

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

| 13 | 1 | $5+\mathrm{pts}, 4+$ | 2NT | Natural and Invitational |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 17/4 | $5+\mathrm{pts}, 4+\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{s}$ | 36 | preemptive raise |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 pts, no 4 card major | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 20 | 10-12 pts, support | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 2 | 7-9 pts, support | 3 | Splinter |
|  | 24 | Weak | 3NT | 13-15 bal, no major |
|  | 21 | Weak | 4 bids | 4e = keycard |
| 1 | 19/4 | $5+\mathrm{pts}, 4+\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{s}$ | 34 | 7-9 pts, support |
|  | 1NT | 6-9 pts, no 4 card major | 3 | preemptive raise |
|  | 20 | 10+ pts, $5+$ | 37 | Splinter |
|  | 2* | 10-12 pts, support | 31 | Splinter |
|  | $2{ }^{*}$ | Weak | 3NT | 13-15 bal, no major |
|  | 24 | Weak | 4 | Minor suit keycard |
|  | 2NT | Natural and Invitational | 4 Other | - $=$ Splinter |


| 1\%/4 | 1 NT | $6-9 \mathrm{pts}$, no support | 3 | mini splinter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 20 | 10+ pts, $5+$ | 3 | mini splinter |
|  | 2) | $10+\mathrm{pts}, 5+$ | 3\%/4 | 10-12 pts, 3 card support |
|  | 29/5 | 6-9 pts, 3 card support | 3NT | To Play |
|  | 2NT | 10-12, 4 card support | 49/4 | Minor suit keycard |
| 20 | 2 | Kokish Relay | 2\%/\$ |  |
|  | other |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | Ogust | 3\%/4 | 3 = invitational |
|  | 21 | $10+\mathrm{pts}, 5+$ | 3\%/4. | 37 to play |
|  | 2NT | To Play | 3NT | To play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | Shape enquiry | 3NT | to play |
|  | 3/4 | Natural, non forcing | 49/4 | Invitational |
|  | 39/4 | Invitational | $4 \bigcirc / 4$ | To Play |
| 2NT | 3 | Muppet Stayman* | 43 | Gerber |
|  | 3 | transfer to ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 4 | Minor suit keycard |
|  | 37 | transfer to 4 | 4 | Control |
|  | 34 | transfer to e | 4. | Control |
|  | 3NT | to play | other |  |

CONVENTIONS

## Additional responses to $1 \mathbf{N T}$

$3 * 3 *=$ transfer to $* ; 3\rangle=$ slamtry in $\downarrow$
3ツ/3¢ Natural, slamtry
4* Gerber
4 Minor Suit Key Card
4 7 To Play
4. To Play

## Unusual NT: minors $\square \quad$ other suits $\square$

lower 2 unbid suits
other If over minor, is other minor and a major

| Other slam bidding | Cue Bids ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Asking Bids $\square$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4th Suit Forcing | One round |  | Game force |
| NT Checkback $\square^{\prime}$ | Priorities Majors |  |  |
| Defence to 3NT opening | $X=$ penalties |  |  |
| Defence to opening Two' | s: Multi $2 \downarrow$ X $=16+$, res | atural |  |


| RCO style 2-s | $x=16+$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Other 2-s |  |
| Defence to strong | Natural |
| Lebensohl | Over NT interferenc $\ddagger$ |
| Other uses |  |
| Take out of 4 level pre-empts | empts $\quad 40 / 4\rangle$ penalties |
| 4V | $X=$ penalties 4i $\mathrm{X}=$ penalties |

## OTHER NOTES

*Modified Puppet Stayman




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| 19 | 1 | $4+$ | 2NT | 14-16 pts balanced |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19/4 | $1 \checkmark=4+$, 1 1 = ** | 30 | preemptive |
|  | 1NT | 7-11 pts, no M, bal or | 3 | splinter |
|  | 23 | 7-11 pts, no M, 5+e | 37 | splinter |
|  | 2 | (11)12-16 pts, 4+ | 34 | splinter |
|  | 24 | weak | 3NT | non systemtic |
|  | 2. | weak | 4 bids | RCKB/ exclusion RKCB |
| 1 | 19/4 | natural, 5+pts | 3 | 7-10 pts, 4+ |
|  | 1NT | natural, 5-9 pts | 3 | preemptive |
|  | 20 | natural, 10+pts | 37 | splinter |
|  | 2 | Inverted raise | 34 | splinter |
|  | 2 | Fit showing, 10+ | 3NT | 13-15 bal no 4M |
|  | 2. | Fit showing, 10+ | 4* | preemptive |
|  | 2NT | 10-12 bal no 4M | 4 Other | splinter / exclusion RKCB |
| 19/4 | 1NT | 5-9 pts, no support | 3 | various raises |
|  | 2 | natural, 10+pts | 3 | various raises |
|  | 2) | natural, 10+pts | 3\%/4 | preemptive |
|  | 2\%/4 | natural; 1V-2 = misc splinter | 3NT | various raises |
|  | 2NT | various raises | 40/1 | voids, min GF |
| 26 | 2 | waiting | 2\%/4 | 6+M, no A, no outside K |
|  | other | $2 \mathrm{NT}=7-10$ loser, 3 suited |  |  |
| 2 | 24 | Natural Invite | 3/4 | Natural, non-forcing |
|  | 24 | Natural Invite | 3V/4 | Natural, game forcing |
|  | 2NT | Enquiry | 3 NT | To play |
| 2\%/4 | 2NT | Strong Enquiry | 3NT | To play |
|  | 3\%/4 | Natural, non-forcing | 49/1 |  |
|  | 3\%/4 | Natural, non-forcing | 4Y/ | To play |
| 2NT | 34 | Modified Puppet Stayman | 45 |  |
|  | 3 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ | 4* |  |
|  | $3{ }^{4}$ | Transfer to ${ }^{\text {s }}$ | 4 |  |
|  | 31 | Minor suit stayman | 4 |  |
|  | 3NT | To play | other |  |

## Additional responses to $\mathbf{1 N}$

| 3\%/3 | To Play |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3\%/34 | To Play |
| 4 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ |
| 4 | Transfer to $\boldsymbol{4}$ |
| 4 | To Play |
| 42 | To Play |

Unusual NT: minors $\square \quad$ other suits $\square \quad$ lower 2 unbid suits
other (1m) - 2NT = strong 2-suiter anchored in the non-touching suit


## Defence to strong ${ }^{\text {s }}$

Lebensohl Over NT interference Rubensohl

Other uses Lebensohl over t/o dbls of weak 2 s

## Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4

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## OTHER NOTES

** 1\$ - 1s = 4-6/12-13/17+ no M OR 12+ primary

The responses to the left do not apply after 3rd seat openings.
See accompanying notes.

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$1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ seat openings and responses are described by the system card and its interior. Note that in $1^{\mathrm{st}} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ seat we play a mini NT opening and that in response to $1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ seat 1 C openings we play transfers at the 1 -level. See below for a summary of our $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat system and overleaf for a description of our overcall structure when the opponents open 1-minor.

## $3^{\text {rd }}$ Seat Openings

$1 \mathrm{C}=16+$ any.
$1 \mathrm{D} / \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=4$ (normally exactly 4 ) card good holding, lead directing, promises a $5(+)$ card side suit.
$1 \mathrm{NT}=$ Wide ranging $9-15 \mathrm{HCP}$, choice of whether to open is highly vul dependant, may be significantly off shape (but generally no void, no 6card major, not 10 -cards between two suits)
NB: hands with 4 clubs of any quality and (weak) 5 card side suits are constrained by system to open 1NT if they wish to open and aren't good enough to open 2 of their side suit. Other $5 / 4$ hands in which both suits are weak are similarly required to open 1 NT , if anything.
2 -suit $=$ Reasonable quality $5+$-card suits, unbalanced, $8-15$, vul dependant.
$2 \mathrm{NT}=5+/ 5+$ minors.

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Responses to \(3^{\text {rd }}\) seat 1 C :
    \(1 \mathrm{D}=0-6\)
\(1 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}=\) other major, 7-9
1NT = clubs, 7-9
    \(2 \mathrm{C}=\) diamonds, \(7-9\)
    \(2 \mathrm{D}=\) weak 2 in hearts
    \(2 \mathrm{H}=\) very weak 2 in hearts
    \(2 \mathrm{~S}=\) very weak 2 in spades
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## Responses to $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat $1 \mathrm{D} / 1 \mathrm{H} / 1 \mathrm{~S}$ bids:

1NT shows a good hand, 7-9, without support for the suit opened. 2NT shows a good hand with support for the suit opened. Diamond raises are preemptive. Other bids are correctable to opener's five card suit.

Responses to $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat $2 \mathrm{C} / 2 \mathrm{D} / 2 \mathrm{H} / 2 \mathrm{~S}$ bids:
2NT shows a good raise. New suits are natural and nonforcing. Raises are preemptive.

## Over an Opponent's natural 1-minor opening

In this situation we play a very aggressive 4-card overcalling style that has no suit-quality requirements. Additionally, we use 1 NT as a take out bid that can also be very weak. X is used to show $15+$ HCP, and does not promise a take out shape. The cuebid and first two jump shifts show specific 2 -suiters; other jumps are natural and weak. The full structure is:
( $\mathrm{m}=$ minor opened by the opponents, $\mathrm{om}=$ other minor )
After 1m by an opponent:
$\mathrm{X}=15+\mathrm{HCP}$.
1 -suit $=4+$ cards, $6-14 \mathrm{HCP}$, might be a bad suit, will never be a 4333 shape. Overcalls also deny the ability to make a 1 NT for take out bid.
$1 \mathrm{NT}=6-14 \mathrm{HCP}$, take out of m , promising at least 4 cards in om, 3 cards in each major and at most 2 cards in $m$.
(1D)-2C $=$ 'Normal' overcall: reasonable 5-card suit, $10-14$ HCP.
$2 \mathrm{~m}=5+$ om, $4+$ in the touching major, $0-2$ in other major, $6+\mathrm{HCP}$.
$(1 \mathrm{C})-2 \mathrm{D}=5+\mathrm{D}, 4+\mathrm{H}, 0-2 \mathrm{~S}, 6-14 \mathrm{HCP}$.
$2 \mathrm{H}=5+\mathrm{H}, 4+\mathrm{S}, 6-14 \mathrm{HCP}$.
(1D)-2S $=4+\mathrm{S}, 5+\mathrm{C}, 0-2 \mathrm{H}, 6-14 \mathrm{HCP}$.
$2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Strong 2 -suiter with $5+$ in non-touching suit to m and $5+$ in another suit.
Other jumps: Weak/preemptive.
After our 1-suit overcall over 1 m by an opponent:
If the next opponent passes, we use 1NT through to 2 of the suit below ours as transfers, where a transfer to m shows a good hand without support and a transfer to om shows either $5+$ om or a medium strength 3 -card raise. A transfer to our suit shows a good 4 -card raise, bidding our suit shows a bad 4 -card raise, 2 NT shows a really good 4 -card raise. Jumps are $6 / 3$ fit showing jumps. If the next opponent bids or Xs, we play support Xs and XXs, 2NT shows a good 4-card raise and jumps are $6 / 3$ fit showing jumps.

NB over 1-major openings by the opponents our overcalling style is fairly standard.

