



DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS		
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE		
Natural Overcalls - we use Bergen responses after our 1H/S overcalls	Suit	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
We also use many transfers at low levels over opponents' overcalls	NT	Attitude	Attitude	Category: GREEN
	Subseq	Low from strength	Low from strength	Country: AUSTRALIA
	Other:	A and Q ask for reverse attitude; K ask for Reverse Count		Event:
		9 leads are either top from 1 or two cards, or from Q109(x..)		Players: Andy Braithwaite and Bill Haughie
		Signals: Rev Cnt v Suit; Rev att v NT;		SYSTEM SUMMARY
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		1st discard: Odd encourage, even SP		GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
15-18 balanced	LEADS		STANDARD	
	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	Transfer Responses to 1♣ opening
	Ace	Asks for Reverse Attitude	Asks for Reverse Attitude	Transfers over low level competition
	King	Asks for Reverse Count	Asks for Reverse Count	5 card majors, 15-17(18) No Trump
	Queen	Asks for Reverse Attitude	Asks for Reverse Attitude	2♥ and 2♠ weak 5 card suit and 4+ minor suit, 6-10 hcp,
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)	Jack	J10(x)+; KJ10(x)+; J(x)	AJ10(x)+; KJ10(x)+; J10(x)+	2♦ weak 6+♥ or ♠ 6-10 hcp, OR 22-23 balanced
1-Suit: JOC are weak NV, intermediate Vul	10	10(x); 109(x)+; K109(x)+	10(x); 109(x)+; A109(x)+; K109(x)+	2♣ Strong, GF anything or 9 playing tricks 1 or 2 suited; or 24+ bal
2-Suit: Michaels and Leaping Michaels	9	9(x); Q109(x)+	9(x); Q109(x)+	1NT Openings: 15-17(18)
Reopen: Opening hand, 6 card suit.	Hi-x	1sts, 3rds, 5ths	Attitude, higher = poor suit	2 OVER 1 Responses: Forcing to 2NT from unpassed hand
	Lo-x	1sts, 3rds, 5ths	Attitude, lower = better suit	SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)	SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			2♦/♥/♠ openings
Michaels: Over ♣/♦, shows ♥ & ♠, 5+/5+		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Over ♥/♠ shows other Major plus minor, 5+/5+	Suit:1st	Reverse Count	Reverse Count	♣ First discard:-
Jump cue to 3 level is stopper ask, to 4 level is Leaping Michaels	2nd	SP	SP	♠ Odd = encouraging
When opp. have bid 2 suits, cues and 2NT show dist in other 2 suits	3rd			♠ Even = SP
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)	NT: 1st	Reverse Attitude	Reverse Count	♠ later discards:-
2♣: ♥ and another 5+/4+ either way	2nd	SP	SP	♠ Reverse Count
2♦: ♠ + minor 5+/4+ either way	3rd			
2NT: 5-5 minors	Signals (including Trumps): Suit Preference; Reverse Smith Echo v NT			
Others natural				
	DOUBLES			
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)	TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Leaping Michaels	Doubles are usually Takeout or Points except after preemptive openings			
Double for T.O.	Low level doubles over interference are usually Transfers			
	We play Support doubles and redoubles at low levels			SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS	SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES			
Vs: Strong 1♣ or 2♣: Dble = ♣+♥; NT=♦+♠; others that suit and next highest; WJO	Support Doubles and Redoubles at 1 and 2 level			
	Negative doubles by responder only when overcall is 3♦ or higher			IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
	Responsive doubles through 4♥			When our bidding starts 1X:1Y; 1Z both 2♣ and 2♦ are artificial
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE				
Transfers at low level				
				Psychics:

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS							
Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thr	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand
1♣		2	4♥	Natural 3+	Transfers at 1 level; 1♦=4+♥; 1♥=4+♠; 1♠=4+♦ Inverted Minor raises	Opener usually accepts ♥/♠ transfer with 3+	Same
1♦		4	4♥	Natural	Natural, inverted Minor raises;	Natural	
1♥		5	4♥	Natural	Specialised Bergen raises		
1♠		5	4♥	Natural	Specialised Bergen raises		
1NT			4♥	15-17(18), may contain any 5 card suit	2♣=5card Stay; 2♦/♥/♠/NT ftrs; 3 suit =shtge suit above		
2♣			4♥	GF or strong 2 suited or 9PT in ♥/♠	2♦= weak or waiting; other bids = positive 5+ suit		
2♦				Weak 6+♥/♠ 6-10hcp OR 22-23 bal	2/3/4♥=P/C; 2NT= enquiry; others NAT NF	Over 2NT, 3♣/♦ weak tied major, 3♥/♠ Strong OTHER major	
2♥				Weak 5♥ and 4+ minor, 6-10hcp	2NT enquiry; others NAT NF	3♣/♦ = weak, 3♥/♠ stronger with tied minor	
2♠				Weak 5♠ and 4+ minor, 6-10hcp	2NT enquiry; others NAT NF	3♣/♦ = weak, 3♥/♠ stronger with tied minor	
2NT				20-21 Balanced	3♣=Puppet Stayman; 3♦/♥=tfrs; 3S minors 5+/4+		
3♣		6		Preemptive	3 of a new suit is forcing; 5 level=EKCB		
3♦		6		Preemptive	3 of a new suit is forcing; 5 level = EKCB		
3♥		7		Preemptive	3♠ forcing; 5 level = EKCB		
3♠		7		Preemptive	Natural forcing; 5 level = EKCB		
3NT				Good minor preempt, incl Ace			
4♣		0		5♠ and 6+♥ 9 -13 hcp	5 minor asks about losers		
4♦		0		6+♠ and 5+♥ 9 -13	5 minor asks about losers		
4♥		6			4♠ is to play; 5 level bids are control asks in that suit		
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4NT				Specific Ace ask			
5♣				Nat			
5♦				Nat			
5♥				Nat			
5♠				Nat			
5NT							
HIGH LEVEL BIDDING							
RKCB							
Cue bidding, 1st and 2nd round controls							
Exclusion KCB							
After Major suit agreement at 3 level, 3NT is a pivot bid							