## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)

 Style : natural, can be light (7+HCP)Responses : $2 / 1 \mathrm{NF}$ if minor, weak jump raise
Reopening : natural, limited to 12 HCP ; 1NT 9-13, 2NT 17-19

1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
$2^{\text {nd }} \& 4^{\text {th }}$ position : $16-18 \mathrm{HCP}$
Responses : Stayman and Transfers
Reopening : 1NT 9-13 HCP, 2NT 17-19 HCP
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Style : natural and weak (3-11 HCP)
Unusual NT : two lower unbid suits
1M $3{ }^{2}=\mathrm{M}^{\prime}+$
Reopen: NAT 11-13 HCP 6 card. except 1M - 3 3 both minors DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct Cue-bid : $1 \%-2 \%$ Nat ; $1 *-2 *$ majors ; 1M $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{M}^{\prime}+\%$
JUMP Cue -bid : ask for stopper. Except $1 * 3 \%=\uparrow+*$
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
VS Strong NT (14-16 HCP and better)
$\mathrm{X}=5+\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{M}$ or Strong , 2* both majors , 2 \& 1 major
$2 \vee / \AA 5$ card $\mathrm{M}+4+\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors
VS Weak
$\mathrm{X}=$ same range , others same as above
VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
Style : T/O double, natrural overcalls
Over weak 2M, cue-bid shows both minors ; $4 \mathrm{~m}=5 \mathrm{M}^{\prime}+5 \mathrm{~m}$
$3 \mathrm{~m} 4 \mathrm{~m}=5 / 5 \mathrm{M} ; 3 * 4 *=5 \varphi+5 * ; 3 * 4 *=5 \mathrm{~m}+5 \%$
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. $1 *$ or $2 *$
$X$ shows opening values and majors ; $1 *=4 \vee+5+\star ; 1 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Nat}$
1NT : 6 card $\%$ or $* ; 2 *=$ both Majors ; $2 *=1$ Major ;
2 $\downarrow /{ }^{-1} 5$ card $M+4+m$,
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Of $1 \mathrm{~m}:$ Transfers (Except after $1 * \mathrm{XXX}=10+\mathrm{HCP}$ )
Of 1M : Natural forcing , $\mathrm{XX}=10+\mathrm{HCP}$

LEADS AND SIGNALS
OPENING LEADS STYLE


Signals (including Trumps): Signals in Trump suit : S/P
Smith : Low likes the lead from both
Signals after we bid a suit : ODD = ENC and EVEN = S/P DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Style : can be light if shaped
Responses : naturel, cue-bid shows strength
Reopening : 8+, according to shape

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
Support Doubles: 3 cards in partner's M (not minimum) or any 18 HCP

Lightner double vs slams

1NT(weak) Pass $2 \% \quad \mathrm{X}=$ point

NCBO: Belgium
PLAYERS: Valerie \& Alain Labaere

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
5-card Major, 4 cards
1NT : (14+) 15-17 HCP , tends to be 14-16 in $3^{\text {rd }}$ chair NV

2 over 1 responses : 2\% ART GF except rebid of $3 \%$
Others NAT forcing until 2NT

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

2* Any GF or weak $2 *$ (3-10 HCP)
2 - SF with minor or NT 22-23 HCP or weak 2v (3-10 HCP)
$2 \downarrow$ weak with both Majors (3-10 HCP). $4 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 \downarrow ; 5 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 \downarrow ; 5 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 5 \downarrow$
2 $\uparrow$ weak 2 (3-10 HCP), 6a

3NT solid minor, usually 7 card, no Ace or King aside

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
After opponents two suiter PASS can hide a strong hand.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Responder's double
$1 \mathrm{~m}(1 \vee) \mathrm{X}: 4$ cards in $\uparrow ; 1 \wedge=5$ cards
$1 *(1 \diamond) X: 4$ cards in $\vee ; 1 \vee=5$ cards ; $1 \uparrow=4(+)$ cards
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PSYCHICS: rare


