

## U3A Improvers Bridge

### Lesson 16: Take-out (Informatory) Double

This is a bid which tells partner that we wish to compete and asks for his/her view as to the best spot. Requirements are:

- Opening hand strength
- Shortage in suit bid by opponents
- At least 3-card support for each of the other suits

| 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   |
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| ♠ AQJx<br>♥ KJxx<br>♦ x<br>♣ KQxx                   | ♠ AQx<br>♥ KJxx<br>♦ x<br>♣ KQxxx         | ♠ AQx<br>♥ KJx<br>♦ Axx<br>♣ KQx   | ♠ Kxx<br>♥ KQ10xx<br>♦ AQx<br>♣ xx  |
| Ideal shape for T.O.D. of 1♦ - 4 cards in each suit | Also a good double rather than bidding 2♣ | Another use of T.O.D. – when too strong to overcall 1NT, double any suit bid and then bid NT over partner's response | If opponents open 1♥ DO NOT DOUBLE. You have to PASS as double asks partner to bid. |

### Responding to Take-out Double

Must bid even if you have nothing, partner will not expect anything if you make a minimum bid in response to a double. But if you have 9 or more points you have to inform partner by making a non-minimum response.

| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   |
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| ♠ Jxxx<br>♥ xxx<br>♦ xxx<br>♣ xxx  | ♠ KQxx<br>♥ Ax<br>♦ Qxxx<br>♣ xxx                        | ♠ Axxx<br>♥ x<br>♦ Qxxx<br>♣ KQxx  | ♠ KJ98x<br>♥ Kxx<br>♦ xxx<br>♣ xx   |
| Bid 1♠ over double of any other suit, if double is of 1♠ then you have to bid 2♣, 1NT would show a better hand with 8-10 points. | Over double of 1♣/♦/♥ bid 2♠. Facing 1♠ doubled bid 2NT. | Facing 1♥ doubled make a “pass the buck” bid of 2♥, asking partner to pick the suit. | Only time you can pass, facing 1♠ doubled you can count on making 3 trump tricks sitting over spade bidder so should just <u>convert</u> T.O.D. into a penalty double by passing. |