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GENERAL APPROACH

Balanced Club, Unbalanced Diamond

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 X, 2♣
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♠ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
2♠ Size ask or ♣ Neg. Double 3 level
2NT =>♦, 3♦=3+ Other: _____

2NT _____ to _____
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ _____

3NT _____ to _____
Conventional NT Openings
2NT, Minors Weak
3NT, Minors, 16-20, 4 loser

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: modified Berg on by PH

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: 13-15 to 4-3-3-3
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 3♣=4cd, 7-12, 3♦=3 cd LR+
Jac 2NT on over X

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: 1♣-1♦ is neg 0-5
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ _____ to _____
2NT Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Other 1♦ opening=shortness somewhere

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
Negative thru 3♠
Responsive : thru 2♠ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru _____ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. sandwich by PH
Balancing: 11 to 14
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. Sys ON over bal NT

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong _____ Weak _____
2♣ M/M _____ M/M _____
2♦ one M _____ one M _____
2♥ ♥/m _____ ♥/m _____
2♠ ♠/m _____ ♠/m _____
Dbl: 4cd M, long m Penalty
Other 2NT=minors

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
jump cue = Mixed

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: 4NT
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Minorwood, Exclusion

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
(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
Upside Down

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK