Drury

One way, two way, reverse two way, and Fisk

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+ You are North (dealer) and hold: ♠Axxx ♥Qx ♦Qxxx ♣Qxx

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♠	P

+ If partner opened on a hand such as:

♠KQxxx ♥Axx ♦x ♣KJxx

You can think about game.

+ However, if partner opened on a hand such as:

♠KJxxx ♥Jx ♦Kxx ♣Jx

You need to get out of the auction.

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+ One way drury allows a 2♣ response to a 3rd seat major opening to show near opening values and 3 or 4 card support.

+ Two way drury allows a 2♣ response to show near opening values with 3 card support, and 2♦ to show near opening values with 4 card support.

+ Two way reverse drury flips the meanings of the responses in regular two way drury, which means 2♣ is a 4 card limit raise and 2♦ is a 3 card limit raise.

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+ So, playing Reverse 2-way fit drury:

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♠	P
2♣!	P	2♠	P
P	P		

+ 2♣ shows a 7-8 loser hand with 4 spades such as ♠Axxx ♥Qx ♦Qxxx ♣Qxx

+ 2♠ shows an 8-ish loser hand such as ♠Kxxxx ♥Kxx ♦Kxx ♣xx

You can comfortably pass 2♠ knowing that a game will not be missed.

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+ But, on an auction such as:

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♠	P
2♦!	P	4♠	P
P	P		

2♦ shows a 7-8 loser hand with three spades such as: ♠Kxx ♥Kx ♦Qxxx ♣Qxxx

4S shows a 4-5 loser hand such as: ♠AQxxx ♥AQx ♦KJ ♣xxx

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✛ Of course, a 4NT rebid by opener could show a 3-4 loser hand such as:

♠AQJxxxx ♥Ax ♦Kx ♣Ax

✛ If partner has the ♠K and ♦A:

♠Kxxx ♥xxx ♦Axxx ♣Kx

6NT is cold.

✛ But, if partner has

♠Kxxx ♥QJx ♦QJxx ♣Jx

You likely have 2 losers.

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+ So what about those 6-7 loser hands?

+ You aren't big enough to jump to game, but you don't want to bid 2 of your major showing a bad 3rd seat opening.

+ Typically, opener is supposed to bid 2♦ over 2♣ and 2NT over 2♦ to show the 6-7 loser hand.

Fisk Drury

+ Mr. Fisk suggests a modification to the drury response structure.

+ After a 3rd seat major opening, 2♣ is either a 3 card limit raise or a 4 card limit raise.

+ So, 2♦ by responder can now be 7-9 HCP with 4 card support.

+ With a slammish hand or a hand that is invitational to game, bid 2♦ (Alert: Opener is asking me to bid out my shape.).

+ Opener, with a good hand, will almost always bid 2♦ over 2♣ to inquire about responder's hand.

+ After responder's 2♣ bid, if opener bids a new suit or shows shortness(jump into a new suit), a return to the trump suit by responder shows no interest in slam. With interest, responder bids his cheapest 1st or 2nd round control.

+ Opener's splinter bid is a delayed alert, because it is above 3NT and is after the first round of the auction.

Fisk Drury

+ After opener's 2♦ ask:

+ Any non jump in a suit shows a 3 card limit raise, with a singleton or void in the suit that you are bidding.

+ A 2 Major rebid by responder shows a 3 card limit with no shortness.

+ 2NT shows exactly 4333-4 card support.

+ Any jump in a suit shows a 4 card limit raise, with a singleton or void in the suit that you are bidding.

+ A 3 Major rebid by responder shows a 4 card limit raise with no shortness.

+ 3NT shows 5 card support, no shortness.

+ If, after any splinter by responder, opener bids the trump suit at the cheapest level, the splinter does not help opener.

+ If, after any splinter by opener, responder bids the trump suit at the cheapest level, responder's hand does not fit well with opener's.

Fisk Drury-Example 1

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♠	P
2♣!	P	2♦!	P
2♥!	P	4♠	P
P	P		

2♣ shows a 3 or 4 card limit raise, 2♦ asks for responder to describe his hand.

2♥ shows 3 trump and a heart singleton or void.

With ♠AQJxx ♥Axxx ♦Kx ♣xx, opener is happy to bid 4♠, knowing that there will be no heart losers.

Fisk Drury-Example 2

N	E	S	W	
P	P	1♠	P	
2♣!	P	2♦!	P	2♣ shows a 3 or 4 card limit raise, 2♦ asks for responder to describe his hand.
4♣	P	5♣	P	4♣ shows 4 trump and a club singleton or void (delayed alert), 5♣ is now exclusion.
5♥	P	5♠	P	5♥ shows 3 or 0, 5♠ is to play.
6♠	P	P	P	6♠ shows 3 Key Cards excluding the ♣Ace.

Fisk Drury-Example 3

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♠	P
2♣!	P	3♥!	P
4♣	P	4♦	P
4♠	P	6♠	P
P	P		

2♣ shows a 3 or 4 card limit raise, 3♥ shows a heart splinter.

4♣, 4♦, and 4♠ are 1st or 2nd round controls being bid up the line(3♠ after 3♥ is artificial).

Fisk Drury-Example 4

N	E	S	W
P	P	1♠	P
2♣!	P	2♦!	P
3NT!	P	4♠	P
P	P		

2♣ shows a 3 or 4 card limit raise, 2♦ asks for responder to describe his hand.

3NT shows 5 card support and no shortness.