## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

## Jump raises - minors Pre-empt, unless Passed hand when LIMIT RAISE

## Jump raises - Majors Pre-empt

Jump shifts after minor opening Weak, (0) 3-7 HCP, unless Passed hand when fit showing jumps Jump shifts after Major opening Bergen, except 1H-2S = weak jump, 1S - 3H = invite (good Hs)
Responses to strong 2 suit open. 2D = weak or waiting (Kokish), else natural except 2NT
Responses to 2NT opening $\quad 3 \mathrm{C}=$ Muppet, $3 \mathrm{~S}=$ transfer to 3 NT to show minor slam tries

|  | 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS |  | Show priorities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Versus Suit (or both) | Versus | NoTrump |
| (if different) |  |  |  |

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood $\mathbf{X}$ RKCB YES 4\% Gerber $\square$ when?
Slam Notes 03-14 if minor, 14-30 if Major. 1NT/2NT - 4S = Ace ask
Cue Bids X 1st/2nd round controls
Asking Bids

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Drury - 2C over 1M, by passed hand Fourth suit = game forcing (1S = natural)
Fit showing jumps in comp or passed hand
2-way Checkback after opener's 1NT rebid Splinters
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Blackout after Reverse: lower 4th suit/2NT Lebensohl
Support X and XX (not mandatory)
Transfers after opponents open Multi 2D
Transfers after 1 M X (opening or overcall)
Long suit game tries
1NT X (penalty): XX = single suited, bid = lower 2 suits 1NT X (artificial): system ON

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## BARBARA TRAVIS

CANDICE GINSBERG
Basic System: 5 CARD MAJORS, 2 OVER 1 GAME FORCING
Brown Sticker $\square$ Classification: Green $\quad \mathbf{X}$ Blue $\square \quad$ Red $\square$ Yellow $\square$

## 1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning
Canape
1\% 3+ cards
1 1. 5+ cards
1 3+ cards
14 5+ cards

1NT 1st/2nd seat: $14+$ to 17 - HCP; 3rd/4th seat: 15-17 HCP may contain 5 card Major $\mathbf{X}$

## 1NT Responses 2\& Stayman/Smolen

2 Hearts
24 Range ask or clubs (2NT = min)
$2 \downarrow$ Spades
2NT Diamonds
other $3 \mathrm{C}=$ Muppet, $3 \mathrm{D}=$ minors, $3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{GF}$ splinter
2\% (Almost) Game force or 22+ HCP bal/semi-bal
2 1st/2nd hand: (0) 6 card Major, (0) 3-7 HCP )
2. 1st/2nd/3rd hand: 6 cards, $8-11 \mathrm{HCP} \quad$ ) 4th hand: 6 cards, $9-12 / 13 \mathrm{HCP}$

24 1st/2nd/3rd hand: 6 cards, $8-11 \mathrm{HCP}$ )
2NT (19) 20-21 HCP bal/semi-bal 3NT Gambling
other

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

| $* * *$ Intermediate jumps to $3-$ minor *** | Transfers after 1 MX (opening or overcall) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2D opening bid | Transfers after opener's 2NT jump rebid |
| Fit showing jumps in competition or passed | Transfers after opponents open Multi 2D |

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through $\quad 4 \mathrm{H}$ Jump overcalls Weak, except jumps to 3-minor $=$ intermediat? Responsive doubles through 3 S Unusual NT Lower 2 unbid suits
1NT overcall - immediate $15+$ to 18- HCP Immediate cue of minor $5 / 5+$ in Majors
1NT overcall - re-opening 13-16 HCP Immediate cue of Major 5/5+ other Major + minor

Over weak twos $\quad X=$ takeout, Leap. Michaels Over opening threes $\quad X=$ takeout, Leap Mich v. 3m Over opponent's 1NT v. weak 1NT double = penalty.
v. strong $1 \mathrm{NT}(14+)$ double $=4 \mathrm{M}+$ longer minor $2 \mathrm{C}=$ Majors; $2 \mathrm{D}=1$ Major;
$2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}+4+$ minor; $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ pre-empt in one minor $(3 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{c}) ; 3 \mathrm{~m}=$ intermediate

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 10\% 1 | 4+ cards, F | 2 | 10+ HCP, clubs, F | 3 | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4+ cards, F | $2 \boldsymbol{}$ | ~3-7 HCP, 6+ cards | 30 | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
| 14 | 4+ cards, F | 24 | ~3-7 HCP, 6+ cards | 34 | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
| 1NT | 6-11 HCP, NF | 2NT | GF clubs, slam int | 3NT | 13-15 clubs, no M |
| 29 | 6-9 HCP, NF | 30 | ~3-6 HCP, weak | 46 | pre-emptive |
| other 4 -Major = to play, 4NT = Blackwood |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 \checkmark$ | 4+ cards, F | $2 \downarrow$ | ~3-7 HCP, 6+ cards | 30 | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
| 14 | 4+ cards, F | 24 | ~3-7 HCP, 6+ cards | 34 | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
| 1NT | 6-11 HCP, NF | 2NT | GF raise, slam int | 3NT | 13-15 diamonds, no M |
| 24 | Natural, GF | 30 | 10+ HCP diamonds, F | 4\% | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
| 2 | 6-9 HCP, NF | 3 | ~3-6 HCP, weak | 4 | pre-emptive |
| other 4 -Major = to play, 4NT = Blackwood |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-14 | 4+ cards, F | $2 \downarrow$ | 7-9 HCP, 3 hearts | 3 | 4+ hearts, 10-12 HCP |
| 1NT | 5-11 HCP, NF incl. LR | 24 | ~3-7 HCP, 6+ cards | $3 \downarrow$ | pre-emptive |
| 24 | Natural, GF | 2NT | GF 4+ hearts, no spl | 34 | void splinter: 3NT ask |
| 2 | Natural, GF | $3 \%$ | 4+ hearts, 6-9 HCP | 3NT | spade splinter, 10-13 |
| other 4 -minor = splinter, 10-13 HCP, 4NT = Blackwood | 4-minor = splinter, 10-13 HCP, 4NT = Blackwood |  |  |  |  |
| 14 1NT | 5-11 HCP, NF incl. LR | 24 | 7-9 HCP, 3 spades | 30 | invite hearts HHxxxx+ |
| 24 | Natural, GF | 2NT | GF 4+ sapdes, no spl | 34 | pre-emptive |
| 2 | Natural, GF | 36 | 4+ spades, 6-9 HCP | 3NT | void splinter: 4C asks |
| 2V | Natural, GF | 3 | 4+ spades, 0-12 HCP | $4 \%$ | splinter, 10-13 HCP |
|  | 4D/4H = splinter, 10-13 HCP, 4NT = Blackwood |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 1NT } 3 \& \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ \text { other } \end{gathered}$ | 5 card M ask, Muppet 5/5 minors, slam int GF, splinter in hearts | 34 | GF, splinter in spades | 4 | Hearts (to play/slam) |
|  |  | 3NT | To play | $4 \checkmark$ | Spades (to play/slam) |
|  |  | 4\% | 5/5+ Ms, game/slam | 44 | Ace ask (4NT = 0/1) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 2 | Weak/waiting (Kokish) | 2NT | $6+$ cards, 2 top hon | 39 | 6+ cards (no outside) |
| 2 | 5+ cards, positive | 30 |  | 34 | 6+ cards (no outside) |
| other | 5+ cards, positive | 3 | 6+ cards, 2 top hon | 3NT |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-2v | Pass/correct | 36 | Natural NF | 34 | Natural, F |
| 24 | Pass/correct | 3 | Asks for 3M or D, F | 3NT | To play |
| 2NT | Asks suit/range | $3 \checkmark$ | Natural, F | $4 \%$ | Asks for suit below M |
| other | $4 \mathrm{D}=$ asks for 4M to be | bid |  |  |  |

## Notes

| 2-24 | Natural, F | 3 | Natural, F | 3NT | To play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT | Range/feature ask | 30 | Semi pre-emptive | 4\% | Splinter |
| 3\% | Natural, F | 34 | Splinter | 4 | To play |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 2NT | Range/feature ask | 30 | Natural, F | 4\% | Splinter |
| 3\% | Natural, F | 34 | Semi pre-emptive | 4 | Splinter |
| 3 | Natural, F | 3NT | To play | 4* | To play |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% | Muppet Stayman | 34 | forces 3NT (minor..) | 4 | Hearts (weak/slam) |
| 3 | Hearts | 3NT | To play |  | Spades (weak/slam) |
| $3 \checkmark$ | Spades | 40\% | 5/5 Majors, game only | 4* | Ace ask |
| other | 4NT = Quantitative |  |  |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: Lower 2 unbid suits
4th Suit Forcing One round $\square$ Game force $\mathbf{X}$
NT Checkback $X$ Priorities: Majors first, 2NT = any 4-3-3-3
Defence to 3NT opening $\quad X=$ strong, $4 m=$ Majors, longer in relative Major

## Defence to Opening Twos

Multi $2 \checkmark \quad \mathrm{X}=$ hearts or big/bal, 2NT = natural, others = transfers, $3 \mathrm{M}=$ stopper ask
RCO style 2-s $\quad X=$ strong (3rd double $=$ penalties), 2NT = natural, Leaping Michaels
Other 2-s $\quad X=$ strong (3rd double $=$ penalties), 2NT = natural, Leaping Michaels
Defence 1 (e $\mathrm{X}=$ Majors, $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors, 1 -suit to $2 \mathrm{C}=$ natural, $2 \mathrm{D}=1$ Major,
to $\quad 2 M=5 / 5+M+$ minor
strong $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ Majors, $2 N T=$ minors, $2 D=1$ Major, $2 M=5 / 5+M+$ minor \&
Over 1NT Interference $\quad X=$ takeout, Lebensohl, 4-level = system ON
Lebensohl - other uses after takout doubles at 2-level (2-opening or $1 \times \mathrm{P} 2 \mathrm{xX}$ )
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \boldsymbol{\%} / 4 \leqslant$ X
4- X
4A 4 NT ( $\mathrm{X}=$ general values )
10. OTHER NOTES

1-any - 4NT (first response) = Blackwood (0, 1, 2, 3)

1NT $X=$ penalty: $X X=$ single-suited, Bid = lower of 2 suits, $2 S=$ pre-emptive 1NT $X=$ artificial: system ON, XX = penalty interest (good hand)

