DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening) Aggressive at the 1-level. Sound at the 2-level Transfer responses (From Cue) if the next hand passes, doubles, bids 1NT or supports with no unbid M (Transfers from D)

2NT on a 1M overcall: 4+ trumps INV +
Mixed raises/Fit jumps/Splinters (OPP. Suit) Reopenings may be 4-card suit(seldom). On that 2NT=NAT 1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening) 15-17 (on 1 m ) 15-18 (on 1M) in 2. Seat (15-18 in sandwich). 11-14 (on 1m) 12-16 (on 1M) in 4. Seat.
Responses: Stayman+Transfers.

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) 1-suit: Pre-emptive (May be stronger if partner has passed) 2-suit: $2 \mathrm{NT}=5+-5+$ in the two lowest unbid suits
$3 *$ on $1 \star=5+-5+$ in $\uparrow+\cdots$. $3 *$ on $1 \mathrm{M}=5+-5+$ in $\bullet+\mathrm{OM}$ Reopen: Good 6-card suit 11-15 HCP

## DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

$1 \mathrm{~m}-2 \mathrm{~m}=5+-5+\mathrm{M}$. Resp.: $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Asks for strength $1 \mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{M}=5+-5+$ in $\boldsymbol{\bullet}+\mathrm{OM}$. Resp.: 2NT= Asks for strength $1 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{M}=$ Asks for stopper for 3NT
$1 \bullet-3 \bullet=5+-5+$ in $\bullet+\boldsymbol{\wedge} .1 \bullet-3 \star=$ NAT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
$2 *=$ Both Majors
2 = One Major
$2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{M}-4+\mathrm{m} \quad 3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{NAT}$ (PRE over strong NT)
$2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Both Minors
$\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{PEN} . \quad \mathrm{D}$ from passed hand $=4 \mathrm{M}-5+\mathrm{m}$

## VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

Take-out doubles. ( 3 m )- $4 \mathrm{~m}=5-5 \mathrm{M}$. ( 2 M ) $-3 \mathrm{M}=$ Both minors $(2 \mathrm{M})-4 \mathrm{~m}=5+-5+$ in $\mathrm{m}+$ OM. $(2 \boldsymbol{v})-4 \boldsymbol{v}=6+\uparrow$ PRE or very strong Vs Multi and other ART openings: $\mathrm{D}=12-16 \mathrm{BAL} / 17+$ any VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2* On strong 1/2 $\boldsymbol{*}$ : $\mathrm{D}=$ Both M . NT=Both m . Applies after $1 *-1 \star$ also

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

On 1M/2*-D: RD= $10+$ HCP PEN interest
After 1M-D we play Transfers from 1NT and $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{GF}$ with fit
 On $2 \boldsymbol{*}-$ D: $2 \wedge=\boldsymbol{\varphi} .2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\boldsymbol{*} .2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Fit, weak or GF. $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ INV

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Lead |  | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit |  | $3^{\text {rd }} /$ even, low/odd. |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} /$ even, low/odd |  |
| NT |  | Attitude |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} /$ even, low/odd unsupp. |  |
| Subseq |  | Attitude +4.th <br> Rusinow through Declarer |  | Same |  |
| Other: On the 5+ level or Vs. PRE we lead K from AK (asks for count) |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lead |  | Vs. Suit |  | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace |  | AKx(+) Ax |  | Same |  |
| King |  | KQ(+) AK Kx |  | Same+AKJ10 AKQx |  |
| Queen |  | QJ(+) Qx |  | Same+AQJ KQ109 KQJx |  |
| Jack |  | J10(+) Jx KJ10(+) |  | Same+AJ10(+) |  |
| 10 |  | 109(+) H109(+) 10x |  | Same |  |
| 9 |  | 9x KJ9 (6.) |  | 9x 98(+) H98(+) |  |
| Hi-X |  | xx. $3^{\text {rd }}$ best from even |  | Sx Sxx SSxx(+) |  |
| Lo-X |  | Low from odd |  | HxxS HxxxS HxS |  |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partner's Lead | Partner's Lead |  | Declarer's Lead |  | Discarding |
| 1 ATT |  |  | Count |  | ATT |
| Suit 2 | Count |  | S/P |  | Count |
| 3 | S/P |  | - $\quad$ S/P |  |  |
| 1 | ATT |  | Smith Peter |  | S/P |
| NT 2 | Count |  | Count |  | Count |
| 3 | S/P |  | S/P |  |  |

Signals (including Trumps): Upside down. Low=ENC. LOW=Even
Smith Peter: Low card= Lead was OK (only NT)
When length shown: odd/even high cards= Suit Pref.

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Normal 10+ with good distribution or 18+ any Responses: Cuebid=F1 Promises rebid. Jump cue after 1m: 4-4 M INV Reopenings may be very light
Equal level conversion. $\mathrm{D}+\star$ on $*$ does not show much extra
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS
Negative through $4 \mathbf{v}$. Strength showing at higher levels
$1 \bullet-(1 \boldsymbol{\bullet})-\mathrm{D}=4 / 5 \boldsymbol{\wedge} \cdot 1 \bullet-(1 \boldsymbol{\bullet})-\mathrm{D}=5+\boldsymbol{\wedge} \mathrm{GF}$
Lightner
Support D/RD after a 1M response(obligatory)
Most low-level doubles are for take-out.
$\mathrm{RD}=2$ fit and values on partners overcall

## CATEGORY: Blue

NCBO: Denmark
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## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Precision. Strong club (16+) 5 card majors
$1 \bullet$ is $2+$. 11-13/12-14 BAL/10-15 unbalanced $4+\star$, maybe longer ${ }^{\circ}$
$2 *$ is $5 *-4 \mathrm{M}$ or $6+* 10-15 \mathrm{HCP}$
$1 \mathrm{NT}=14-16$ 1.2. seat NV. Else 15-17
Often relays after we have forced to game.

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

$2 \star=3$ - suiter short diamonds. 10-15 HCP 4414/4405
$2 \mathrm{NT}=5+-5+$ minors 2-9HCP

Transfer responses to our 1M openings:
1M-2 $\%$ weak with $\bullet$ or any INV with no fit
$1 \bullet-2 \bullet$ and $1 \boldsymbol{\wedge}-2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=\mathrm{INV}$ with 3-card support
$1 \uparrow-2=5+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, signoff or INV

## $1 \bullet-2 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=5+\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4+\boldsymbol{\bullet}$, weak

$1 \star-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ Both minors INV

Transfer responses to our overcalls
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
1\&-(1X)-P= Forcing

## IMPORTANT NOTES

2NT = Better minor-Lebensohl or scrambling in many auctions
On 1NT-D we play transfers from $\mathrm{RD}(*)$.
$1 \bullet-(1 \vee)-2 \bullet=6+\boldsymbol{\wedge}$. Lots of TRF after overcalls
PSYCHICS: Seldom


