Bridge on Sundays

Bids Over a 2NT Opening (20 – 22 points)

ONLY for those playing regularly

- 3♦ is a transfer to ♥s
- 3♥ is a transfer to ♠s
- After the transfer is completed, the responder can pass with 0-3 points
- 3♣ is a type of Stayman (announce) asking for both 4 card and 5 card majors . Players opening 2NT will frequently open with 5 cards in a major suit. This is far less common with an opening bid of 1NT. The responder's hand must have values for game and at least one 4 card major suit to bid 3♣

Responses by opener

- 3♥/♠ shows 5 cards in the major
- 3♦ shows a 4 card major or both 4 card majors
- 3NT shows no 4 card or 5 card major

After opener has responded 3♦

The responder with one major suit bids the major NOT held and with both majors bids 3NT. This is to allow the stronger hand to play in a major suit at the 4 level.

You are liable to FORGET this

Example

Opener	**Responder**
2NT	3♣ (Stayman)
3♦	3♠ (I have a 4 card ♥ suit)
4♥ or 3NT (opener's suit is ♠s)	

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