## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)
1 level: (very) light. Transfers when p overcall 1M and RHO x. 2 level: sound
Cuebids: Good raise with 3 support
Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive, 3 level = nat FG

1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)
$15-18$ hcp except $4^{\text {th }} 11-15$. System on.
$\mathrm{xx}=$ sos after 1nt overcall.

Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak / Inter jump overcalls (intermediate when red), $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ two lowest, $5^{+}-5^{+}$, wide range. ( $\left.1 \stackrel{\circ}{ }\right)-2 \star=\mathrm{MM}$.
L Michaels, also over 3 M , also $4^{\text {th }}$ seat $\vee /$ opp mm over 3 mm
Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)
Over $\mathrm{m}=$ both M . Wide range.
Over $M=$ other $M+\approx$. Wide range.
(non-)Leaping Michaels ( $5^{+}-5^{+}$, FG) over $2 \mathrm{M} / 3 \mathrm{M}$, all seats
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)
VS strong NT: Dbl = strong (15+), Multi/Landy 2* = majors, 2 $\bullet=$ one M 5+9-11 or $5 / 5$ with a minor, $2 \vee / \wedge=5+12-14$, $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{mm}$ or any GF)
$1 \mathrm{~m}-(1 \mathrm{NT})-2 *=\mathrm{MM}, 1 \mathrm{M}-(1 \mathrm{NT})-2 *=\mathrm{mm}, 2 *=2+\mathrm{M}, 5+\mathrm{oM}$ VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

## T/O dbl. Cuebid: ASK for stopper

Vs unusual oc: Lower $=$ inv $p$ suit, higher $=$ inv unbid suit, "open" = nat GF

## VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Vs Strong $1 / 2 \boldsymbol{\&}$ : Double $=$ majors, $\mathrm{NT}=$ minors, $2 \boldsymbol{\&}=\boldsymbol{\&}$
Vs Presicion $1 \diamond: x=t / o, 2 \star=$ majors, $2 N T=$ minors
Vs Multi: $x=t / o$ of spades (or very strong), $2 N T=15-18 \mathrm{bal}$,
leaping Michaels $-5+$ bid suit $+5+\bullet$
Vs 3 NT : $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}, 4 \boldsymbol{\star} / \boldsymbol{=}$ both majors, better $\vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}$

## Over Opponents' take out double

Rdbl: 10+ HCP
1-over-1 = F1
2-over-1 = NF



## General Approach and Style

Natural, 5-card majors, better minor
Responses: Nat, but skip diamonds if weak.
1NT $=\mathbf{1 5 - 1 7}$ May have 5 card major, 6 card minor, singleton, 5422.

2-over-1 Responses: GF
Multi weak only 2 Major, 2H,S 8-11 6MM

## Special bids that may require defence

$2 \triangleleft$ : Weak Multi (only one major) (0) 3-7 hcp
Very light opening bids if distributional $1^{\mathrm{ST}} \mathrm{G}$ vs. R Transfer responses if opps double 1MM for t/o Transfer responses over (b) 1MM (X)

## Special forcing pass sequences

Important notes that don't fit

## Psychics

Rare but may occur

|  | 䓘 | \# |  | Description | Responses | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding and interfered auctions |
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| 1* |  | 3 | 7H | Could open light if distributional, (11) $12+\mathrm{hcp}$ with balanced hands | $1 \star=$ nat. Denies 4 -card MM unless GF. $2 \star=$ inverted minor, at least invitational, $2=6-9, *$-supp, $2 \vee / \uparrow=\mathrm{GF}, 6+$ cards, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ nat, inv, $4-5 \uparrow 3 \star=$ preemptive, $0-5 \mathrm{hcp}, 3 \uparrow / \downarrow / \uparrow=$ void, GF | xyz-NT. $1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 x-3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ very strong. $1 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ weak unbalanced, $1 *-2 *-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both majors stopped, $12-14,3 \mathrm{MM}=$ singleton, $1 *-2 *-2 *$ nat rev, $3 \mathrm{NT}=18$-19 bal, $3 \boldsymbol{*}, 1 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{*}(-3 \boldsymbol{*})-4 \boldsymbol{*}=$ RKCB. | Passed: Inverted minor on. xyz-NT on.. Fit jumps. <br> $1 \mathrm{~m}-(2 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Lebensohl (always) <br> $1-(1)-X=4 \wedge, 1 S=5+$ |
| 1. |  | 3 | 7H |  | Inv minor, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=4+\bullet, 6-9,2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{GF}$, double jump shifts $=$ void | Natural, xy-NT, xyz. As above. | As above |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5 | 7D | 5+ Could open light if distributional. 11+ if balanced | $2 / 1=\mathrm{GF}, 2 \downarrow=3+\boldsymbol{*}, 4-6 \mathrm{hp}, 2 \wedge=\mathrm{GF}, 6+$ card suit, $3 \star \operatorname{inv} 3 \star=$ mixed raise $7-9,3 \vee=$ weak, $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\vee, \mathrm{GF}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ undisclosed singleton, $10-12 \mathrm{hp}, 3 \mathrm{nt} 4 \star=$ void, $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{BW}, 4$ aces | Long suit trial bids. 1M - 2NT-3NT=18-19 bal. 2NT-3x=nat, not min. $2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \mathrm{x}-3 \mathrm{~N}=$ asks for singleton, $3 / 4 \mathrm{x}=$ singleton, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ start cuebid. $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{y}-2 \mathrm{x}-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ forcing with support $\rightarrow 3 *=$ undisclosed singleton, $3 \star=$ medium hand, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ min | $1 \vee-2 \boldsymbol{*} / \boldsymbol{*}=3 / 4$ trump drury, $1 \vee-2$ $\mathrm{NT}=$ minors, $5-5.2 \wedge / 3 * *=$ mini splinter. If overcall: $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{inv}+$ Jacoby, cuebid=3-card supp, inv + |
| 1^ |  | 5 | 7H | As above | $1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, 6-11 \mathrm{hcp}, 2 \wedge=5-11,3 \star \bullet \boldsymbol{*}=$ inv, mixed, natural, $3 \wedge=$ weak, $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\wedge$, GF, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ undisclosed singleton, $10-12$ hcp, $4 \bullet \bullet \vee=$ void | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{M}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{NT}=\operatorname{art} \mathrm{GF}, 5+\mathrm{M} . \\ & \text { As above } \end{aligned}$ | As above. Transfer responses if opps double $t / o$. On also if passed hand. Transfer to M = good raise. |
| 1NT |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15-17 \\ & (5 \mathrm{M} / 6 \mathrm{~m} / \text { single } / 5-4) \end{aligned}$ | 4-way transfers. 2 $\boldsymbol{\sim}=$ Stayman, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ singleton ( 3 s will not have 4 hearts), GF, $4 \boldsymbol{*}=\operatorname{trf}$ to $\vee, 4 \star=\operatorname{trf}$ to $\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge} \wedge=$ to play | Super Stayman ( $3 \boldsymbol{\star}, / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ over $2 \downarrow$ (heart used for clubs when H -bid can't be natural)). <br> 1NT-2 $\boldsymbol{*}-4 \boldsymbol{*}=55$ majors, slam try. <br> Break transfer: $2 \mathrm{NT}=3$ max, cheapest break in suit: 4 card supp, max, $3 x=$ Nat 5332,3 card support. 1NT-3x-4x=super fit | Contested auctions <br> Transfer Lebensohl. If natural interference: Bid 2-level=NF, t/o dbl (also with a passed hand). If art. int., $\mathrm{dbl}=$ inv + - penalty oriented. INT $\mathrm{x} x \mathrm{x}$ 5 Card minor |
| 2* | X |  |  | Strong. Normally $20+$ hcp, could be weaker with playing tricks | $2 \star=$ weak ( $0-5$ unbal, 0-7 bal, possibly waiting). $2 \downarrow / \wedge=$ Nat, $5+$ hcp, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ bal, (7) $8+\mathrm{hcp}, 3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{Nat}$, at least $\mathrm{Qxxxx}, 7+$ working hcp, $3 \mathrm{M}=6+$ cards semisolid, no outside strength, $3 \mathrm{NT}=6+$ solid suit, no outside strength | $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star-2 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=2^{\text {nd }}$ neg, $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star-3 *-3 \star=$ nebulous, $2 *-2 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{M}-3 / 4 \mathrm{x}=$ single, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ bal slam try. Mandarin kitchen splinter ( $2 *-2-2 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}-3 N T$ $=$ strong slam try, undisclosed singleton) | 2*- interf $-\mathrm{x} / \mathrm{xx}=0-5 \mathrm{hcp}$. |
| 2 | X |  |  | Weak Multi, 2-7 hp, one (5)6-card major | $2 / 3 \vee / \uparrow=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ bid suit below, $4 \star=$ bid suit, $4 \vee / \wedge$ to play, 2NT=asking |  | If x : $\mathrm{xx}=$ bid your suit, $\mathrm{p}=\star, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ nat If overcall 2M: $x=$ pass if your suit $p$ |
| $2 v$ |  | 6 |  | 8-11 hcp | 2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1, 4m = void | $2 \boldsymbol{v}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \boldsymbol{\varphi}=\mathrm{min}$, no $1 / 0,3 \mathrm{NT}=$ max, no $1 / 0$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: $11-15,6^{(+)}$-card suit |
| 2, |  | 6 |  | As above | 2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1 |  |  |
| 2NT |  |  |  | (19)20-21 hcp | $3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ Puppet Stayman $(3 \vee=$ no M, 3NT=5 $\rightarrow 4 \diamond=x f r, 4 \vee 6$ ?) $3 \star / \vee=$ transfers, $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ slamtry $\mathrm{m}\left(4^{+}-4^{+}\right), 4 \star=$ slamtry $\vee, 4 \star=$ slamtry $\boldsymbol{a}$ etc. If interference: over m:dbl=penalty, over M: $\mathrm{dbl}=$ neg, if art: $\mathrm{dbl}=$ strength | High Level Bidding |  |
| 3 x |  | 6 | 7H | Preemptive, according to vul | New suit FG. After dbl competitive. $3 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ cuebid, $4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{To}$ play | RKCB (0314), Exclusion RKCB (all jumps to the 5DOPIB/ROPIB/DEPO. 5 NT in unclear situation: pick "wrongly" asking for Trump Q implies 5NT and 6 le | evel when trumps is agreed), k a slam. Josephine NOT used. vel mild grand slam tries |
| 3NT |  |  |  | $1^{\text {st/2 }} 2^{\text {nd }}$ seat: solid m | $4 \star=\mathrm{pc}, 4 \star=$ Ask short,4M=To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ Ask length, $5 \wedge$ gs try |  |  |
| 4ヶ, * |  | 6 | 7H | Natural, preemptive | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | Splinters Cuebids, last train cuebids |  |
| $4 \vee$, ^ |  | 6 | 7H | Natural. To play | Any bid: Cuebid. | Lightner dbl |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Asks for specific aces | 5* $=$ no aces, $5 * \vee \wedge 6 *$ that specific ace |  |  |

