## Defensive and Competitive Bidding

## Overcalls (Style; responses: I/2 level; reopening)

top and another; weak (max. II HCP)
Michaels Cuebid, unusual no trump
Drury (Note II)
New Suit $=$ Forcing - jump shift $=$ fit

## Take-out double:

General Style $=$ Can be light / shaped
in 4. Position both unbidding colors 4+/4+
Responses: Natural. Cue bid = Forcing
INT overcalls (2nd/4th live; responses; reopening)
2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ position: polish (Note 5)
$4^{\text {th }}$ position II - 14
responses natural
$4^{\text {th }}$ position after both opponents have bidden a color, 8 - 11 P And the other not named colors

## Jump Overcalls: (Style; responses; unusual NT)

weak 2, responses natural
2 NT= unusual no trump: both lowest colors until II P

| Direct and Jump cue Bids (Style; responses; reopen) |
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| Michaels cuebid until II P |
| Vs NT (vs Strong/weak; reopening; pH |
| Gromöller vs strong or weak NT (Note 6) |
| Vs preempts (doubles, cue-Bids; jumps; NT bids |
| X points, X until 2 Q info $X$ |
| natural |
| Vs Artificial Strong Openings |
| natural |
| Over Opponents take out double |
| opponents X makes no different |
| $\mathrm{XX} \mathrm{IO} \mathrm{+} \mathrm{P}$ |

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natural

## Vs Artificial Strong Openings

## Over Opponents take out double

opponents X makes no different
XX $10+\mathrm{P}$

| Leads and Signals |  |
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| Opening Leads - style |  |
| Lead Normal In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit 2nd/4th 2nd/4th | Standard Card |
| NT 4th 2 2nd /4th |  |
| Subseq | Anke Blumenberg, Ute Struthoff |
| Other top of nothing |  |
| double with 10 or higher: highest card first | System Summary |
| Leads |  |
| Lead Vs. Suit Vs. NT | General approach and Style |
| Ace AKx; $\operatorname{Axxx}(+) \quad \mathrm{AK} ; \mathrm{AKx}(+)$ | Natural, 5-card Majors |
| King KQ; KQ109x KQ; KQ109(+) | $3 / 3=18,4 / 4=1$ |
| Queen $\quad \mathrm{QJ} ; \mathrm{QJx}(\mathrm{x}) \quad \mathrm{QJ}$; Q $\times$ x $(+)$ | $1\langle=4$ cards |
| Jack JI0; J10x(+); KJIOx(+) JI0; $10 \times(+) ; K J 10 x(+)$ | INT response $=$ not forcing |
| $10 \quad 109 ; 109 x(+) ;$ HI09x(+); 10x 109; | Bergen Raises/ Jacoby (Note 2) |
| 9 9x; 98x(+) 98x(+) | INT Opening: II - 14 (Note I) |
|  | 2NT Opening: weak, both minors min. 5/4 |
|  | 3 NT long minor suit AKDxxxx no side AS |
| Signals in order of Priority | Special Bids that may require defence |
| Partner's Lead Declarer's Lead Discarding | 2.3 Opening = gameforcing or weak 2 in |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { color } & \text { l } & \text { low positiv } & \text { low positiv } \\ \text { color } & 2 & \text { low positiv } & \text { low positiv } & \text { mod. }\end{array}$ | 2 Opening = semiforc. or NT $21 / 2 \mathrm{I}$ or weak 2 in maior |
| $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { color } 2 & \text { low positiv } & \text { low positiv } & \text { mod. } \\ \text { color } 3 & \text { low positiv } & \text { low positiv } & \text { mod. }\end{array}$ | 2. Onening $=5+$ and anv other colour $4+(6-10 \mathrm{HCP})$ <br> 20 Opening $=5+$ and any other colour $4+(6-10 \mathrm{HCP})$ |
| $\begin{array}{cclll}\text { color 3 } & & \text { low positiv } & \text { low positiv } & \text { mod. } \\ \text { NT } & \text { I } & \text { low positiv } & \text { low positiv } & \text { mod. }\end{array}$ |  |
| NT 2 low positiv low positiv mod. |  |
| NT 3 low positiv low positiv mod. |  |
| Signals (including trumps): | Rubensohl after 2-level overcall of INT (Note 4) |
| Modified Italian Lavinthal | $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ color $=$ forcing, $4^{\text {th }}=$ asking for a stopper |
| Lo/Hi encouraging | Inverted Minor |
| Takeout Doubles (Style; responses reopening) |  |
| Take out double: shows 3 cards support in partners color |  |
| X after major opening: solid, the other major $4+, 11$ + HCP | Special Forcing Pass Sequences |
| Or X $15+\mathrm{HCP}$ | - |
| Reopen: $11+$ |  |
|  | Important notes that don't fit elsewhere |
| Special, artificial and competitive doubles/redoubles | Weak jump on partners opening (no 6 HCP ) |
| Negativ X ${ }^{\text {st }}$ step 6+, ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ step and $3^{\text {rd }} 11+$ | Normal splinter on partners major opening |
| Competitive x: Rubensohl (Note 4) | After opponents bidding, 2-er level= nonforcing |
| XX =points, <br> if partner opening I NT and opponent bid $X$, than $X X$ from opener is take out: I NT - $\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{xx}$ | Psychics: - |
|  |  |
| Support double until 2 |  |


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| Pass |  |  |  | Not an Opening Bid |  |  |  |
| 18 |  | 2 | 24 | 11-19 HCP | Inverted, 2 both majors 4+ 0-5 P, Weak jump in | Natural, 4 RKCB, <br> $3^{\text {rd }}$ level: splinter <br> 4. level: exclusion <br> I -2 - 2 ? asking for stopper in this color and 14 - 16 P |  |
| $1>$ |  | 4 | 29 | 11-19 HCP | Inverted, <br> Weak jump in $甲 / \mathbb{D}$ | Natural, 4 RKCB, $3^{\text {rd }}$ level: splinter 4. level: exclusion; $\mathrm{I}-2$ as above |  |
| 10 |  | 5 | 29 | 11-19 HCP | Bergen Raises, Jacoby, weak jumps | with fit help suit trial bids, Splinter |  |
| 19 |  | 5 | 20 | 11-19 HCP | As above | As above |  |
| INT |  |  |  | II - 14 balanced | Weak stayman, smolen, transfer, Rubensohl |  |  |
| 28 | x | 0 |  | Gameforcing, NT 22+, or weak 2 in | 2 relais, 2 NT forcing $14+\mathrm{P}$; $2 \bullet, 2 \square 5+, 12-14 \mathrm{P}$, short in | After strong NT: transfer, puppet stayman; 2 - 2 NT (Note 9) |  |
| 2 | x | 0 |  | Multi weak2 in or or semiforcing or NT 20/2।;Note 3 | $2 \bullet$ relais, 2, single or chicane $\bullet ; 2$ NT forcing | After strong NT: transfer, puppet stayman; after 2 NT : 3 w 2 in min, $3<$ w2 in $\min , 3 \times 2$ in max, 30 in max |  |
| 2 | x | 5 |  | 5 - and other color 4+ $6-10 \mathrm{HCP}$ | 2 pass or correct 2NT forcing, asking for other color | After 2 NT : 3,3 min; 30 min and ; $3 \triangle \max$ and $3 N T$ max. and or |  |
| 29 | x | 5 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { and other color 4+ } \\ & 6-10 \mathrm{HCP} \end{aligned}$ | 3 pass or correct 2NT forcing, asking for other color | After 2 NT: $3>3$ min; $3{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{min}$ and ; 3 max and ; 3NT max. and or |  |
| 2NT | x |  |  | $5+4$ and $4+$, 6-10 P | $3 ¢$ to play; $3 \bullet$ forcing | Rebid after 3 ${ }^{\text {(Note I }} 3$ ) |  |
| 38 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC |  |  |
| 3 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC | Slam Approach and Conventions (including all Slam-Interest Bids) |  |
| 30 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC | Five - Ace Blackwood: RKCB (Note 7) Cue Bids Splinters |  |
| 39 |  | 7 |  | Pre-emptive | New Suit forcing, 4 NT RKC |  |  |
| 3 NT |  |  |  | Gambling in minor | $4 \leqslant$ RKC, 4 pass or correct |  |  |
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WBF Standard Card

## Supplementary Sheet

## Note 1: 1 NT Opening:

Stayman, can be also weak
Smolen $\left(4 / 5\right.$ in $\bullet$ ) $=$ strong, partner bids after $2 \checkmark$ the $4^{\text {th }}$ major
$4 \mathrm{~S}=$ RKCB
$4 \checkmark=5 / 5$ in $\rho$
4NT = Question Mini-Maxi

## Note 2: Bergen Raises / Jacoby:

$3=4$ cards fit, $8-10 \mathrm{HCP}$
$3<=4$ cards fit, 6-7 HCP
$2 \mathrm{NT}=3$ cards fit, $14+\mathrm{HCP}$
Opener decides for full game or not
after 2 NT = next color = single or chicane

Note 3: $2 \boldsymbol{\text { semi-forcing or weak }}$
6-er suits strong any colour
20,2I NT

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\text { Weak in or } 6+; 6-10 \mathrm{HCP}
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Partner's answers:
20 = relay, below 15
$20=0 / 1$ cards in spade
2NT = 15+

## Note 4: Rubensohl

INT-2xy-2 $1 \Delta /$ weak, to pass
INT - $2 x y-2 S A=$ transfer to $P, I I+$ points
INT - $2 x y-2$-transfer to $d$, II + points
INT $-2 x y-2 \geqslant=$ transfer to $\quad, I I+$ points
INT- $2 x y-2 \quad=$ transfer to,$I I+$ points
INT -2xy - transfer to opponents colour= stopper question INT-2xy_X $=1 I+$ points

Note 5: polish NT
I major - I SA = other major 4 plus minor suit 5+
I minor - I SA = other minor $5+$ and unknown major 4
Partners responses : overcall: question of unknown color

Note 6: Gromöller

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I NT - 2 Clubs : 6 minors or 4+/4+ majors, or 4 majors + 5 minors
I NT - 2 = majors: 6+
I NT - 2 : 5+, 4 minors
INT-2 : 5+, 4 minors
I NT - 2 SA : both minors, 5/4
I NT-3 Colors: weak
I NT-4 :5,5 Majors
I NT - \(4 \diamond: 5 \diamond, 5\) majors
I NT - 4 : \(5 / 5\) both majors
INT - 4S : 6
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## Note 7: R K C B (4NT asks for 5 key cards, 4 Aces + King ofTrumps)

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Responses: 5 = 3 or 0
    5 = 4 or I
    5* = 2
    5O = 2+Queen ofTrumps
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## Note 8: Non Forcing Sequences

I $/ 1$

## Note 9: Answers 2 - 2 NT

3 weak 2 in minimum
3 weak 2 in maximum

## Note 10: Take Out Double:

Until the 2nd step: shows 3 cards support in partner's color

## Note II: Drury

example:
I -I -p-2 : asking for points, if opening under 12 points 2 hearts

## Note 12 modified Italian Lavinthal

3,5,7: direct marking
2,4,6: marking for the lowest color
8 and more: marking for the highest color

## Note 13 opening 2 NT - 3

2 NT - 3
3 single double
3 NT single $\bigcirc$, double
4 6+
$4<6+$
$4-$ chicane
4 chicane

