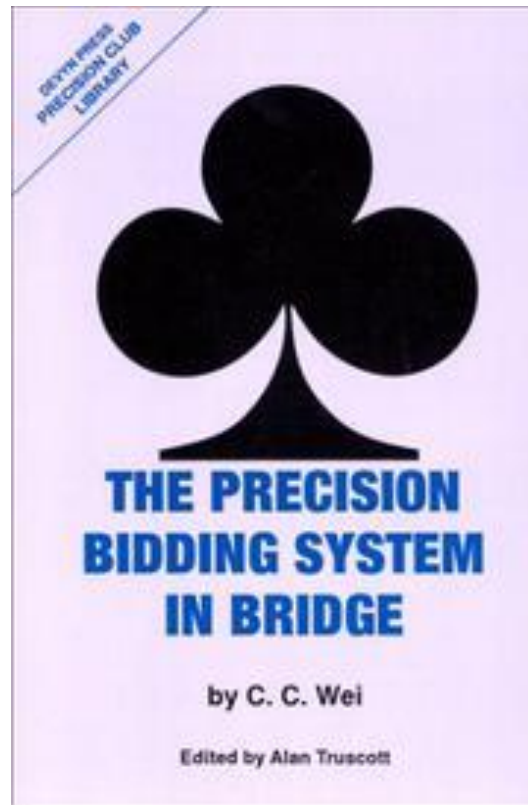


# How to Deal With Precision



# The Precision System

- Precision is a bidding system like Standard American or Two Over One.
- It is actually simpler and more straightforward than either of those systems.
- I taught Bonnie precision before she learned standard.
- In my opinion, it is the best system.

# The Basics of Precision (1)

- All strong hands start with a 1 ♣.
  - 16/17+ points with any distribution.
- 1 no trump 14 -16 points balanced. Some play a different range 13-15 or 15-17.
- 1 ♥, 1 ♠ show 11-15 points.
- 1 ♦, 11-15, may be made with as few as 2 diamonds, but that's relatively rare.

# The Basics of Precision (2)

- A 2 ♣ opening shows 11-15 points and 5 or 6 clubs.
- A 2 ♦, opening shows 11-15 points and a 4-4-4-1 or 4-4-5-0 distribution.
- Both of these bids and responses must be alerted.

# The Basics of Precision (3)

- Response to opening 1 ♦, 1 ♥, and 1 ♠, are all are the same standard or 2/1 bids.
- These and other conventions are possible.
  - Negative double
  - 1 no trump forcing
  - Limit raises
  - Jacoby 2 no trump.
- Any nonstandard bid must be alerted.
- Note that with all these bids, the opener's hand is limited to 15 points.

# 2 Opener

Hand A

 4 2

 K J 8 7

 A 10

 A J 9 8 3

Hand B


 4 2

 A 10 8

 10 8

 A K J 8 7 3

Hand C

 Q 9 2

 K J

 A 10 7

 K J 9 8 3

# 2 ♦ Opener

Hand A

♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ K J 8 7

♦ A Q 10 3

♣ 3

Hand B

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ 10

♣ A K 8 7

Hand C

♠

♥ K J 8 4

♦ A J 10 7 5

♣ K J 9 3

# The Basics of Precision (4)

- Responses on a 1 ♣ opening.
  - 1 ♦, 0-7 points.
  - 1 ♥, 1 ♠, 2 ♣, 2 ♦, show 8+ points and a 5 + card suit.
  - 1 nt 8 to 10 (some play a wider range) points.
- All the above bids must be alerted.



# 1 ♣ Opener, With Response

Opener

♠ K Q 9 4 2

♥ A J 8

♦ A K 10 3

♣ 3

Responder

♠ 5 3

♥ K Q 9 7 4

♦ 9 5

♣ K J 8 7

Opener

1 ♣

2 ♥

Responder

1 ♥

4 ♥

# 1 ♣ Opener, With Response

Opener

♠ K Q 9 4 2

♥ A J 8

♦ A K 10

♣ 3 2

Responder

♠ J 4 2

♥ Q 9 8 7

♦ 10 5

♣ K 9 8 7

Opener

1 ♣

1 ♠

Responder

1 ♦

2 ♠

# Disadvantages of Precision

- Disadvantages of precision:
  - 1 ♦, might be 2 cards, makes it difficult to find a diamond partscore.
  - Preemptive overcalls are difficult to handle.
  - It is reasonably easy to overcall 1 ♣ openings.
  - If opponents listen carefully to the bidding, they know more about the precision bidders hand than they likely would if opponents were playing standard or 2/1.

# Advantages of Precision

- Advantages of precision:
  - Describes hands more accurately at a lower level.
  - You get strong hand started at the lowest level, 1 ♣. All following bids are natural.
  - You can often know about game at 1 level.
  - It is simpler than Standard American.





# Disturbing Precision (1)

- Overcall 1 ♣ openings with a good suit even with a relatively weak hand. (If you have a good suit, it is very difficult to double a 1-level bid for penalty).
- Use common sense, but preempt 1 ♣ openings, even with hands that are stronger than usual.

# Disturbing Precision (2)

- You and your partner should discuss how to show good support of your overcall.
  - You can use a double when your RHO bids a suit.
  - Some like to play the cheapest level of no trump when there is no suit to double.

# Disturbing Precision (Mathe)

- Mathe is conventional and must be alerted.
- After 1 club:
  - 1 , shows 9+ points with 5+ diamonds
  - 1 , shows 9+ points with 5+ hearts.
  - 1 , shows 9+ points with 5+ spades.
  - 2 , shows 9+ points with 5+ clubs (not Michaels cue).

# More on Mathe

- After 1 club:
  - Double shows 4-4 or better in the majors with 10+ points
  - 1 no trump shows 4-4 or better in the minors with 10 + points.
  - Best to have longer suits if vulnerable, especially if you bid 1 no trump.



# RHO Opens 1 ♣ Ex 1

You Bid 1 ♥

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A J 7 3 2

♦ 10 5 2

♣ A 4

partner

♠ 5

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ K Q 9


♣ 10 7 6 5 2

# RHO Opens 1 Ex 2

You bid 1 nt

 7 4

 2


 K J 10 5 2

 A Q 7 5 4

partner

 9 6 5 3

 Q 10 8 4

 Q 9 7


 5 2

# RHO Opens 1 Ex 3

You bid 1 nt

 7 4

 2

 K J 10 5 2

 A Q 7 5 4

partner

 9 6

 A 10 8 4

 Q 9 7 6 2

 J 2

# RHO Opens 1 Ex 4

You bid double

 A Q 7 4 2

 Q J 10 2

 10 2

 K 7

partner

 9 6

 K 8 4 3

 Q 9 7 6 2

 J 2

# RHO Opens 1 Ex 5

You bid double

 A Q 7 4

 Q J 10 2

 10 5

 K 7 3

partner

 9 6 3

 8 4

 Q 9 7 6 2

 A J 2

# RHO Opens 1 ♣ Ex 6

You bid 2 ♠

♠ A J 10 9 7 4

♥ 10 2

♦ J

♣ K 9 8 3

partner

♠ Q 6 3

♥ 8 4

♦ 10 9 7 6 2

♣ A 5 2

# RHO Opens 1 ♣ Ex 6

You bid 2 ♠

♠ A K J 10 9 7

♥ 10 2

♦ J

♣ K Q 8 3

partner

♠ Q 6

♥ 8 4 3

♦ 10 9 7 6 2

♣ J 5 2