

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

15th JULY 2015

DEFENSIVE BIDS TO 1NT (Revision)

RHO opens 1NT.

We can ...

Pass	Nothing to say
Double	A good 15+ HCPs, generally balanced/semi-balanced
2♣	Both majors (usually 5/4) and opening values – see below
2♦/♥/♠	11-15, (5)6card suit
2NT	At least 5/5 minors, HCPs may be shaded
3♣	11-15, 6+good suit (might start with a double if stronger)
3♦/♥/♠	Either c. 16-18, good 6+suit; or 7+suit, preemptive (needs Partnership agreement)

nb: after (1NT) Pass (Pass), similar bids used but the HCP strength can be shaded

Requirements for a Landy 2♣ bid:

- Opening points or equivalent (but see previous page)
- At least 4/4 in the majors
- It is important that the two suits are strong (most of your HCPs)

When partner bids 2♣ over 1NT:

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Pass	7+clubs, very few points
2♦	Relay - asking partner to bid the longer major (or 2♥ with 4/4 or 5/5)
2♥/♠	3+cards in the major (0-9HCPs, 9 or more losers)
2NT	11-13, no major suit interest, game invitational
3♥/♠	4+cards in the major (10-12HCPs; or 8 losers)
4♥/♠	4+cards in the major (13+, or 7 losers or fewer)