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GENERAL APPROACH

Strong club and canapé

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 12 to 15
to
5-card Major common 3♥ 13(45)
System on over x, 2♣ 3♠ 31(45)
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
2♠ Range Ask or ♣ Neg. Double
2NT transfer to ♦ Other: _____

2NT 10 (6) to 12
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ minors 3rd = 6-12
minors 4th = 14-16, 0-2
3NT _____ to majors
solid minor little outside

Conventional NT Openings

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♣ 12+ to 5+♥s
2NT Forcing Inv. 12 to 13
3NT: _____ to _____
Other After 1♣: 1♦ - 0 to 7

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty if we open 2-1
Negative thru 4♥ - Insinuating
Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru _____ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 10 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong _____ weak _____
2♣ + ♥ _____ ♦ or M/m _____
2♦ + ♥ _____ ♥ _____
2♥ natural _____ ♥+♠ _____
2♠ natural _____ natural _____
Dbl: ♠ + ? _____ cards _____
Other: _____
vs wk: 2NT = ♣ 3♣ = minors 3♦ = major

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 4♠ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: _____
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
exclusion

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: above 5 trump suit 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
(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

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK