## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)
6-16 hcp (4 cards rare) with $17+\mathrm{X}$ first
$2^{\text {nd }}$ level sound $5+$, minor usually 6+
Responder $\rightarrow$ raise 6-10 hcp / jump raise 4+cards Cue $=$ fit - limit raise
New suit ${ }^{\text {st }}$ F1, $2^{\text {nd }}$ NF, 1 NT 9-12
$X$ in balancing position can be weaker (8-11) or stronger 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live, Responses, Reopening) $2^{\text {nd }}=16-18$ balanced: System on
X and then bid 1NT $=18-19$ and bid 2NT $=20-22$
1NT (4 $4^{\text {th }}$ seat) $=11-14$ with stopper, no 5c Mayor
1x (p) p (1y) 1NT = 18.19
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses)
Jump overcalls weak
Jump shift in no competition is weak except $1 \leftrightarrow \rightarrow 3=$ $6+$ suit 11 -ish hcp
DIRECT + JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Response)
Michaels Spade focus $5-11 \mathrm{hcp}$ (54+) 1\& $\rightarrow 2 \&$ natural;

 $3^{\text {rd }}$ level Western Cue Bid $\rightarrow$ asking stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak, Reopening, PH)
Multi Landy // X over Strong 5m4M or 6m / X over weak show points (penalty) Both $2 \infty=5+4 \mathrm{M} / 2=6 \mathrm{M} /$
$2 \vee=5 \varphi+4 \mathrm{~m} / 2 \Delta=5 \Delta+4 \mathrm{~m} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=5 \mathrm{~m} 5 \mathrm{~m}$
3* or 3* solid 6 card / semi-solid 7 card suit
Interference > X interest Majors or any / 2NT minors VS PREEMPTS (Weak 2)
X sound opening or NT 19+ $\rightarrow$ bid 2 level weak or 2NT Lebensohl 0-7; 3 level min 7-10, 3 level jump strong invite Overcall +5 cards max 7 losers / 2NT 15-18 HCP
Balancing position can be weaker
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
Mathe 1\& ( $\uparrow$ ) OC natural / X = both Mayors / 1NT both m $2 \star=6 \mathrm{M} / 2 \downarrow \stackrel{2}{ }=5 \mathrm{M}+4+\mathrm{m} / 3-4=$ any pre-empt
2\& $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{OC}$ natural $/ \mathrm{X}=$ both $\mathrm{M} / 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both m Jump TWERB long suit above or $5 / 5$ in suits below OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE AND OTHERS Inverted minors, Bergen, Jacoby, 2\& System on Meckwell over $2 \diamond$ Multi; Direct seat $X=13-15$ rel. balanced or stronger; OC natural, 2NT $=16-18,4 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors strong $4^{\text {th }}$ seat $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{OC}=$ natural, $2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18$
1x-1NT-X (Penalty) Cappelletti; XX force 2\& pass or correct New suit show 4 card +4 higher -*suit seeking at least 7 fit

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Suit | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |
| NT | $4^{\text {th } / 2}{ }^{\text {nd }}$ from bad suits | $3^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }}$ |
| Subseq | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }} / \mathrm{Att}$. | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} / 5^{\text {th }} / \mathrm{Att}$. |
| Other | Top of sequence, $2^{\text {nd }}$ top of nothing, Journalist, |  |
| Doubleton - high / low, Rarely under-lead Ace |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | $A K x+A K J+A+$ usually show the $K$ |  |
| King | AKQ+ AKx $+\mathrm{KQx}+$ ask count suit / unblock Q NT |  |
| Queen | QJ98 QJ10 AQJ10 show the Jack |  |
| Jack | J1087 J108 show the 10 and none above |  |
| 10 | AJ109 AQ109 show none or 2 above incl J |  |
| 9 | Q1098 A1098 show none or 2 above - incl. 10 |  |
| Hi-Lo | Even | Even |
| Lo-x | Odd | Odd |

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

| Suit |  |  |  | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Pow enc. | Count std | Low enc |  |
|  | 2 | Doubleton |  | Count std |
|  | Low - High |  |  |  |
| NT | 1 | Low enc | Count std | Lavinthal |
|  | 2 | On K unblock |  | Count std |
|  | 3 |  |  |  |
| Signals (including Trumps) |  |  |  |  |
| Trumps - Hi-Lo $=$ interest in higher suit |  |  |  |  |
| Playing for partner to trump - Lavinthal for wanted return |  |  |  |  |

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening)
$11+$ with shape - over minor min 3/4M / 17+ any shape / X over M usually 4oM // Responder 1NT 7-9 hcp stopper / Jump 8-10 4 cards / double jump 5 cards invite / Cue 12+ Negative X true 4ヶ; $1^{\text {st }}$ level 6+ shape / $2^{\text {nd }}$ level 9+
Support X / Lead directing / Card Showing
Responsive / Maximal / Lightner
$1 \Leftrightarrow \rightarrow 1 *$ X promise 4M4M
SPECIAL; ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE (RE-)DOUBLES In a $2 / 1$ situation a X after RHO bid is for penalty. A X after bid by LHO is optional,
Pass after XX +10hcp of opponents T/O X if holding +2,5 defensive tricks

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Better minor / 5 card Major / Forcing 1NT
$1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ position +12 hcp (rarely 11)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ with shaded values, $4^{\text {th }}$ with $\min 15$ Cansino points
2\& Multi (weak Major / strong 2NT / strong minor)
$2 \vee=5 \mathrm{~V} /+4 \mathrm{~m} ; 2 \mathrm{~A}=5 \mathrm{a} /+4 \mathrm{~m}$
2NT $5 \mathrm{~m} / 5 \mathrm{~m}, 7-11 \mathrm{HCP} 4^{\text {th }}$ could be stronger
1NT Opening $15-17 \mathrm{hcp}$
2 over 1 Response Game Force
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE Inverted minors
Reversed Bergen raises
Cue-bid = Limit raises / Western / Controls
Michaels Cue Bid - Spade focus
Reverse Bid 17-19 HCP - 2NT by responder is
"Lebensohl" show 5-7 HCP - Opener to relay 3s -
responder drop bid. Bid except 2NT = GF
Forth suit - 2 level 11+ F1-3 level GF
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE

1. Jump bids and responses are weak
2. Control Bids $1+2$ after agreed trump GF up the line $1^{\text {ST }}$ and $2^{\text {nr }}$ Controls
3. Two Way CB $1 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{p}) 1 \mathrm{M}(\mathrm{p}) 1 \mathrm{NT}(\mathrm{p})$ or $1 \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{p}) 1 \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{p}) 1 \mathrm{NT}(\mathrm{p})$
$2 *$ invite 11 Hcp or diamond suit - relay $2 \diamond / 2 \diamond$ GF
4. Check-back 2NT re-bid (18-19) 3 GF ask $\rightarrow$ up-the-line
a) 3 c of bid $\mathrm{M}, \mathrm{b}$ ) 4 c other $\mathrm{M}, \mathrm{c}$ ) 5 c of minor d) 3NT none

2NT - 3M (5-6c; 5-6 HCP) or 4M (min 6c; 7-8HCP) to pass
5. Long Suit Game Try - Natural

| OPENING | Artificial | Min Cards | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Neg} \\ \mathrm{X} \\ \text { thru } \end{gathered}$ | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS OR RESPONSES | PASSED HAND OTHERS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1＊／1 |  | 3 | 4 | Better minor $\rightarrow$ Walsh | Weak－bid 4 immediately 4＋card Major | Inverted（ +5 cards）no 4M $-2 \mathrm{~m}=+10.3 \mathrm{~m}=\max 9$ | $2 \mathrm{~m}=6-9 \mathrm{Hcp}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | Stronger－show $5+\star$ and then bid Major | 2NT $=10-12 \mathrm{BAL} / 38=2-5$ | $3 \mathrm{~m}=2-5 \mathrm{Hcp}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | No 4M－1＊$\rightarrow$ 1＊$=6-7$ bal or nat $-1 \mathrm{NT}=6-10$ | After 2 m －bid stoppers up the line－ 2 NT both M | 2NT 10－12bal w stopper |
|  |  |  |  |  | $1 \stackrel{\rightarrow}{ } \rightarrow 1 \mathrm{M}=4+\mathrm{M}, / 1 \mathrm{NT}=6-10$ no 4M |  | Cue－bid GF |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2NT＝11－12 no 4M／New suit jump＋6 c max 6 Hcp |  |  |
| 1\％／14 |  | 5 | 4． | BAL 5332 or UNBAL | 2／1 GF，1NT 5－12 F1 | TWCB 1m（p）1M（p）1NT（p）2s invite 11 Hcp | 1NT semi forcing |
|  |  |  |  | $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}+12$ rare 11 | $1 \mathrm{M} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{8-9} \mathrm{/1M} \rightarrow 1 \mathrm{NT} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{y} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{5-7}(\rightarrow 3 \mathrm{M} 11$－ish） | or diamond suit－relay $2 \triangleleft / 2 \triangleleft$ GF／2NT natural 11－ish | Drury fit）10－11 Hcp |
|  |  |  |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ could be shaded | GF 1M $\rightarrow 2 \mathrm{~m}=4+\mathrm{m}$ cards $/ 1 \mathrm{a} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{v}=5+$ cards | Rev Bergen 4 fit $-3 \mathrm{M}=<6 / 3 *=7-8 /$ | 2\＆ 3 cards $/ 2 \star 4$ cards |
|  |  |  |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ Cansino Points | SSGT 1ヶ2v 2＾＝shortage／2NT＝ask 1＾2＾2NT | 3s＝ 9 －bad 12－3 ask min／max 3M min，4M max | 3 m good 11－4M－5m |
|  |  |  |  |  | ＝shortage 3\％＝ask．Refuse ask bid show shortness | XX 10＋no fit／3m bid suit and fit |  |
|  |  |  | ＊ |  | LSGT Natural－second suit | Jacoby 2NT good fit，new suit single／3M－NT＋14／ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Reverse 1 $\downarrow>1$ NT $>$ 2 （（17＋）Lebensohl Negative | 4M min／ 4 other suit strong with 2 top honors |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT |  |  |  | 15－17 BAL | Stayman－relay promiss no 4 card M | S accept－2NT max 3 card with $2 / 3$ honors－mew | 2．Ask；Transfer |
|  |  |  |  | Weak 5M－Rare | Transfer $2 \uparrow 2 \vee 2 \wedge 2 \mathrm{NT} / /$ Texas／／at minor trf | suit－extra values 4 card－jump 4 card maximum | Lebensohl／／X Penalty |
|  |  |  |  | 5332，5422，4441， | refuse trf to m show connect top honor $1 / 3$－invite | 3 m over 2M－Accept－GF good suit－maybe slam | New suit 2 level pass |
|  |  |  |  | 3226m | Smolen $3 \vee=4 \vee 5 \wedge / 3 \wedge=5 \vee 4 \wedge$ GF | 1NT－4．5－5 in M no slam interest | New suit on 3 level GF |
|  |  |  |  |  | Crawling Stayman $2 \boldsymbol{v}(+4-4)$ or 2¢（4－5）／2NT 8－9 inv |  | 1NT（2y）2NT（p）3£（p sui |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1NT－3 15＋Semi－solid suit，slam interest | $3 * \rightarrow 342344 ; 3 * \rightarrow 3$ 3244；3 $\rightarrow$ 3NT 3334 m | ＝weak and to pass |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2 \downarrow-2 \downarrow-2 \wedge$ or $2 \downarrow-2 \uparrow-3 \downarrow$ show 5－5 in Majors minimum | Quantitative 4 and 5NT and 4NT after transfer | Slow show／direct denies |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2． | Yes | Strong |  | ＋23 or max 4 losers | $2 \downarrow=$ max $1 \mathrm{~K} ; 2 \downarrow=1$ Ace or $2 \mathrm{~K} ; 2 \wedge=1 \mathrm{Ace}+1 \mathrm{~K}$ diff； | 2NT BAL 23－24 NF $\rightarrow$ 3＊Puppet Stayman | After OC－ $\mathrm{P}=0-1, \mathrm{X}=2+$ |
|  |  |  |  | 4 loser4 quick tricks | 2NT $=3 \mathrm{~K} ; 3$ 2 1Ace＋ 1 K same；3＊more | 4＊asking Q＋J same response as after $2 * \rightarrow A+K$ | After X P＝0 $2 \star=1$ syst |
| 2 | Yes | Multi |  | $6 \mathrm{M}(5-11) 4^{\text {th }}$ stronger | 2ヶ Relay／／Pass or correct＝weak／2NT＝20－22 BAL | Opener 2 NT $\rightarrow$ Transfer and Puppet Stayman |  |
|  |  |  |  | ＋6m semi－solid 18＋ | 3＊or 3＝＋6m semi－solid 18＋ | Opener $3 * 3 * \rightarrow$ Raise invite；3NT to play；New suit F | Defense－Meckwell |
|  |  |  |  | BAL 20－22 | 24．Polish $=$ fit in $\vee$ invitational 12－14 HCP |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2NT $=+15$ semi－forcing | 3s＝max |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 4＊bid suit in transfer；4＊bid suit 15＋ |  |  |
| 2ヶ2ヵ |  | 5／4 |  | $2 \varphi=\vee+$ any 5－11 hcp | 2aresp 2a＝asking second suit－pass or correct | Raise＝pre－emptive |  |
|  |  | 5／4 |  | 2＾＝＋＋minor 5－11 | 2NT SF＝asking second suit－if $\uparrow$ and $\uparrow$－bid $3 \downarrow$ | New suit－to pass |  |
| 2NT |  | 5／4 |  | Both minors 5－11 hcp | 3\％3＊pass；raise invite；3M Good F1；3NT to pass | Defense；X bal respond Stayman／3n＋4／5M 10－15hcp | ／3＋4／5M＋16 hcp |
| 30＊V44＊ |  | 7 |  | Pre－emptive | In $1^{\text {st }}$ Aggressive， $2^{\text {nd }}$ sensible | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
|  |  |  |  | Basics 1－2－3 rule | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ super aggressive， $4^{\text {th }}$ strong 10－13 | RKCB 413052 ／／Rollover asking for Q after $5 * 54.5 \mathrm{x}=$ No．Yes lowest King－no |  |
| 3NT |  | Gambling |  | 7 solid minor 11－15 | 4＊weak－pass or correct／5\％or 6 pass or correct | King 6 of trump．5NT Kin ask－in NT 1－2－3 in trump Kings up the line． |  |
|  |  |  |  | No side entry $1^{\text {st }} 2^{\text {nd }}$ | 4ヶ slam interest－asking for singleton | See details system description |  |
|  |  |  |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ constructive 15－17 | 4＊4at to play | Splinter－Josephine after support on 5 level－5v．Pass 0－1／3，2／3 6ヶ，3／3 6NT， |  |
| 4＊4＊ |  | 7＋ |  | To play |  | DOPI after overcall $X=0 / 2 / 4$ Pass $1 / 3 / 5$ |  |

