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GENERAL APPROACH

Polish club

Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid

VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts

FORCING OPENING: 1♣ 2♣ Natural 2 Bids Other

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17
to

5-card Major common

System on over dbl, s♣

2♣ Stayman Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥

Forcing Stayman

2♥ Transfer to ♠

2♠ ♣ or inv

2NT ♦ or inv

3♣ minors weak

3♦ minors strong

3♥ majors weak

3♠ majors strong

4♦, 4♥ Transfer

Smolen

Lebensohl (fast denies)

Neg. Double

Other:

2NT 6 to 11

Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:

Jacoby Texas

3♠

3NT to

Conventional NT Openings

2NT minors

3NT Gambling

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5

1st/2nd

3rd/4th

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter

Other:

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing Inv. to

3NT: to

Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other:

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.

1♣

1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor

Single raise Other:

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 7 to 10

2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 13

3NT: 12+ to 15

Other:

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 9 to 14 HCP
Strong Other 5+ ♣, 4= major
2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting if only 5 clubs
2♥ - art, inv+, asking

2♦ 6 to 11 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
MULTY
2NT Force New Suit NF

2♥ 6 to 11 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
H + Minor
2NT Force New Suit NF

2♠ 6 to 11 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
S + any
2NT Force New Suit NF

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game

Negative free bids

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty

Negative thru 3♠

Responsive : thru 2♠ Maximal

Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl

Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.

Balancing: 11 to 14

Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest

Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong Weak

2♣ any suit any suit

2♦ majors majors

2♥ ♥ + minor ♥ + minor

2♠ ♠ + minor ♠ + minor

Dbl: 4M and 5+m penalty

Other:

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)

often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF

Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light

3/4-bids

Conv./Resp.

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major

Natural

Strong T/O

Michaels

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level

Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak

Redouble implies no fit

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak

Majors

Minors

Other:

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 3♠ Penalty

Conv. Takeout:

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
x(x)	x(x)x x	x(x)	x(x)x x
x(x)x	x(x)x x x	x(x)x	x(x)x x x
A K x	T 9 x	A K J x	A Q J x
K Q x	K J T x	A J T 9	A T 9 x
Q J x	K T 9 x	K Q J x	K Q T 9
J T 9	Q T 9 x	Q J T x	Q T 9 x
K Q T 9		J T 9 x	T 9 x x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT

3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT

Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: vs SUITS vs NT

Except

Upside-Down:

count

attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal

Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo

Trump Suit Pref.

Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK