

# Cappelletti – Bidding Over Their 1NT



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# Time for Some Jokes

My sister called me and said her windows froze last night and won't open. I told her that wasn't surprising considering how cold it was. I suggested she pour a little lukewarm water over it and tap it with a hammer.

When she called back, she told me I ruined her computer.

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We were doing home renovations and incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully-furnished room!!!

And then I remembered, "We live in a duplex ...!"

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Everybody laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian. Well, no one is laughing now.

# OVERCALLING LOGIC

Start Here



Can you bid some level of NT?

1 Do you have enough HCPs and shape to bid at that level?

YES → Bid NT  
NO → Do you have at least 3-card support for the other 3 suits?

Did your opponent pre-empt?

Did your opponent open 1NT?

They bid 1 of a suit

Can you bid 1NT (15-17 HCPs)?

2 Consider using Cappelletti

Do you have at least 3-card support for the other 3 suits?

Make a take-out double

Do you have a good 5+ long suit?

Pass

Bid it

Bid 1NT

Do you have a single-suited (6+ or longer) hand?

Use the Rule of 2 and 3

With little defence, pre-empt or pass.  
Overcall with enough HCPs (2 1/2 defensive tricks).

Do you have 2 suits that are 5+ long?

1 level: 9+  
2 level: 12+

Consider using Michaels Cue Bid or the Unusual No Trump

Do you have enough HCPs to overcall?

Do you have a good 5+ long suit?

Bid it, or with 17+ HCPs dbl, then bid it

NB: You need less HCPs to bid in the Balancing Seat.

Pass

Do you have at least 3-card support for the other 3 suits?

Make a take-out double

A safe way to interfere over their 1NT:

North East Shows a single-suited hand  
1NT 2C\* Partner should bid 2D\*

North East Shows both majors  
1NT 2D\* Usually 5-5 or better

North East Show the major + a minor  
1NT 2H\* 2NT asks for the minor  
1NT 2S\*

North East Shows both minors  
1NT 2NT\*

Double is for penalty (16+ HCPs).

Jumps to 3 are pre-emptive.

# Cappelletti (Hamilton)

Pass. Too dangerous to double without a good lead.



1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2D*		1NT	???	
South	♠QJ9743	♥QJ1064	♦3	♣2

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2C*		Pass	1NT	???
West	♠K2	♥54	♦KQ10963	♣A42

Then pass partner's 2D bid.

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass		Pass	1NT	???
West	♠KQ2	♥A62	♦AJ62	♣Q76

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2S*			1NT	???
West	♠K10962	♥6	♦A8642	♣Q7

With <3 spades and 3+ in both minors, Partner bids 2NT.

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3C		Pass	1NT	???
West	♠2	♥K8	♦432	♣KQ108642

Hey, what's your minor?

# Time for More Jokes

**An accountant is someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you can't possibly understand.**

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**Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds, AND IT BETTER BE THERE!"**

**The next morning, he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.**

**Confused, the wife put on her robe, ran out to the driveway and brought the box back in the house.**

**She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.**

**Bob has been missing since Friday.**

# Cappelletti (Hamilton)

You want more shape to use Cappelletti. Let's defend.

Cappelletti is used in the balancing seat too.



3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass		Pass	1NT	???
West	♠A4	♥KJ62	♦AJ62	♣Q76

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2NT*			1NT	???
West	♠92	♥6	♦AQ642	♣KQ873

Hey, what minor do you prefer?

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3H		Pass	Pass	???
West	♠2	♥KQJ109832	♦43	♣K2

Probably no defensive tricks here.

1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2S*	1NT	Pass	Pass	???
West	♠QJ943	♥4	♦KQJ93	♣82

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2C*		Pass	1NT	???
West	♠K32	♥KQ9842	♦3	♣A42

Then bid 2H over partner's 2D bid.





**Time for the Game**