

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING		LEADS AND SIGNALS				
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)		OPENING LEADS STYLE				
Aggressive 1-level;sound 2-level, TRANSFERS & CUE BID RAISES (Note 2)		Lead	In Partner's Suit			
New suit JUMP=FIT,INV+ v Major, SPL v Minor (unless game bid = natural)	Suit	3rd=even;low=odd	3rd=even;low=odd, TON			
Jump RAISE=PRE	NT	2nd/4th	2nd/4th		Category: Natural - GREEN	
MIXED RAISE = Jump Cue of opposition suit, or jump to 3m if available	Subseq	4th / ATT	4th / ATT		Country: South Africa	
New suit=F1	Other: Suit Preference Leads and plays in trumps. Attitude/4th highest during hand			Event:	ALL EVENTS	
	Vs NT, A&Q asks CT/UB, K asks for ATT			Players:	Tim Cope & Glen Holman	
1NT OVERCALL (2ND/4TH Live; Responses; Reopening)		LEADS			SYSTEM SUMMARY	
15+-18+HCP in 2nd	Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT		GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE	
11-14 in Protective seat except 12-15 over 1♠ (System On)	Ace	AKJ10(+), Ax, AKx	AKJ10(+)		5-card M, 2/1 Game Force	
No STOP guarantee by protective hand	King	AK, KQx(+)	AKx(+), KQx(+)		Frequent ART COMP 2NT bids	
RUBENSOHL: after intervention	Queen	QJx(+)	KQ10)x(+), QJ+		Frequent non-PEN DBL	
	Jack	(A/K)J10x(+), J10x	(A/K)J10x(+), J10x		Many FIT bids	
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)		10	109x(+), H109x+	109x(+), H109x+		
1-Suit: WEAK5-card possible	9	H98x(+), (x	9x			
2-Suit: Micheal's (Good/Bad)	Hi-x	HxSx	HxxS		1NT Openings: 14+-17 HCP	
	Lo-x	Sx	Sx		2 OVER 1 Responses:FG by unpassed hand	
Reopen: 2NT in 4th = 18/19 bal	SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE		
DIRECT and JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)		Partners Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding	BERGEN FOUR-CARD RAISES OF 1M	
MICHAELS CUE: ...	Suit:1st	Hi=DISCRG	Hi/lo=O	Hi=DISCRG	FIT-SHOWING JUMPS (FIT)	
1nay - 3 any = Stopper ask	2nd	Hi/lo=O	S/P	Hi/lo=O	LEBENSOHL/RUBENSOHL (1)	
JUMPS in known suits PRE	3rd	S/P		S/P	MIXED RAISE (21	
	NT: 1st	Hi=DISCRG	Hi/lo=O	Hi=DISCRG	GAMBLING 3NT	
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)	2nd	Hi/lo=O	S/P	Hi/lo=O	SCRAMBLING 2NT	
v Weak NT Dbl = PEN, 2♣ = both M, 2♦ = 1 M, 2♥ =♥+m, 2♠=♠+m	3rd	S/P		S/P	TRANSFRS AFTER 1M Dbl from 1N upwards (3)	
v Strong NT - DONT9+cards in 2 suits	Signals (including Trumps): REMAINDER COUNT= Regular					

OPENING BID DESCRIPTIONS							
Opening	Artificial	Min.	Neg Dble thr	Description	Responses	Subsequent Auction	Passed Hand Bidding
1♣		3	4♠	1♣ w/ 3♣3♦ 11-21pts	INV MINORS (Note6), 1M may have longer ♦	1N Rebid = 12-14 may includ 4cM, 2N = 18/9	Fit Jumps by passed hand
1♣					if weak. Immediate SPL sho 6+ support (8-10pts)	3N = solid/ near solid m+ 2 outside cards	Note#20
1♣					Weak Jump Shift responses (2-6pts may be 5c)	Relays after 1m-1M-2M (note 7). After 1mDbl 2N=PRE	Note#20
1♣					1♦ resp to 1♣ may be 3 cards if 3334 4-7pts	Checkback Stayman 2♣/2♦after 1NT rebid (Note8)	Note#13182020
1♣					2N = Natural 10-12pts	New Minor checkback after 2N rebid	Note#1702260578
1♦		3	4♠	may be 4♦5♣, usually open 1♦	as above, except 1♦-3♣ = INV	as above	as above
1♦				with 4♦.4♣ 11-21pts			Note#20
1♥		5	4♠	11-21 5c+ suit	1♠=3-12pts F1 1NT=4+♠ F1 (Note 8)	Impossible 2♠ after 1♥-1♠/2♣/♦ (Note 10)	Fit Drury after 3rd/4th open. 1♥-1♠/1N = 1517 with relays
1♥					BERGEN 4-CARD RAISES OF 1M: (3♣/♦) (Note9)	After 1♥-2♥ Short suit game tries+2♠=relay (Note11)	1♥-1♠/2♠ = Ard GF (relays) note 12) Note#20
1♥					2♠=Jacoby (note 13), SPL(note 14), 2N = 13-15 bal	(Fit & WeakJumps and Mixed rasies in comp	Note#20
1♠		5	4♥	11-21pts 5c+ suit	as above, except 1♠ - 3♣ = Jacoby raise	as above	1♠-1N/3♣ = artificial GF with 3♦b as relay, rest to play
1♠					Transfer Relays after 1♠-1N, 2♣ (Note 15)		Note#20
1♠					1♠-1N= F1 3-12 PTS		
1NT				15-17pts may have 5cM or 6m	2♣=styamanic, Trs, SMOLEN (note16)	Rubensohl over Interference	
2♣	Y	0		GF or bal 22/3 pts	2♦ = 5+ (usually 5-8), 2♥ = 0-4 Suit bidsnat8+	2♦; 2♥ PUP2♠; NAT♥ or 24+HCP BAL	
2♣					Over Interference x=0-4, Bids = Nat 5-8, else P		Note#1698966388
2♦		5		WK(5-9) pts sound in 1st and 2nd	New suit = F1, 2N = relay (note 4)		New suit = lead directing FIT
2♦				could be 5-card suit when 3rd	Lead director's/Scrambles over interference (17)		
2♥		5		as above	as above	as above	as above
2♠		5		as above	as above	as above	as above
2NT				20-21HCP	3♣ = stayman, 3♦.♥ = Transfer, 3♠=minor suit stayman	transfer breaks to source of tricks with 4+ support	
2NT					(kickback applies). Immediate 4m = natural		Note#20
3♣		6	6	PRE: ...	New Suit=FI, asks length		New suit=FIT+lead director
3♦		6		PRE	New Suit =F1,	as above	as above
3♥		6		PRE	4♣ trump ask	as above	as above
3♠		6		PRE	4♣ Trump ask	as above	as abiove
3NT	Y			solid m, no outside A/K			

1. Non-natural 2N in competition
Rubensohl used after interference over our No Trump
Lebensohl Used after a) Weak 2 type opening by opposition
b) After Openings reverse or jump shift to 2 level
c) After 1any dbl 2 any 2N = weak hand long suit
d) After overcall by partner 2N=cuebis raise if 1Any
Overcall 2Any
2. After Overcall- Jump cue in oppositions suit = mixed raise
After 1♥-1♠-3♣ = mixed raise

After Major suit overcall bids from the opened suit up to (M-1) are transfers of indeterminate strength (from weak to GF) which will only be described by next bid (these bids can also be lead directional based with support for the major if followed by an invitational jump).
3. After 1M Dbl bids from 1N and upwards are transfers. These are either natural (any strength)
or lead directing if subsequent support for major
4. Weak Twos - 1st and 2nd in hand ♦ tends to be 6 card suits. Majors may be 5 card suits
especially at suitable vulnerability. The 2N relay to 2M has the ability to show specifically
5 card suits (3♣ = bad hand 5 card suit, 3N = good hand 5 card suit)
5. After we have opened the bidding and RHO has bid at the 2 level then, bids by us at the 3 level
show good hands, whilst 2N shows a desire to compete. The strain of competition may be multiple hand types
(weak 2 suiters, weak one suiters or poor raise of a suit bid by partner)
6. After 1♣ - 2♣, 2♦ then 2M = short M invitational
2N = balanced 13+ (3♣ asks for range)
3♣ = 6♣, invitational, no shortage
3♦ = short ♦, invitational
3N = balanced, 11/12 pts+ side singleton 10/11pts
2N - 13+ balanced
3♣ = short ♣, invitational
3♦ = 6+♦ no shortage, invitational
3♥ = short ♥ invitational
3N = balanced 11/12 pts
If R bids 2N over either relay above 3♣ enquires about range, with step responses starting at 13/14 (3♦) 15/16 (3♥) 17/18 etc
After 1m-2m, non relay bids are shape showing showing better than minimum
jumps are splinters
3m = desire to play in 3m if R is minimum

Immediate splinters are 8-10 usually 6 card support, delayed splinters are GF
7. After 1m-1M/ 2M next bid up = relay then:
Bids at three level of new suit = 3 card support and a shortage in bid suit
four level = 4 card support and shortage in bid suit
3M = 4c support min, no shortage
4M = 4c support max, no shortage
3m = 3c support no shortage
3N = 3c support no shortage 14pts
After 1m-1♥/2♥-2N= F1 4c♠
8. After 1♥ opening 1♠ response is equivalent to forcing NT
Then O can bid 1N = 12-14 (see note 10 for 2S bid)
2♣ = nat or balanced (15-17) may be 2c♣
over 2C 2D expresses game interest opposite 15-17
O bids 2N min bal, 3N max bal, else natural except
2S = 5H & 5C 25/26pts
rest natural and limited
1♥-1N = 4+c♠ F1 . Response are natural except 2♣ may be a balanced hand
9. Bergen Raises
1♥-3♣ or 1♠-3♦ = 10/11 pts 4+c support
1♥-3♦ or 1♠-3♥ = 7-9 pts 4+c support
10. After 1♥-1♠/2m-2♠ = impossible negative showing either:
a) strong raise of minor suit bid
b) 6+om inv
c) 3c♥ + singleton
11. After 1M-2M
New suit = short suit game try
2N asks for doubleton or shorter (such shortage bid at 3 level) or source of tricks (bid at 4 level)
12. After 1♥-1♠/2♠ = art GF. Responder relays with 2N then
3♣/♦/♥ = natural
Thus 1♥-1♠/3♣/♦/♥ = NF (minor suits will guarantee 5/5

After 1♠-1N/3♣ = artificial GF with 3♦ as relay
3N = ♣ in response to relay
Non usage of the relay is an attempt to play.

33. After 1♥-2♠ or 1♠-3♣ (Jacoby)

Then O can:

- a) Show shortage - new suit = shortage (serious and non serious slam tries apply)
- b) Bid 3M = better than minimum no shortage (serious and non serious slam tries apply)
- c) Bid 4M = minimum no shortage
- d) Bid 3N = 18/19 no shortage
- e) Bid 4 any = 5/5 slam try

14. Major suit splinters show the complement of game

Immediate splinters are void showing 1♥-3N=♠void

1♥-3♠ or 1♠-3N = any singleton with next bid up asking for shortage

15. After 1♠-1N/2♣ then:

2♦ = trf ♥

2♥ = trf to 2♠ (then R can pass, bid 2N=10-12 bal 4♣, 3♣ = 10-12 5+♣,

3♦ = 6♦ inv)

2♠ = 8/9 only 2♠

2N = 10-12 not 4♣

3♣ = PRE

3♦ = PRE

16. After 1m - 1M

1N - 2♣ is puppet to 2♦, further bids are invitational

2♦ is GF checkback (O bids naturally up the line)

17. After Stayman :

Transfers

2♦ = Tfr to ♥

2♥ = Tfr to ♠

2♠ = Tfr to ♣ (O bids 3♣ with poor hand / no great fit else 2N) (If R now

bids a M = shortage)

2N = Tfr to ♦ (O bids 3♦ with poor hand / no great fit else 3♦) as

above

3m = =5+m,4+om GF next suit up asks for shortage)

3M = slam try - single suited

Notes on Transfers

All two suit transfers are GF

In GF sequences Principle of Fast arrival applies.

Transfer Breaks

If R transfers into a major, we break transfers when holding 4 trumps

a) 2N when holding a weak doubleton (3♣ asks)

b) to 3M with np doubleton

c) into a strong doubleton

after b+c retransfers apply at 3 and 4 level

18. Serious / Non Serious slam tries :

For the above to be present, the following must be true:

- 1) The auction must be already GF (in other words 1H - 3H is not a GF and therefore the system does not apply)
- 2) The last bid must have been 3 of the agreed major or a Jacoby response
- 3) Even if condition 2 is true, the support must be genuine not just a probe for the best game.

If the above conditions exist, then if hearts is the agreed suit, a bid of 3S over 3H shows a hand that is serious about slam. If spades is the agreed suit then 3N shows a hand that is serious about slam. All other bids are non serious slam tries - making a cue bid showing a control in the suit bid but denying a good hand.

If hearts is the agreed suit a bid of 3N over 3H is a non-serious cue-bid in spades. Again if hearts is agreed, and a 3S serious slam try has been made, a bid of 3NT shows a spade control - remember the 3S bid does not promise/deny a control in the spade suit.

19. After a protective low level double, bids at the two level are natural

Bids at the three level are 5 card suits

2N = scramble looking for 4-4 fit