## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)

wide range, from 7+ at 1-level; 2-level sound;
PRE support; New suit response: F1 (PH implies fit) Unassuming CUE -9+ points 3 card support
2NT: $9+$ points, 4 card support;
Jump shift response: PRE

## 1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }} ;$ Responses; Reopening)

$2^{\text {nd }}: 15-17 \mathrm{HCP} ;$ Responses as for opening NT
$4^{\text {th }}: 10-14 \mathrm{HCP} ; 2 \mathrm{C}$ asks, $2 \mathrm{D} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=10-12,2 \mathrm{NT}=13,14,3 \mathrm{C}$ then Stayman

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
NV: weak; 6 card or good 5 card suit
VUL: intermediate; 6 card or good 5 card suit

DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
2 suited overcalls can be $5 / 5$ weak ( $5-12$ HCP) or strong Jump and 2M-3M: asking for stop in suit bid

## VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)

Weak: DBL = penalties; Multi Landy
2*: MM
$2 \star: 6 \mathrm{M}+$, multi-type enquiry (2NT asks), $2 \boldsymbol{v}: \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}: \mathrm{NF}$
$2 \vee / A: 5+\vee / A+4+m$
2NT: 2 suited
Strong: x : = single suited; $2 \boldsymbol{\star}: \oplus / * 2 \star: \vee / \uparrow$; otherwise as weak
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
2/3-level: DBL: T/O; New suit: NF; 2NT:16-19 BAL
2 multi: DBL: 13-15 BAL or STR; New suit: NF; 2NT:16-18 BAL After 2NT bid: as if opened strong 2NT

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2*

1* - DBL: MM; 1NT: mm; weak jumps; NAT aggressive
2* - DBL: MM; 2NT: mm; NAT aggressive
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
RDBL: 9+ no fit
Raises: PRE; 2NT: normal raise to 3-level

LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th. }}$; SP |  | Length Hi=E |
| NT | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }} ; \mathrm{SP}$ |  | Length $\mathrm{Hi}=\mathrm{E}$ |
| Subseq | $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th}} ; ~ S P$ |  | Length Hi=E |
| Other: |  |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  |
| Lead |  | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace King | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{AKx} \\ & \mathrm{KQx} \end{aligned}$ |  | Asks count |
| Queen | QJ(x), Qx, AQJ(x) |  | As suit |
| Jack | JT(x), Jx, A/KJ10(x) |  | Nothing higher |
| 10 | T9(x), Tx, A/K/QT9(x) |  | Shows J + higher honour |
| 9 | 9x |  | Could have 10 |
| Hi-X | x $\mathbf{X x x}$, $\mathrm{x} \mathbf{X x}$, $\mathbf{X x}$ |  | As suit |
| Lo-X | Hx $\mathbf{X}$, Hxx $\mathbf{X}, \operatorname{Hxx} \mathbf{X x}$ |  | As suit |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |
|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| 1 | Length High=E | Length High=E | SP |
| Suit 2 | Suit Preference | Suit Preference | Residual Length High=E |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| 1 | Length Hi=E | Length Hi=E | SP |
| NT 2 | Suit Preference | Suit Preference | Residual Length High=E |
| 3 |  |  |  |

Signals (including Trumps):
Trumps: H/L: ruffing possibility

## DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Can be light with perfect shape
Always have support for OM unless very strong
Jump response: 5+ cards, 8+ HCP
CUE: Asks

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

DBL in competitive bidding stronger than simple raise
Negative doubles to 3 spade level

W B F CONVENTION CARD

## CATEGORY: Green

NCBO: NIBU
PLAYERS: Clare Watson (1704) Heather Hill (1208)

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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Strong NT, 5cd Majors
2/1 Game Force
Short Club $=2+$

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

$2 *: 8+$ playing tricks or 19-21 or 25-26 NT
$2 \bullet: 5-10,6 \bullet / \wedge$ or 22-24 BAL or FG
$2 \vee$ : Lucas: $5+\vee$ and $4+\star / \star 5-10$ points
$2 \boldsymbol{A}$ : Lucas: $5+\infty$ and $4+\star / \star / \vee 5-10$ points
2NT: Lucas: $5+\star$ and $5+\star 5-11$ points
3NT: Solid 7+ minor no more than a K outside

Jump shift at 2 level: NF 6 card suit 2-6 points

Michaels cue bids 5/5 VUL, 5/4+ Non Vul, weak or strong Unusual 2NT normally 2 lower suits

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
When we have constructively bid or committed to game.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

PSYCHES: Rare

| $\begin{aligned} & \underset{y}{Z} \\ & \frac{1}{6} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | © $\dot{8}$元完岂 |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | COMPETITIVE \＆PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1\％ |  | 2 | 3＾ | Natural 10－19，NF | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{NT}=6-9 ; 2 \boldsymbol{*}=10-11+4 \star ; 3 \boldsymbol{*}=5- \\ & 9+6 \star, 2 \mathrm{NT}=12 / 13+4 \star, 3 \mathrm{NT}=14=4 \star \text {, WJS: } 6+2-6 \text {; } \\ & \text { splinters } \end{aligned}$ | Crowhurst；New suit at 3 level：FG |  |
|  |  |  | 34 | Natural 10－19，NF |  | CB over NT；4SF：FG（except 1＾） | After DBL：RBDL ： $9+$ no other bid； |
| 1 |  | 4 |  |  | 1NT：6－9 ；2＊：10－11；3＊：6－9；2＊FG 2NT＝12－13＋4＊ | Crowhurst；New suit at 3 level：FG | 2NT：good raise；System on |
|  |  |  | $3 \wedge$ |  | 3NT 14＋4＊WJS：6＋2－6；splinters， | CB over NT；4SF：FG | After DBL：RBDL ： $9+$ no other bid； |
| $1 \vee / 1 \sim$ |  | 5 |  | Natural 10－19，NF | 2／1 FG；1NT：6－11 SF；2NT：Jacoby；3NT：13－14＋4•／ヶ | Crowhurst；Long suit trial bids | As if no intervention；2NT：good raise |
|  |  |  |  |  | $2 \vee / \uparrow: 6-9 ; 3 \vee / \uparrow: 10-11+3 \vee / \uparrow ; 1 v-2 \wedge$ ：WJS： $6+2-6$ ； | New suit at 3 level：FG | After DBL：RBDL ：9＋no other bid； |
|  |  |  | 34 |  | splinters | CB over NT；4SF：FG |  |
| INT |  | 15－17 |  | Can include 5 card major | 2＊：non－promissory STAY； $2 \uparrow / \downarrow / \wedge /$ NT：TRF； | New suit 3 level－FG | Lebensohl see supplementary note |
|  |  |  |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ opening 11－14 | $3 *=5 *+5 *$ NF； $3 *: 5 *+5 *$ F1； $3 \vee / \mathrm{A}: 3 \mathrm{oM}, 5-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ | 4＊：Roman Gerber；4NT：quant． | Natural；DBL：Points for 2NT |
| 2＊ |  | 0 | 34 | 8＋playing tricks in any suit； | $2 *$ ：relay | Natural responses | 2＊－2＊－2NT－3＊：Puppet STAY； |
|  |  |  |  | 19－21 or 25－27 BAL； |  | $2 \bullet-2 \vee-2 \wedge-2 N T$ ：Baron | DBL：BAL；other bids natural |
| 2 |  | 0 | － | 5－10 6＋ ／＾；22－24 BAL；FG | 2／3／4v，2／3＾：P／C；2NT：Enquiry | 2NT：3＊／＊upper range $\boldsymbol{v} / \boldsymbol{\sim}$ ； | $2 \bullet-2$－ 2 NT－3＊＝Baron |
|  |  |  |  |  | Other bids natural and constructive | $3 \vee / \wedge$ lower；3NT：22－24；Other：FG | DBL：23－24／FG；suit bid natural or P／C |
| 2 |  | 5 | － | NV： $5+\bullet / 4+\mathrm{m} 5-10$ | $\checkmark$ bids PRE；＊bids：P／C；other suit：natural F1 |  | PH：other suit：natural NF |
|  |  |  |  | Vul： $5+\vee / 5+\mathrm{m} 5-10$ | 2NT： $3 * / *$ ：lower range $\% / * ; 3 \vee / \star$ ：upper $* / \downarrow$ |  | Intervention：No change |
| 2＾ |  | 5 | － | NV： $5+\uparrow / 4+* * \nu 5-10$ | $\wedge$ bids PRE；＊bids：P／C；other suit：natural F1 |  | PH：other suit：natural NF |
|  |  |  |  | Vul： $5+\uparrow / 5+\infty *$－ $5-10$ | 2NT： $3 * / * / \psi$ ：lower range $* / * / \psi ; 3 \star$ ：upper range $\psi$ ； |  | Intervention：No change |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3NT upper range $* / *$ |  |  |
| 2NT |  | － | － | $5+* / 5+*$ weak or strong | $3 * / *$ ：NF；3NT：to play；4＊＊＊：INV；Other suits：F1 |  | Intervention：$\% / *$ bids；COMP |
| 3＊ |  | 7 | － | PRE；All but $3^{\text {rd }}$ sound | New suit F1；3NT／4v／4＾to play | Natural | PH：New suit natural with fit |
| 3 |  | 7 | － | PRE；All but $3^{\text {rd }}$ sound | New suit F1；3NT／4v／4＾to play | Natural | PH：New suit natural with fit |
| 3 |  | 7 | － | PRE；All but $3^{\text {rd }}$ sound | New suit F1；3NT／4＾to play | Natural | PH：New suit natural with fit |
| 3a |  | 7 | － | PRE；All but $3^{\text {rd }}$ sound | New suit F1；3NT to play | Natural | $\mathrm{PH}:$ New suit natural with fit |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  | SOL 7＋m，at most K outside | 4／5』：P／C； 4 ＊：singleton／void ask；4M：NF；4NT：RKCB | $4 *-4 N T$ ：shortage om |  |
| 4＊＊ |  | 8 | － | 4 $\downarrow$＾stronger range | 4NT：RKCB；Other suits：CUE |  |  |
| 4＊＊ |  | 8 |  | Lower range |  |  |  |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Asking bid | 5＊：None； $5 * / 5 \vee / 5 \wedge / 6 *$ A； 5 NT ： 2 A |  |  |
| 5＊＊ |  | 9 |  | PRE：at most one A | New suit $1^{\text {st }}$ round CTRL（2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ round CTRL by opener） |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Roman Gerber 14／30 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | RKCB 14／30 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | First CUE：normally ${ }^{\text {st }}$ round control |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | DOPI：DBL：0／3，P1／4 ROPI：REDL 0／3，P 1／4 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Minorwood |  |

