## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)
1 level: (very) light. Transfers when p overcall 1M and RHO x.
2 level: sound
Cuebids: Good raise with 3 support
Responses 1-level: F1, 2-level: constructive, 3 level $=$ nat FG

1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)
$15-18$ hcp except $4^{\text {th }}$ 11-15. System on.
$\mathrm{xx}=\mathrm{sos}$ after 1nt overcall.

## Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT

Weak / Inter jump overcalls (intermediate when red), 2 NT =
two lowest, $5^{+}-5^{+}$, wide range. ( $1 *$ ) $-2 *=$ MM.
L Michaels, also over 3 M , also $4^{\text {th }}$ seat $\vee /$ opp mm over 3 mm
Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)
Over $\mathrm{m}=$ both M . Wide range
Over $\mathrm{M}=$ other $\mathrm{M}+\boldsymbol{\circ}$. Wide range
(non-)Leaping Michaels ( $5^{+}-5^{+}, \mathrm{FG}$ ) over $2 \mathrm{M} / 3 \mathrm{M}$, all seats
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)
VS strong NT: Dbl = strong (15+), Multi/Landy 2\& = majors, 2 $\bullet=$ one M $5+9-11$ or $5 / 5$ with a minor, $2 \vee / \uparrow=5+12-14$, $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{mm}$ or any GF)
$1 \mathrm{~m}-(1 \mathrm{NT})-2 \boldsymbol{*}=\mathrm{MM}, 1 \mathrm{M}-(1 \mathrm{NT})-2 \star=\mathrm{mm}, 2 *=2+\mathrm{M}, 5+\mathrm{oM}$

## VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

T/O dbl. Cuebid: ASK for stopper
Vs unusual oc: Lower $=$ inv p suit, higher $=$ inv unbid suit, "open" = nat GF

## VS. Artificial Strong Openings

Vs Strong 1/2*: Double $=$ majors, NT $=$ minors, $2 \boldsymbol{*}=\boldsymbol{\&}$
Vs Presicion $1 \star: \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}, 2 \star=$ majors, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors
Vs Multi: $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{t}$ /o of spades (or very strong), $2 \mathrm{NT}=15-18 \mathrm{bal}$, leaping Michaels $-5+$ bid suit $+5+\vee$
Vs 3NT: $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}, 4 \star / \star=$ both majors, better $\vee / \uparrow$

## Over Opponents' take out double

## Rdbl: 10+ HCP

1-over-1 = F1
2-over-1 = NF



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## General Approach and Style

Natural, 5-card majors, better minor
Responses: Nat, but skip diamonds if weak
1NT =15-17 May have 5 card major, 6 card minor, singleton, 5422.

2-over-1 Responses: GF
Multi weak only 2 Major, 2H,S 8-11 6MM

## Special bids that may require defence

$2 \triangleleft$ : Weak Multi (only one major) (0) 3-7 hcp
Very light opening bids if distributional $1^{\mathrm{ST}} \mathrm{G}$ vs. R
Transfer responses if opps double 1 MM for $\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$
Transfer responses over (b) 1MM (X)
Special forcing pass sequences

Important notes that don't fit

## Psychics

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| 1ヵ. |  | 3 | 7H | Could open light if distributional, (11)12+ hcp with balanced hands | $1 \star=$ nat. Denies 4 -card MM unless GF. $2 \star=$ inverted minor, at least invitational, $2 \star=6-9,-\operatorname{supp}, 2 \vee / \wedge=\mathrm{GF}, 6+$ cards, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ nat, inv, $4-5 \cdot 3 *=$ preemptive, $0-5 \mathrm{hcp}, 3 \wedge / \vee / \uparrow=$ void, GF | xyz-NT. $1 \boldsymbol{*}-1 x-3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ very strong. $1 *-2 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ weak unbalanced, $1 \div-2 \div-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both majors stopped, $12-14,3 \mathrm{MM}=$ singleton, $1 *-2 *-2=$ nat rev, $3 \mathrm{NT}=18-19$ bal, $3 \boldsymbol{*}, 1 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \boldsymbol{*}(-3 \boldsymbol{*})-4 \boldsymbol{*}=$ RKCB. | Passed: Inverted minor on. xyz-NT on.. Fit jumps. <br> $1 \mathrm{~m}-(2 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Lebensohl (always) <br> $1 \square-(1 \square)-X=4 \wedge, 1 S=5+$ |
| 1. |  | 3 | 7H |  | Inv minor, $3 \bullet=4+\bullet, 6-9,2 \mathrm{M}=$ GF, double jump shifts $=$ void | Natural, xy-NT, xyz. As above. | As above |
| $1 v$ |  | 5 | 7D | $5+\vee$ Could open light if distributional. 11+ if balanced | $2 / 1=\mathrm{GF}, 2 \vee=3+\vee, 4-6 \mathrm{hp}, 2 \wedge=\mathrm{GF}, 6+$ card suit, $3 \star$ inv $3 \star=$ mixed raise $7-9,3 \bullet=$ weak, $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\bullet, \mathrm{GF}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ undisclosed singleton, $10-12 \mathrm{hp}, 3 \mathrm{nt} 4 \star *=$ void, $4 \wedge=$ To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{BW}, 4$ aces | Long suit trial bids. 1M - 2NT-3NT=18-19 bal. 2NT-3x=nat, not min. 2 NT- $3 x-3 v=$ asks for singleton, $3 / 4 \mathrm{x}=$ singleton, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ start cuebid. $1 \mathrm{x}-1 \mathrm{y}-2 \mathrm{x}-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ forcing with support $\rightarrow 3 *=$ undisclosed singleton, $3 \star=$ medium hand, $3 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{min}$ | $1 \vee-2 \star / \downarrow=3 / 4$ trump drury, $1 \vee-2$ $\mathrm{NT}=$ minors, $5-5.2 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \leftrightarrow=$ mini splinter. If overcall: $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ inv+ Jacoby, cuebid=3-card supp, inv+ |
| 1^ |  | 5 | 7H | As above | $1 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{NF}, 6-11 \mathrm{hcp}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=5-11,3 \star \bullet v=$ inv, mixed, natural, $3 \wedge=$ weak, $2 \mathrm{NT}=4+\wedge$, GF, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ undisclosed singleton, $10-12$ hcp, $4 \boldsymbol{\bullet} \bullet \boldsymbol{v}=$ void | $1 \mathrm{M}-1 \mathrm{NT}-2 \mathrm{NT}=$ art GF, $5+\mathrm{M}$. <br> As above | As above. Transfer responses if opps double $\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$. On also if passed hand. Transfer to $\mathrm{M}=$ good raise. |
| 1NT |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15-17 \\ & (5 \mathrm{M} / 6 \mathrm{~m} / \text { single } / 5-4) \end{aligned}$ | 4-way transfers. $2 \%=$ Stayman, $3 \mathrm{x}=$ singleton ( 3 s will not have 4 hearts), GF, $4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=\operatorname{trf}$ to $\vee, 4 \diamond=$ trf to $\boldsymbol{\wedge}, 4 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ to play | Super Stayman ( $3 \boldsymbol{\bullet}, / 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ over $2 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ (heart used for clubs when H-bid can't be natural)). <br> 1NT-2*-2 -4*=55majors, slam try. <br> Break transfer: $2 \mathrm{NT}=3$ max, cheapest break in suit: 4 card supp, max, $3 x=$ Nat 5332,3 card support. 1NT-3x-4x=super fit | Contested auctions <br> Transfer Lebensohl. If natural interference: Bid 2-level=NF, t/o dbl (also with a passed hand). If art. int., $\mathrm{dbl}=$ inv+ - penalty oriented. INT $\mathrm{x} x \mathrm{x}$ 5 Card minor |
| 2* | X |  |  | Strong. Normally 20+ hcp, could be weaker with playing tricks | $2 \diamond=$ weak ( $0-5$ unbal, $0-7$ bal, possibly waiting). $2 \downarrow / \uparrow=$ Nat, $5+$ hcp, $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ bal, (7)8+hcp, $3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{Nat}$, at least Qxxxx, 7+ working hcp, $3 \mathrm{M}=6+$ cards semisolid, no outside strength, $3 \mathrm{NT}=6+$ solid suit, no outside strength | $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star-2 \boldsymbol{*}-3 \boldsymbol{*}=2^{\text {nd }}$ neg, $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \star-3 *-3 \star=$ nebulous, $2 \boldsymbol{*}-2 \mathrm{M}-3 \mathrm{M}-3 / 4 \mathrm{x}=$ single, $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ bal slam try. Mandarin kitchen splinter $(2 *-2-2 \omega-3 N T$ $=$ strong slam try, undisclosed singleton) | 2*- interf $-\mathrm{x} / \mathrm{xx}=0-5 \mathrm{hcp}$. |
| 2 | X |  |  | Weak Multi, 2-7 hp, one (5)6-card major | $2 / 3 \vee / \wedge=\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{c}, 4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ bid suit below, $4 \bullet=$ bid suit, $4 \vee / \wedge$ to play, 2NT=asking |  | If x : $\mathrm{xx}=$ bid your suit, $\mathrm{p}=\star, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ nat If overcall 2 M : $\mathrm{x}=$ pass if your suit p |
| 2 V |  | 6 |  | 8 -11 hcp | 2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1, 4m = void | $2 \boldsymbol{v}-2 \mathrm{NT}-3 \boldsymbol{v}=\mathrm{min}$, no $1 / 0,3 \mathrm{NT}=$ max, no $1 / 0$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ seat: $11-15,6^{(+)}$-card suit |
| 2a |  | 6 |  | As above | 2NT = ASK for singleton, New suit F1 |  |  |
| 2NT |  |  |  | (19)20-21 hcp | $3 \star=$ Puppet Stayman ( $3 \downarrow=$ no M, 3NT=5 $\rightarrow 4 \diamond=\mathrm{xfr}, 4 \downarrow 6$ ?) $3 \star / \downarrow=$ transfers, $3 \wedge=$ slamtry m $\left(4^{+}-4^{+}\right), 4 \star=$ slamtry $\vee, 4 \diamond=$ slamtry $\uparrow$ etc. If interference: over m:dbl=penalty, over M: $\mathrm{dbl}=$ neg, if art: $\mathrm{dbl}=$ strength | High Level Bidding |  |
| 3 x |  | 6 | 7H | Preemptive, according to vul | New suit FG. After dbl competitive. $3 \mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ cuebid, $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | RKCB (0314), Exclusion RKCB (all jumps to the 5-level when trumps is agreed), DOPIB/ROPIB/DEPO. 5NT in unclear situation: pick a slam. Josephine NOT used. "wrongly" asking for Trump Q implies 5NT and 6 level mild grand slam tries |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  | $1^{\text {st/2 }} 2^{\text {nd }}$ seat: solid m | $4 \star=\mathrm{pc}, 4 \star=$ Ask short,4M=To play, $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ Ask length, $5 \star \mathrm{gs} \mathrm{try}$ |  |  |
| 4*, |  | 6 | 7H | Natural, preemptive | $4 \mathrm{M}=$ To play | Splinters Cuebids, last train cuebids |  |
| 4४, ^ |  | 6 | 7H | Natural. To play | Any bid: Cuebid. | Lightner dbl |  |
| 4NT | X |  |  | Asks for specific aces | 5* $=$ no aces, $5 * \vee \wedge$ 6* that specific ace |  |  |

