BASIC RESPONSES


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

Underlead $\quad \square$ other A/Q = rev. att; $\mathrm{K}=$ rev. cnt; generally overlead


|  | CONVENTIONS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4NT: | Blackwood | $\square$ | RKCB | $\boxtimes$ | other 1430 |  |
| 4 | Gerber | $\square$ | when? |  |  |  |

Other Conventions
fit showing jumps in comp.
low level dbls almost always takeout
transfer advances after 1M - 1NT
exclusion RKCB
Anything else you can imagine we play it !

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## STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

S Tony Nunn
ABF Nos:
Basic System: Natural, variable NT
Classification: Green $\boxtimes$ Blue


## OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

## Canape

1- 3

1. 3
1-5 (4 in 3rd) 1 5 (4 in 3rd

1 NT (11)12-14; 14-16 in 3rd vul
may contain 5 card major $\quad \boxtimes$
2. Stayman: simple extended $\square$ other
transfers 2* hearts 2 spades clubs 2 NT diamonds other
2. weak, both majors, $4+4+, 0-10 \mathrm{HCP}$
2. game force
2. weak, $5 / 6$ hearts, 0-10 HCP

2 weak, $5 / 6$ spades, 0-10 HCP
2 NT 20-22
3 NT Gambling ; To Play in 3rd/4th

> PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANINGIS OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

## 3rd seat vul NT is $14-16,4 c M$ <br> NT bids could be offshape.

Sometimes open subminimum hands in 3rd
weak twos can be ultra aggressive NV

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING



| RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS |  |  |  |  |
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| 18 | 1 | nat | 2NT | GF Raise |
|  | 19/4 | nat | 3* | pre |
|  | 1NT | nat | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2. | limit | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | mixed raise | 31 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3NT | to play |
|  | 21 | weak | 4 bids | nat |
| 1 | 19/1 | nat | 30 | mixed raise |
|  | 1NT | nat | 3 | pre |
|  | 26 | nat,F1 | $3 \vee$ | splinter |
|  | 2 | limit | 3 | splinter |
|  | 2 | weak | 3NT | to play |
|  | 21 | weak | 4 | nat |
|  | 2NT | GF Raise | 4 Other | nat |
| 1/1 | 1NT | nat |  | 6-9, 4+ trumps |
|  | 2 | nat | 3 | 10-12,4+ trumps |
|  | 2 | nat | 3 1 / | preemptive |
|  | 2v/ | nat | 3NT | 13-15, 3 Trumps |
|  | 2NT | GF raise | 49/1 | splinter |
| $2$ | 2 other | bid longer major | $2 \uparrow /$ | to play |
| 2 | 2 | waiting | 3* | good suit |
|  | 2 | dbl neg | 3v/s | good suit |
|  | 2NT | 55 in Majors | 3NT | hmmmmmm |
| 2 | 2NT | enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3 | Nat, NF | 49/3 | Fit jump |
|  | 3*/4 | Nat, NF | $4 \vee /$ | To play |
| 2NT | 36 | 5 card stayman | 4* | nat |
|  | 3 | transfer | 4 | nat |
|  | 3 | transfer | 4 | nat |
|  | 31 | minors | 44 | nat |
|  |  | to play | other |  |

## Additional responses to 1NT

3 3 . $3 C=54$ in minors, GF; 3D $=3$ suited, short minor
$3 \vee / 3 \wedge 4$ card suit, choice of games
4. transfer
4. transfer

4 n nat
4.
nat
Unusual NT: $\quad$ minors $\quad \square \quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits $\quad \boxtimes$
other


RCO style 2-s

Other 2-s
Defence to strong $\boldsymbol{N} \quad$ Nat; cheapest $\mathrm{NT}=$ progressive hand
Lebensohl $\quad$ Over NT interference $\quad \boxtimes$
Other uses weak twos, multi two openings
Take out of 4 level pre-empts

OTHER NOTES


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

| 1 | $1 *$ | Natural, often no 4-card major | 2NT | Balanced, 11-12 HCP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19/4 | Natural, 4+ cards, 5+ HCP | 3 | Inverted minor raise, 4-7 HCP |
|  | 1NT | Natural, 6-8 non-vul, 6-9 vul | 3 | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2* | Inverted minor raise, forcing | 3 | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2 | Strong, Soloway jump shift | 3. | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2 | Strong, Soloway jump shift | 3NT | Balanced, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 24 | Strong Soloway jump shift | 4 bids | Pre-emptive |
| 1 | 1v/4 | Natural, 4+ cards, 5+ HCP | 3 | Strong, Soloway jump shift |
|  | 1NT | Natural, 6-8 non-vul, 6-9 vul | 3 | Inverted minor raise, 4-7 HCP |
|  | 2 | Natural, forcing to 3 -level mino | 3 | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2 | Inverted minor raise, forcing | 3. | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2 | Strong, Soloway jump shift | 3NT | Balanced, 13-15 HCP |
|  | 2. | Strong, Soloway jump shift | 4 | Pre-emptive |
|  | 2NT | Balanced, 11-12 HCP | 4 Othe | Pre-emptive |


| 1/1/ | 1NT | Artificial, forcing NT, 5-11 HCP | 3 | Strong, Soloway jump shift |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 | Natural, 4+ cards, 11+ HCP | 3 | Strong, Soloway jump shift |
|  | 2 | Natural, $4+$ cards, $11+\mathrm{HCP}$ | $3 \mathrm{~F} / 4$ | Natural, limit raise, |
|  | 2v/s | Natural, 6-9 HCP, 3-card raise | 3NT | Natural 13-15 HCP, 3+ $\mathrm{s}^{\text {s }}$ |
|  | 2NT | Artificial, Jacoby, forcing raise | 4* | Artificial, splinter in bid suit |
| 2* | 2 | 0-3 HCP, no ace or king | $2 \mathrm{~V} / \stackrel{\text { ¢ }}{ }$ | $2 \downarrow=3+$ HCP, not 2 controls |
|  | other | $2 \mathrm{~L}=2$ controls, $2 \mathrm{NT}=3 \mathrm{kings}$, | 3 | controls, $3 \diamond=4$ controls .. |
| 2 | 2 | Pass or correct | 3** | Natural, long suit, not forcing |
|  | 2 | Pass or correct | 3v/4 | Pass or correct |
|  | 2NT | Artificial, relay for clarification | 3NT | Natural, terminal |
| 2v/4 | 2NT | Artificial, relay for minor suit | 3NT | Natural, terminal |
|  | 3/4 | Natural, long suit, not forcing | 4* | Pre-emptive, pass or correct |
|  | $3 \mathrm{~W} / 4$ | Pre-emptive | $4 \mathrm{~V} / 4$ | Natural, terminal |
| 2NT | 3 | Puppet Stayman | 4 | Natural, long suit, slam interes |
|  | 3 | Jacoby transfer | 4 | Natural, long suit, slam interes |
|  | $3 \times$ | Jacoby transfer | 4 | Artificial, splinter, both minors |
|  | 3 | Minor suit Stayman | 4 | Artificial, splinter, both minors |
|  | 3NT | Natural, terminal | other | 4NT = invitational |

## Additional responses to 1NT

3/3 Natural, long strong suit, game forcing
$3 \mathbf{3}$. Natural, long strong suit, game forcing
4. Gerber

4- Idle
4- Natural, termina
4. Natural terminal
Unusual NT: minors $\quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits $\quad \boxtimes$
other



## OTHER NOTES

Inverted minors do not apply in competition.
Jump raises in a major to the 3-level are pre-emptive in competition.
After 4NT invitational if accept bid a good 4-card suit at the 5-level, 5-card suit at the 6-level 4NT over any NT is invitational.

In most circumstances 4 of a major is to play
RKCB 1430, agreed suit = last bid suit if not previously agreed

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| 4NT: | Blackwood $\quad \boxtimes$ | RKCB $\quad \boxtimes$ | other |  |  |
| 4. | Gerber $\quad \square$ when? |  |  |  |  |

Other Conventions

Good/bad 2NT in competition
Reverse Lebensohl
Fit showing jumps in
competition and by passed hand
Splinters
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Many low level take-out doubles
2 puppet to $2 \leqslant$ after 1NT rebid 2 - artificial GF after 1NT rebid Leaping Michaels

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* 12 17-20 bal or 11+, 4+ 2 weak, both majors
* 1 11-13 bal or 11+, $4+$ Optimal 2's over strong 1 \& 1NT 14-16
(1M) 3 other Major \& 5+


## COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through $4 \vee$ Responsive doubles through $4 \downarrow$ Jump overcalls various Unusual NT Lower unbid suits 1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 11-14
Immed cue of minor Michaels
Immed cue of major 5 other Major \& $5+\left(3=5\right.$ other Major \& 5+ $\left.{ }^{+}\right)$
Over opponent's 1NT (weak) Canape transfers, DONT by passed hand Over opponent's 1NT (strong) Canape transfers, DONT by passed hand
Over weak twos
Over opening threes X for takeout, Michaels, Leaping Michaels X for takeout, Michaels

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning

| 14 | 1 <br> 1 $1 /$ <br> 1NT <br> 2. <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 24 | $\begin{aligned} & 0+\text { hcp, } 4+ \\ & 0+\text { hcp, } 4+\uparrow / \end{aligned}$ <br> 9-11 hcp, denies major 6-9 hcp, 4+ artificial GF raise in weak, 0-5 hcp, 6+ weak, 0-5 hcp, 6+ | 2NT <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3. <br> 3NT <br> 4 bids | $12-15$ or $18+$ bal preemptive splinter splinter splinter 16-17, flat preemptive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 $/ 4$ 1NT 2 2 2 2 2 2NT | 5+hcp, 4+ $\downarrow /$ 5-12 hcp, denies major game forcing, 5+(4) 5+ $\downarrow$, game forcing weak, 0-5 hcp, 6+ weak, 0-5 hcp, 6+ $13-15$ or $18+$ bal | 3. <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3NT <br> 4* <br> 4 Other | natural NF <br> $6+$, invitational <br> preemptive <br> preemptive <br> 16-17 flat <br> preemptive <br> splinter, $\downarrow$ preempt |
| $1 v / s$ | 1NT <br> 2. <br> 2 <br> $2 \mathrm{~V} /$ <br> 2NT | 5-12 hcp, semi forcing game forcing, 4+ game forcing, 4+ 6-9 hcp, $3+$ -$13-15$ or $18+$ bal | 3. <br> 3. <br> $3 v / 4$ <br> 3NT <br> 4 | art. GF raise in $\vee /$ 4+ support, 8 losers preemptive raise 16-17 flat, <4 card supp. splinters (1 4『 splinter) |
| 2 | other | denies KQxxx or bette 2NT=minors, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ one | $v / \underline{1}$ | Qxxx or better <br> 3NT=solid suit |
| 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \varphi \\ & 2 \varphi \\ & 2 N T \end{aligned}$ | to play <br> to play <br> game interest relay | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \mathbf{N} / 4 \\ & 3 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{s} \\ & 3 \mathrm{NT} \end{aligned}$ | natural, non forcing invitational to play |
| $2 \boldsymbol{L}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{NT} \\ & 3 \mathbf{N} / \mathrm{s} \end{aligned}$ | negative <br> natural, positive <br> strong raise | 3NT <br> 4) <br> $4-1$ | 9-11, both minors splinter <br> to play |
| $2 \mathrm{NT}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \mathrm{NT} \end{aligned}$ | 5 card Stayman transfer to transfer to both minors to play | 4 <br> 4 <br> 4 <br> 4. <br> other | natural, slam interest natural, slam interest to play <br> to play <br> 4NT quant, 5NT baron |

## Additional responses to 1 NT

3* Natural, slam interest
3v/3 Natural, slam interest
4. Transfer to $\vee$
4. Transfer to $\boldsymbol{~}$

4- To play
4. To play

4NT Blackwood
Unusual NT: minors $\quad \square \quad$ other suits $\quad \square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits $\quad \boxtimes$
other


Defence to 3NT opening Double for takeout
Defence to opening Two's: Multi $2 \uparrow$ Double $=13-15$ balanced or good hand 2NT $=16-18$ balanced
RCO style 2-s Double $=13-15$ balanced or good hand 2NT = 16-18 balanced
Other 2-s $\quad$ Double $=$ takeout if suit bid is natural otherwise Double $=13-15$ bal or good hand, $2 \mathrm{NT}=16-18 \mathrm{bal}$
Defence to strong $\boldsymbol{*} \quad$ Double $=$ good hand, 1NT $=$, optimal 2's, 1 level bids natural, obstructive

## Lebensoh

 Over NT interference reverseOther uses Over weak 2s (or equivalent); after 1M P 2M X
Take out of 4 level pre-empts
4* Double
$4 \vee$ Double $\quad 4$ 4NT, double = values

## OTHER NOTES

$1 \star$ can be 2 cards when 11-13 balanced
$1 \vee-2 \uparrow$, $1 \uparrow-3 \vee 4+$ card support, $13-15$, balanced
One level responses to $1 \$$ may be $<6$ hcp when short in
Specific Michaels: cue=other major $+\boldsymbol{*}=$ other major $+*$
Leaping Michaels over 1M and weak 2M
Weak jump overcalls at 3 level (not 3\$), Intermediate at 2 level

