#### 4. BASIC RESPONSES Jump raises - minors pre-emptive Jump raises - Majors pre-emptive 1C = transfers; 1D = weak natural (majors) or limit raise (clubs) Jump shifts after minor opening minor = bergin raise; major = 3 card limit raise Jump shifts after Major opening Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2D= 0-3 or 10+ any; 2H= 4-6 any; other= 7-9 transfers Responses to 2NT opening 3C= Puppet Stayman; 3D/3H= transfers; 3S= minor suit Stayman 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS **Show priorities** Versus Suit Versus **NoTrump** (if different) (or both) Sequences: Overlead all Leads Four or more with an honour 4th highest 2nd highest From 4 small MUD From 3 cards (no honour) In partner's suit as above Discards natural count Count natural count **Signal** on partner's lead: natural count Signal on declarer's lead: natural count Notes Occasional suit preference usually when count is known 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4NT: Blackwood X **RKCB 1430** 4♣ Gerber when? Slam Notes Minorwood (1430) Cue Bids X May be either 1st or 2nd round control Asking Bids 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS Drury after 3rd or 4th seat major opening Lebensohl Leaping Michaels Blackout over reverse at 2 level D0P1; R0P1 Cue raises Swine if our 1NT is doubled for penalty www.abf.com.au PDF Form Rev. 17D23 by RoL MyRev. Copyright © ABF 2017



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#### STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

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| Basic System:                                                                         |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| Brown Sticker                                                                         | CI                                         | assificati | on: Green       | X                         | Blue                                   |                   | Red             | Yellow      |  |
|                                                                                       | 1. OPENING BIDS                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| Describe stren                                                                        | gth, minimu                                | ım length, | or specific r   | meaning                   |                                        |                   |                 | Canape      |  |
| 14 11+; 2+ 0                                                                          |                                            |            | 1♥ 1            | 1♥ 11+; 5+ hearts         |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| 1 1+; 4+                                                                              | diamonds                                   |            |                 | 1 1                       | 1♠ 11+; 5+ spades                      |                   |                 |             |  |
| <b>1NT</b> 15 - 17                                                                    |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   | may contain 5 c | ard Major 🗶 |  |
| 1NT Responses                                                                         | 2♣ Sim                                     | ple Stayı  | man             |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| 2♦ trans                                                                              |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   | range probe     |             |  |
| 2♥ trans                                                                              | fer to spad                                | les        |                 | 2NT                       | Puppet Stayman                         |                   |                 |             |  |
| other 3C =                                                                            | transfer to                                | diamon     | ds              |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| 2♣ Strong; 2                                                                          | 2+ balanc                                  | ed or nea  | ar game foi     | rce or be                 | etter                                  |                   |                 |             |  |
| 2 4 - 7; 6 h                                                                          | earts or 6                                 | spades     |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| 2 8 - 11; 6                                                                           | hearts                                     |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| 2 8 - 11; 6                                                                           | spades                                     |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| <b>2NT</b> 20 - 21;                                                                   | balanced                                   | or semi-l  | oalanced        | 3NT                       | Gamblin                                | ng (no r          | more than (     | Q outside)  |  |
| other                                                                                 |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
|                                                                                       |                                            |            | 2. PRE          | -ALE                      | RTS                                    |                   |                 |             |  |
| Transfers re                                                                          | sponses ov                                 | ver 1C     |                 | 2D weak with either major |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
|                                                                                       |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
|                                                                                       |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
|                                                                                       | 3.                                         | . COMF     | PETITIVE        | BIDS                      | OVEF                                   | RCAL              | LS              |             |  |
| Negative doubles t                                                                    | hrough                                     | 4H J       | ump overcalls   | 4H                        |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
| Responsive double                                                                     | Responsive doubles through 4H Unusual NT L |            |                 |                           |                                        | Lower unbid suits |                 |             |  |
| 1NT overcall - imm                                                                    | ediate 15                                  | - 18       | lm              | mediate cue               | e of minor                             | both n            | najors          |             |  |
| 1NT overcall - re-opening 15 - 18 Imme                                                |                                            |            |                 | mediate cue               | diate cue of Major other major + minor |                   |                 |             |  |
| Over weak twos $X = $ take out $O$                                                    |                                            |            |                 |                           | ver opening threes $X = takeout$       |                   |                 |             |  |
| Over opponent's 1NT 2C = both majors; 2D = either major; 2H/2S = that major + a minor |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
|                                                                                       |                                            |            |                 |                           |                                        |                   |                 |             |  |
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### 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

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|----------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1♣ 1♦          | 5+; 4+ hearts          | 2          | 4 - 7; 6 hearts                  | 3◆         | GF splinter raise      |
| 1♥             | 5+ 4+ spades           | 2          | 4 - 7; 6 spades                  | 3 <b>Y</b> | GF splinter raise      |
| 1♠             | 5+; 4+ diamonds        | 2♠         | 10 - 11; raise                   | 3♠         | GF splinter raise      |
| 1NT            | 6 - 10                 | 2NT        | slam try raise                   | 3NT        | to play                |
| 2♣             | 5 - 9; raise           | 3♣         | pre-emptive raise                | 4♣         | Minorwood              |
| other          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |
| 1♦ 1♥          | 5+; 4+ hearts          | 2 💙        | 4 - 7; 6 hearts                  | 3 💙        | GF splinter raise      |
| 1♠             | 5+; 4+ spades          | 2♠         | 4 - 7; 6 spades                  | 3 <b>♠</b> | GF splinter raise      |
| 1NT            | 6 - 10                 | 2NT        | slam try raise                   | 3NT        | to play                |
| 2♣             | 10+; 4+ clubs          | 3♣         | 10 - 11; raise                   | 4♣         | GF splinter raise      |
| 2              | 5 - 9; raise           | 3          | pre-emptive raise                | 4          | Minorwood              |
| other          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |
| 1♥ 1♠          | 5+; 4+ spades          | 2          | 5 - 9; raise                     | 3 🄷        | 7 - 8; 4 card raise    |
| 1NT            | 6-10                   | 2♠         | 10 - 12; 3 card raise            | 3          | pre-emptive raise      |
| 2♣             | 10+; 4+ clubs          | 2NT        | slam try raise                   | 3♠         | unspecified splinter   |
| 2              | 10+; 4+ diamonds       | 3♣         | 9 - 12; 4 card raise             | 3NT        | GF balanced raise      |
| other          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |
| 1 <b>♠</b> 1NT | 6 - 10                 | 2          | 5 - 9; raise                     | 3          | 10 - 12; 3 card raise  |
| 2♣             | 10+; 4+ clubs          | 2NT        | slam try raise                   | 3♠         | pre-emptive raise      |
| 2              | 10+; 4+ diamonds       | 3♣         | 9 - 12; 4 card raise             | 3NT        | unspecified splinter   |
| 2♥             | 10+; 5+ hearts         | 3          | 7 - 8; 4 card raise              | 4♣         | GF balanced raise      |
| other          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |
| 1NT 3♣         | transfer to diamonds   | 3 <b>♠</b> | natural; slam interest           | 4          | GF; 6+ spades          |
| 3◆             | natural; slam interest |            | to play                          | 4          | to play                |
| 3♥             | natural; slam interest | 4♣         | GF; 6+ hearts                    | 4          | to play                |
| other          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |
| 2♣ 2♦          | 0 - 3; any OR 10+ any  | 2NT        | 7 - 9; 5+ clubs                  | 3 💙        | 7 - 9; 5+ spades       |
|                | 4 - 6; any             |            | 7 - 9; 5+ diamonds               |            | 7 -9; spades + hearts  |
| 2♠             | 7 - 9; balancedish     | 3          | 7 - 9; 5+ hearts                 |            | 7 - 9; diamonds +clubs |
| other          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |
| 2♦ 2♥          | pass or correct        | 3 <b>♣</b> | natural; forcing                 | 3          | pass or correct        |
|                | pass or correct        |            | natural; forcing                 |            | to play                |
| _              | enquiry (3C/3D=better) |            | pass or correct                  | 4♣         |                        |
| other          | ,                      |            |                                  | -          |                        |
| Notes          |                        |            |                                  |            |                        |

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| 2♥ 2♠                                            | natural; forcing     | 3◆         | natural; forcing   | 3NT      | to play          |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| 2NT                                              | Enquiry for strength | 3♥         | to play            |          | splinter raise   |  |
| 3♣                                               | natural; forcing     | 3♠         | splinter raise     | <b>4</b> | to play          |  |
| other                                            |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| 2 <b>♠</b> 2NT                                   | Enquiry for strength | 3 <b>Y</b> | natural; forcing   | 4♣       | splinter raise   |  |
| 3♣                                               | natural; forcing     | 3♠         | to play            | <b>4</b> | splinter raise   |  |
| 3◆                                               | natural; forcing     | 3NT        | to play            | 4        | to play          |  |
| other                                            |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| 2NT 3♣                                           | Puppet Stayman       | 3♠         | Minor suit Stayman | 4        | natural; forcing |  |
| 3◆                                               | transfer to hearts   | 3NT        | to play            | <b>4</b> | to play          |  |
| 3♥                                               | transfer to spades   | 4♣         | natural; forcing   | 4        | to play          |  |
| other                                            | er                   |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| 9. CONVENTIONS                                   |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| Unusual NT: for lower unbid suits (any strength) |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| 4th Suit Forcing One round Game force X          |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| NT Checkback Priorities:                         |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |
| Defence to 2NT exercise $AC/AD$ – both majors    |                      |            |                    |          |                  |  |

| Unusual N                                         | IT: for lower                                              | unbid suits (any strength)      |              |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 4th Suit F                                        | orcing 0                                                   | ne round                        | Game force X |  |  |  |  |  |
| NT Check                                          | back                                                       | Priorities:                     |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Defence to 3NT opening</b> 4C/4D = both majors |                                                            |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defence t                                         | o Opening Tw                                               | X = takeout (with 1-2-3 double) | oles)        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Multi 2                                           | Multi 2♦ 1-2-3 doubles                                     |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| RCO style                                         | RCO style 2-s 1-2-3 doubles                                |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other 2-s                                         | Other 2-s X=takeout with Lebensohl; cue= strong two suiter |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defence                                           | (1♣) : X = ma                                              | ijors; NT = minors              |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| to                                                |                                                            |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| strong                                            | (2♣):                                                      |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14/24                                             |                                                            |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over 1NT Interference Lebensohl                   |                                                            |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                   |                                                            |                                 |              |  |  |  |  |  |

**Lebensohl - other uses** over their weak two and our X

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ X

4♥ X 4NT (X= cards)

## **10. OTHER NOTES**

XYZ = after we make 3 bids at the 1 level, 2C = artificial transfer to 2D (to play or start an invitational sequence) and 2D = artificial GF).

Our splinter bids are based on having at least 5 Control Points (5 key cards each = 2 CPs and outside Kings and trump Q each = 1 CP).

Sequence: 1C P 1D P 1H P 1S = not forcing

1Major P 1NT P 2C= Gazilli style enquiry showing at least reversing values

1Major P 2Major P 2NT = unspecified trial bid showing game interest