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GENERAL APPROACH

short club with transfers

Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid

VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts

FORCING OPENING: 1♣ 2♣ Natural 2 Bids Other 2♦

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17 3♣ to play _____
_____ to _____ 3♦ 44(1/4) or 44(0/5)
5-card Major common 3♥ 4144 or 404/5
System on over X, 2♣ 3♠ 1444 or 04(4/5)
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl fast *denies)
2♠ INV+ or weak m Neg. Double
2NT GF _____ Other: * transfer lebensohl _____

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ relay to 3NT
(minors) _____
3NT _____ to _____
single major _____

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
1st/2nd
3rd/4th

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter
Other: combined Bergen _____

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: 13 to 16
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 1M - 2♣ = GF, relay
1M-2M, step = game try

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.
1♣
1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
Single raise Other: GF _____
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: 13 to 16
Other xfer response to 1♣ _____

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
Negative thru 4♥
Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru _____ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
transfer response _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8+ to _____ HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
transfer advances _____

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. _____

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
specific kings, KC Gerber (1/4, 0/3, 2min, 2max)

kickback, mini-Gerber after pre-empts

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits	versus Notrump
x x x x(x)x	x x x(x)x(x)
x x(x) x x x x(x)	x x x x(x)x(x)x
(A)(K)x T 9 x	A K J x A Q J x
K Q x K J T x	A J T 9 A T 9 x
Q J x K T 9 x	K Q J x K Q T 9
J T 9 Q T 9 x	Q J T x Q T 9 x
K Q T 9	J T 9 x T 9 x x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
vs. NT: K count, AQJ attitude vs NT
vs. suit: K count, A attitude

Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude Count Suit preference

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. _____
Balancing: 13 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong Weak
2♣ ♣ + major ♥ + ♠
2♦ ♦ + major ♥ OR ♠
2♥ ♥ ♥
2♠ ♠ ♠
Dbl: *relay to 2♣ **15 + hcp
Other *X = ♣, ♦ or ♥ & ♠
** system on

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
Redouble implies no fit

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
Majors
Minors
Other transfers _____

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: _____
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK