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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BIDDING METHODS

Strong Club

1NT OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

Strength 12-14 Tick if artificial and provide details below

Shape constraints Tick if may have singleton

Responses 2♣ Stayman (non promissory)

2♦ Transfer to Hearts 2♥ Transfer to Spades

2♠ Minors 2NT 5♠ and 4♥ invitational

Others

Action after opponents double Helvic

Action after other interference Lebensohl FASS

TWO-LEVEL OPENINGS AND RESPONSES

| Meaning | Responses | Notes |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 2♣ 11-15 6clubs/5clubs + 4 card major | 2 D asks | 1 |
| 2♦ Multi Weak major or Bal 23-24 | 2H Limited 2S Asking | 2 |
| 2♥ 11-15 4441 s'ton C | 2NT Asking | 3 |
| 2♠ 11-15 4441 s'ton D | 2NT Asking | 3 |
| 2NT 20 – 22 Balanced | 3♣ Stayman | |

OTHER ASPECTS OF SYSTEM WHICH OPPONENTS SHOULD NOTE

(Please include details of any agreements involving bidding on significantly less than traditional values).

OTHER OPENING BIDS

| | HCP | see Note * | Min length | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes |
|--------|-------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|--|-------|
| 1♣ | 16+ | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Strong | 1♦ Neg/imposs neg 1♠ 8-13 Bal 1NT =♠ suit 2♥/♠ 3♣/♦/♥/♠ weak 3 NT 14-15 | 5, 6 |
| 1♦ | 11-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | | | |
| 1♥ | 11-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | 1NT 7-10 may be unbalanced 2NT Jacoby | |
| 1♠ | 11-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | | As above | |
| 3 bids | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | | Pre-emptive | |
| 4 bids | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | | Pre-emptive | |

DEFENSIVE METHODS AFTER OPPONENTS OPEN

| OPPONENTS OPEN A NATURAL ONE OF A SUIT | CONVENTIONAL MEANING | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Simple overcall | Natural 1level poss 4 cards | | |
| Jump overcall | Weak | | |
| Cue bid | Michaels | | 4 |
| 1NT Direct: Protective: | 15-17 11-14 | Stayman & 4 suit transfers | |
| 2NT Direct: Protective: | Unusual | | |
| OPPONENTS OPEN WITH | DEFENSIVE METHODS | SPECIAL RESPONSES | Notes |
| Strong 1♣ | Natural X=majors 1NT=minors | | |
| Short 1♣/1♦ | Natural | | |
| Weak 1NT | Multi Landy | | |
| Strong 1NT | Multi Landy | | |
| Weak 2 | Leaping Michaels X=T/O 2NT=16-18 | | |
| Weak 3 | X=T/O | | |
| 4 bids | X=T/O Penalty over 4♠ | | |
| Multi 2♦ | 2NT=16-18 Bal | | |

SLAM CONVENTIONS

| Name | Meaning of Responses | Action over interference |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Roman Key Card B'wood | 5♣ 0/3 5♦ 1 or 4 5♥ 2 5♠ 2+ trump Queen | DOPI ROPI |
| 5NT; Grand Slam Force | Asks for Kings excl Trump K; Bid 7 with 2 top trumps | |
| Roman B'wood over NT | 3041 2/0 2/1 2/2 | |

COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

Agreements after opening of one of a suit and overcall by opponents

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| Level to which negative doubles apply | 3♠ |
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| Special meaning of bids | Cue asks for a stop |
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| Exceptions / other agreements | |
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Agreements after opponents double for takeout

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| Redouble | 9+ | New suit | Ignores the double | Jump in new suit | Ignores the double |
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| Jump raise | Distr. Raise | 2NT | 3-level raise | Other |
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Other agreements concerning doubles and redoubles

Over Double of 1♣ Redouble = 5-7 balanced, 1♦ = 5-7 unbalanced

OTHER CONVENTIONS

Splinters Trump and Control Asking Bids (4)

Exclusion Blackwood

UCBs

2/3C Checkback

1NT - 2♠(2NT) transfer to ♣ (♦) – transfer break shows max and 1 of top 3 honours

4th suit forcing

Lead of Ace asks for attitude, King for count

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS

(Please cross-reference where appropriate to the relevant part of card, and continue on back if needed).

1. 2♣-2♦ 2♥/2♠=11-13 4 H/S 2NT= 6♣ + 2 Stops 3♣ = 6♣ < 2 Stops 3♦ = 6♣ + 5♦
 3♥/3♠ = 14-15 4 H/S 3NT= Solid Clubs (AKQxxx) 4♣ = Long broken sui

2♣-2♥/2♠ 8-10, 5 card suit

2. 2♦ - 2♠ 2NT 23/24
 3♣/3♦=6 H/S – Good 3♥/3♠ = 6 H/S - Poor
 3NT Major headed by AKQ

3. 2♥/2♠ - 2NT 3♣ 4-4-1-4 (11-13) 3♦ 4-4-1-4 (14-15)
 (2♥ short C 3♥ 4-4-0-5 (11-13) 3♠ 4-4-0-5 (14-15)
 2♠ short D) 3NT 4-4-1-4 (14-15) + ♣/♦ A or K

4.

5. 1♣ followed by NT at lowest level shows a 4441 hand with 16+ points

OPENING LEADS

For all the card combinations shown, clearly mark the card normally led if different from the underlined card.

Hatch over or shade this box if using non-standard leads.

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| v. suit contracts | A <u>K</u> | <u>A</u> K x | <u>K</u> Q 10 | <u>K</u> Q x | K J <u>10</u> | K <u>10</u> 9 | <u>Q</u> J 10 |
| | <u>Q</u> J x | <u>J</u> 10 x | 10 x <u>x</u> | 10 <u>9</u> x | 9 <u>8</u> 7 x | 10 x x <u>x</u> | H x <u>x</u> |
| | H x x <u>x</u> | H x x <u>x</u> x | H x x <u>x</u> x x | <u>x</u> x | x <u>x</u> x | x <u>x</u> x x | x <u>x</u> x x x |
| v. NT contracts | <u>A</u> K x (<u>x</u>) | A J <u>10</u> x | <u>K</u> Q 10 | <u>K</u> Q x | K J <u>10</u> | K <u>10</u> 9 | <u>Q</u> J 10 |
| | <u>Q</u> J x | <u>J</u> 10 x | 10 x <u>x</u> | 10 <u>9</u> x | 9 <u>8</u> 7 x | 10 x x <u>x</u> | H x <u>x</u> |
| | H x x <u>x</u> | H x x <u>x</u> x | H x x <u>x</u> x x | <u>x</u> x | x <u>x</u> x | x <u>x</u> x x | x <u>x</u> x x x |

Other agreements in leading, e.g. high level contracts, partnership suits:-

Strong ten leads in NT

CARDING METHODS

| | Primary method v. suit contracts | Primary method v. NT contracts |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| On Partner's lead | Low card encourages | |
| On Declarer's lead | Peter shows odd number | |
| When discarding | Low card encourages | |

Other carding agreements, including secondary methods (state when applicable) and exceptions to above

Trump peter shows 3 and desire to ruff.

Reverse Smith Peters in NT

SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS (continued)

6. Trump Asking Bids: (After 1♣ and a positive response) 012123
 (in steps) 1 = 5+, no hon, 2 = 5, 1 hon, 3 = 5, 2 hons, 4 = 6, 1 hon, 5 = 6, 2 hons, 6 = 5+ AKQ

Control Asking Bids: (in suit bid)
 (in steps) 1 = none, 2 = 3rd round, 3 = 2nd round, 4 = 1st round, 5 = Great Strength (AK or AQ)

Now the repeat of that suit asks whether length or strength
 1st step shows Length, 2nd step shows strength

The bid of a new suit asks in that suit – responses as above