BASIC RESPONSES


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(bracketed) ranges in 3rd \& 4th seats
NAMYATS; transfer 1 -level openings

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING



RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS
Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 14 <br> First and secon d seats only |  | ART GF Relay | 2NT | 6+2-1 semipositive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/19 | 4+ssemipositive / 0-6HCP | 3 | 6+0-12semipositive |
|  | 1NT | bal or 3-suited, not 44, semip | 3 |  |
|  | 2 | ++m 2-suiter, semipositive | 3 | In third and fourth seats, 1 |
|  | 2 | $6+$ or + 2-suiter, semipositiver |  | response is ART 0-7HCP, and |
|  | 2 | $6+$ semipositive | 3NT | the rest are near-GF ART |
|  | 2 | 6+20-2 semipositive | 4 bids | positives. |
| 1 | 1V1 | $\mathrm{GI}+\mathrm{R} / 3-4$ or $6+$ ¢ F 1 | 3 | 693vinv |
|  | 1NT | 52nonforcing | 3 | 6 3 - inv |
|  | 26 | NNF | 37 | preemptive, 4-5 |
|  | 2 | NNF | 3 | fit-showing |
|  | 2* | 3-4 not constructive | 3NT | NNF |
|  | 2 | $4+\geqslant 0-1$ unspecified suit, inv |  | fit-showing |
|  | 2NT | 6.3vinv | 4 Othe | NNF |
| 1V1 | 1NT | NNF | 36 | 633 inv/63 inv |
|  | 2 | NNF/GI+R | 3 | 6 3 inv/raise |
|  | 2 | NNF | 3v1 | preemptive 4-5\$6M 3x inv |
|  | 2/4 | NNF or 3-4¢ raise | 3NT | NNF |
|  | 2NT | 4+ 0-1 unspec./minors | 4* | fit-showing |
| 2 | 2 | GI+R | 2/1 | NNF |
|  | other | suits NNF |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | To play | 3* | NNF, constructive |
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CONVENTIONS


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\text { other Some competitive 2NT bids show } 2 \text { places to play }
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RCO style 2-s Double of opening bid shows general strength, later doubles Lebensohl continuations where possible.
Other 2-s
X=takeout with Lebensohl
over Myxos, cuebid is t/o of weak two suit with Lebensohl
Defence to strong tWERB at one- and two-levels
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Other uses yes
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$4 \vee X$

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Very aggressive weak twos, opening bids and non-constructive raises.
We like to bid.
We prefer to bid game.
We are not afraid of Moysian fits.
Suit quality is for wimps.

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| $\square$ | forcing | $\square$ | other |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Pre-emptive Jump shifts after minor opening Weak, <8pts | double jump = splinter Jump shifts after major opening 2』/2NT=bal raise | MMMM splinters | Swiss raises

Responses to strong 2 suit opening
Responses to 2NT opening The Gruffle's Muppet Structure

| PLAY CONVENTIONS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 'NT' Versus Notrump | 'S' Versus Suit | $\checkmark=$ Both |
| Sequence leads: | Overlead all $\square$ | All except AK x (x) $\square$ |


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Primarily Count (low encourage on opening K lead)

Signal on declarer Count (Reverse Smith Peters initially vs NT)

| Discards | McKenney $\square$ | high encourage $\quad \square$ low encourage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | odd/even $\quad \square$ | other McKenny 1st, then count |
| Count | natural $\quad \square$ | reverse $\triangle$ Original |
| CONVENTIONS |  |  |
| 4NT: | Blackwood $\square$ | RKCB other $1430 \mathrm{w} /$ specific K ask |
| 4. | Gerber when? | Over 1NT opening and 1NT rebids |

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