 $\spadesuit$ /4+ $\clubsuit$ |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | 2NT invitational                                                |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | 3m natural, 8-11, bad suit                                      |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | 3 $\heartsuit$ natural, 8-11, bad suit                          |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | 2NT 16-17, balanced                                             |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | 3m 16+, 5 $\spadesuit$ /4m                                      |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | $3\heartsuit$ 6 $\spadesuit$ /5 $\heartsuit$ , GF               |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | $3\spadesuit$ 15-17, 6 $\spadesuit$                             |         |
|               |         |                                                              |                                                            | 3NT 18-19, balanced                                             |         |

### Remarks

- $1\spadesuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ -3 $\heartsuit$ . Depending on how you use the direct  $1\spadesuit$ -3 $\heartsuit$  bid, you can assign the meaning here. Also, since  $2\heartsuit$  is available, this 3 $\heartsuit$  bid typically shows 7 $\heartsuit$  or 6 very good ones. This also influences the meaning of  $1\spadesuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ - $2\diamond$ -2 $\spadesuit$ -3 $\heartsuit$
- $1\spadesuit$ -1NT- $2\clubsuit$ - $2\diamond$ -3 $\heartsuit$ . Since we use  $1\spadesuit$ -1NT-2NT for GF 5/5 hands, this bid can be used to show 6/5, but different meanings are also possible.