Kokish Game Tries

After 1S – 2S Suit Agreement:

- 2NT asks partner where they would accept a help-suit game try
    - Partner responds with the cheapest suit in which they would accept a game try. If they have no help suit, they bid 3S
    - For example, if responder has QT6 J84 KQ632 86, they'll bid 3D over 2NT. This not only tells partner about help in Diamonds, but since 3C was skipped over, partner knows that responder has a poor Club holding.
    - If the partner asking does not like the response, they can ask for help in a higher suit by bidding that suit. For example, an auction might go like this:

        1S – P – 2S – P

        2NT* -- P –3C** -- P

        3D*** -- P – 3H**** -- P

        4S

        * Where would you accept a help suit game try?
        ** Would accept a game try in Clubs
        *** Can you help me with Diamonds?
        **** No but I have Heart help

- 3C, 3D, 3H are short-suit game tries
- 3S is a trump suit game try

After 1H – 2H Suit Agreement:

- 2S asks partner where they would accept a help-suit game try
    - Partner responds with the cheapest suit in which they would accept a game try. (2NT says they would accept a game try in Spades.) If they have no help, they bid 3H.
    - For example, if responder has J84 QT6 KQ632 86, they'll bid 3D over 2S. This not only tells partner about help in Diamonds, but since 2NT and 3C were skipped over, partner knows that responder has a poor holding in Spades and Clubs.
    - If the partner asking does not like the response, they can ask for help in a higher suit by bidding that suit. For example, an auction might go like this:

        1H – P – 2H – P

        2S* -- P –2NT** -- P

        3C*** -- P – 3D**** -- P

        4H

        * Where would you accept a help suit game try?
        ** Would accept a game try in Spades
        *** Can you help me with Clubs?
        **** No but I have Diamond help

- 2NT (for Spades), 3C, 3D are short-suit game tries
- 3H is a trump suit game try