NAMES John Stevens - Mel Norton

GENERAL APPROACH

Standard, with 4-card majors occasionally

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 ☐

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty ☐
Negative ☑ thru 4D
Responsive: ☑ thru 4D — Maximal ☐
Support Dbl ☑ thru 2H — Rdbl ☑
Card-showing ☐ Min. Offshape T/O ☐

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1-level 6 to + HCP (usually)
Often 4 cards ☐ Very light style ☐

Responses

New Suit: Forcing ☑ NFConst ☐ NF ☐
Jump Raise: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☑

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong ☐ Intermediate ☐ Weak ☑

OPENING PREEMPTS

	Sound	Light	Very Light
1/4-bids	☐	☑	☐
Conv./Resp.			

DIRECT CUEBID

Over:	Minor	Major
Natural	☐	☐
Strong T/O	☐	☐
Michaels	☑	☑

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on ☑
Conv.
Balance: 12 to 14
Jump to 2NT: Minors ☐ 2 Lowest ☐
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:
2♣ +a Major
2♦ + a Major
2♥
2♠
Dbl MM; mm; or D — System On
Other: 2NT = very strong M + m

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1-level ☐ 2-level ☐
Redouble implies no fit ☐

2NT Over	Limit +	Limit	Weak
Majors	☑	☐	☐
Minors	☑	☐	☐

Other:

VS OPENING PREEMPT DOUBLE IS

Takeout ☑ thru 4D — Penalty ☐
Conv. Takeout
Lebensohl 2NT Response ☑
Other:

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
15 to 17
15 to 17
5-Card Major Common ☐
System On Over thru 2S
2♣ Stayman ☑ Puppet ☐
2♦ Transfer to ♥ ☑
Forcing Stayman ☐
2♥ Transfer to ♠ ☑
2♠ Quant NT or C
2NT--> D (3C=2D)

3♣ Invite
3♦ Invite
3♥ Forcing (strong)
3♠ Forcing (strong)
4♦, 4♥ Transfer ☑
Smolen ☑
Lebensohl ☑ (Fast denies)
Negative Double ☐ ___

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman ☐
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby ☑ Texas ☑
3♠ MSS
3NT 26 to 27

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 ☐ Splinter ☑
Other: Jacoby 2NT

1NT: Forcing ☐ Semi-forcing ☐
2NT: Forcing ☑ Inv. ☐ ___ to ___
3NT: 15 to 17
Drury ☑ Reverse ☑ 2-Way ☐ Fit ☐
Other: 3-way

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	3 NF 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: GF (no 4-card M)
Frequently bypass 4+♦ ☐
1NT/1♣: 7 to 10
2NT: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☑ 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other: J/S in oth. minor is Limit

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber ☑ 4NT: Blackwood ☑ RKC ☑ 1430 ☑
Specific Kings
Opp. Interference: DOPI ☑ DEPO ☑ Level: — ROPI ☐

LEADS (click card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits	versus Suits	versus Notrump	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
K x	10 9 x	A K J x	A Q J x
Q x	K J 10 x	A J 10 9	A 10 9 8
J x	K 10 9 x	K Q J x	K Q 10 9
10 x	Q 10 9 x	Q J 10 x	Q 10 9 8
Q 10 9		J 10 9 x	10 9 8 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	☐	☐
Upside-Down Attitude	☑	☑

FIRST DISCARD
Lavinthal ☐
Odd/Even ☐ ☐

OTHER CARDING
Smith Echo ☐
Trump Suit Pref. ☐
Foster Echo ☐

SPECIAL CARDING ☐ PLEASE ASK

DESCRIBE	RESPONSES/REBIDS
2♣ ___ to ___ HCP	
Strong ☑ Other ☐	
2♦ Response: Neg ☐ Waiting ☑ 2H no A or K	
2♦ 10+ to 15 HCP Flannery 4 S + 5H	3 card suit @ 3 level
Natural: Weak ☐ Intermediate ☑ Strong ☐ Conv ☐	2NT Force ☑ New Suit NF ☐
2♥ 5 to 10 HCP	OGUST
Natural: Weak ☑ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv ☐	2NT Force ☑ New Suit NF ☐
2♠ 5 to 10 HCP	OGUST
Natural: Weak ☑ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv ☐	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 Round ☐ To Game ☑ 4/4/3/3; Mathe; Ingberman,
woolf style following 1m opening; unusual/unusual

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