

| OPEN | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { TICK } \\ \text { IF } \\ \text { ART. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { MIN NO. } \\ \text { OF } \\ \text { CARDS } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { NEG. } \\ & \text { DBL. } \\ & \text { THRU } \end{aligned}$ | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | COMPETITIVE \& PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 C |  | 3 |  | 10-19 HCP | - 1 over $1: 6+$ pts and $4+$ cards <br> - 1nt: 6-10 hcp without a 4 card major. <br> - 2\&: 9 losers or 6-9 support pts | - 1 nt : balanced $15-172 \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is minimum: usually $6+$ cards 2 nt after 2 over 1 response: balanced $15-17$ jump to $2 n$ $=$ balanced 18-19 new Suit bid unlimited (unless a reverse) Jump in new suit suggests good two suiter or a hand improved by partner's bid jump to 3nt suggests long, solid suit 18-19 | - Raises are preemptive. <br> - 2 nt over dbl: value raise to 3 with $4+$ card support. <br> - Free bids: suggest five + cards (forcing) <br> - Jump shift: $6+$ (weak) |
| 1D |  | 4 |  | Same as above | - 2\% over 1 suggests 8 - 15 hcp with 5 card suit. <br> - Jump shift suggests $16+$ hcp and $5+$ cards (interest in slam) <br> - $2 \mathrm{nt}=$ balanced $10-12 \mathrm{hcp}$ <br> - raise is limit <br> - $3 n t=$ bal $13-15 \mathrm{hcp}$. (may be gambling) | Same as above | Same as above |
| 1H |  | 4 |  | Same as above | - 1 over $1=6+$ hcp and $4+$ cards <br> - 1nt suggests 6-9 hcp without a biddable 4 card major. <br> - Single raise suggests 9 losers or 6-9 support pts <br> - Jump shift suggests $15+$ points, $5+$ cards (interest in slam) <br> - $2 \mathrm{nt}=$ balanced $10-12 \mathrm{HCP}$ <br> - 2 over 1: $10+$ hcp $5+$ card suit | - $1 \mathrm{nt}=$ balanced $15-17$ <br> - $2 \boldsymbol{v}$ is minimum: usually $6+$ cards <br> - $2 n t=$ balanced $18-19$ <br> - New Suit bid undefined <br> - Jump in new suit suggests good two suiter or a hand improved by partner's bid <br> - Jump to game suggests seven winners (usually solid suit) and fit with partner | Same as above |
| 15 |  | 5 |  | Same as above | - 1nt suggests 6-15 pts (forcing) <br> - 2 over 1 suggests $10+$ hcp <br> - 2 over 1 S suggests $5+$ cards. <br> - raise is a limit bid <br> - Splinter bids \& Swiss convention suggest 14-15 hcp | - New suit over $3 \boldsymbol{A}$ : cue bid. <br> - After forcing 1 nt response: $2^{\text {nd }} 4+$ card suit, 3 card minor, 24 <br> - New suit over $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ : long suit game try. | Same as above |
| 1NT |  |  |  | 11/12-14 HCP | - 2\%: Stayman <br> - $2 \uparrow, 2 \boldsymbol{*}, 2 \uparrow, 2 N T$ : transfer $4 N T$ : Quantitative $18+$ <br> - $3 \boldsymbol{A}$ : forcing usually slam interest <br> - 3nt: limit bid | - 1 nt-20-2 -20 suggests 5 card suit \& both majors (signoff) <br> - after transfer, new suit = 1 rd force | Rubenshol \& 3NT to play |
| 2 C | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | 5+ QT or more QT than losers | - 2 is a negative response suggesting less than 1.5 QT (no <br> Ace \& King) <br> - Suit responses suggest 1.5 QT. <br> - 2 nt suggests balanced 8-10 | - After 2 response:opener's suit rebid institutes a game force. <br> - $2 n t$ rebid $=23-24 \mathrm{HCP}$ in a balanced or semi- balanced hand (limit bid, can be passed) <br> - A double jump in a suit sets the trump suit and asks for cue bids of aces. <br> - $3 n t$ suggests a balanced 25-27 HCP. | - Over an overcall, a positive response may be shaded. <br> - Double by opener or responder is for penalties |
| 2D | $\checkmark$ | 0 |  | Multi |  |  |  |
| 2H/S |  | 5 |  | 6+ cards \& 16+ HCP \& 8 PT | - 2 nt weak, <br> - single raise suggests at least one ace and 3+ cards. <br> - Double raise: no ace 11-12 hcp <br> - Suit responses suggest fair values and at least 1 QT | - New suit forcing, requests preference. | - Double by responder: penalties (suggests that game is not "on" or penalty profit greater) |
| 2NT | $\checkmark$ |  |  | 10-15 HCP Minors | 3 of minor = weak. 4 = invitational. |  |  |
| 3 C |  | 7 |  | Preemptive | Change of suit forcing. 3NT to play. |  |  |
| 3D |  | 7 |  | Preemptive | Change of suit forcing. 3NT to play. |  |  |
| 3H |  | 7 |  | Preemptive | Change of suit forcing. 3NT to play. |  |  |
| 3 S |  | 7 |  | Preemptive | Change of suit forcing. 3NT to play. |  |  |
| 3NT |  |  |  | Gambling, Solid minor |  |  |  |
| 4C |  | 8 |  | Preemptive |  | High Level Bidding |  |
| 4D |  | 8 |  | Preemptive |  | Roman Key Card Blackwood: 5C=1 or 4 key cards 5D= 0 or 3 key cards. |  |
| 4H |  | 8 |  | Preemptive ( May be opening hand.) |  | $5 \mathrm{H}=2$ without Q $5 \mathrm{~S}=2$ with Q $5 \mathrm{NT}=2$ aces \& 2 key kings |  |
| 4S |  | 8 |  | Preemptive ( May be opening hand.) |  | After 5C/D next suit up asks about trump Q. Return to trump suit = no trump Q |  |
| 4NT |  |  |  | Asking. |  | $5 \mathrm{NT}=$ Trump Q, no side king. New suit = Q + side king. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Void showing responses: 5 NT = even \# of Key cards. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 of suit = odd \# of Key cards + void in suit bid. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 of trump suit = odd \# of Key cards + void in higher ranking suit. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Over 5NT: $6 \mathrm{C}=0,6 \mathrm{D}=1,6 \mathrm{H}=2,6 \mathrm{~S}=3$ kings. |  |

## MINOR SUIT TRANSFERS

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ | BID | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 NT | - | 2 S | - | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ | Transfer to clubs |
| $2 \mathrm{NT} / 3 \boldsymbol{2}$ | - | $3 \boldsymbol{2} / 3 \mathrm{NT}$ |  | 2 NT | I have good clubs |
|  |  |  |  | $3 \boldsymbol{e}$ | I have bad clubs |

## Club Transfer

- 2 or 3 controls


## Quality

- At least one $(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{K}, \mathrm{Q})$ of the top 3 with $3+$ card support

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ | $\underline{\text { BID }}$ | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 NT | - | 2 NT | - | 2 NT | Transfer to |
| $3 \& / 3$ | - | $3 \& / 3 \mathrm{NT}$ |  | $3 \&$ | I have good |
|  |  |  |  | 3 | I have bad |

## Diamond Transfer

- 2 or 3 controls


## Quality

- At least one $(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{K}, \mathrm{Q})$ of the top 3 with $3+$ card support


## MAJORS

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 NT | - | $2 \boldsymbol{\imath}$ | - |
| 2 |  | $2 \boldsymbol{\imath} / 2$ |  |

- 2 - $-5+\vee 4$ -
- 2ヵ-5+ \& \& 4

LONG MINOR \& 4+ CARD MAJOR SUIT

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 NT | - | $2 \boldsymbol{\imath}$ | - |
| $2 \mathrm{NT} / 3 \boldsymbol{s}$ |  | $3 \boldsymbol{\imath} \mathbf{\imath}$ |  |

- $6+\& 4+\boldsymbol{4}$

| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{W}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \mathbf{N T}$ | - | $2 \mathbf{N T}$ | - |
| $3 \mathbf{2} / 3$ |  | $3 \mathbf{4} / 3 \boldsymbol{1}$ |  |

- $6+\& 4+\boldsymbol{~} /$ -


## Michaels

Constructive. Usually 8-14 HCP

| Opening BID | $\begin{gathered} \text { Defensive } \\ \text { BIDS } \end{gathered}$ | Meaning | Responses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14. | 2. | Majors | Simple suit bids $=$ signoff, Jumps are preemptive. $\quad 2 \triangleleft$ Asks for better major |
| $1 *$ | 2 | Majors | Simple suit bids = signoff, Jumps are preemptive. $2 \downarrow$ Asks for better major |
| $1 \checkmark$ | 2 | 5 spades and 5 card minor | 2 nt requests minor |
| 14. | 2 | 5 hearts and 5 card minor | 2 nt requests minor |

## Unusual 2N

Constructive. Usually 8-14 HCP

| Opening BID | $\begin{gathered} \text { Defensive } \\ \text { Bids } \end{gathered}$ | Meaning | Advances |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 | 2n | Hearts and diamonds | Simple suit bids = signoff, Jumps are preemptive. 32. Cue bid |
| 1 | 2n | Hearts and clubs | Simple suit bids $=$ signoff, Jumps are preemptive. $3 \diamond$ Cue bid |
| $1 \stackrel{\square}{*}$ | 2n | 5+ card minor | $3 \checkmark$ cue |
| 14 | 2n | $5+$ card minor | 3acue |

## RUBENSHOL TRANSFERS

| E | S | W | BID | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | ? |  |  | natural, competitive, non forcing |
|  |  |  | 2NT | Stayman (both suits or 4/3) |
|  |  |  | 3\% | Transfer to * |
|  |  |  | 3 | Transfer to $\vee$ |
|  |  |  | $3 \vee$ | Transfer to ${ }_{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  |  | 34 |  |
| E | S | W | BID | DESCRIPTION |
| 2 | ? |  |  | natural, competitive, non forcing |
|  |  |  | 2NT | Transfer to * |
|  |  |  | 3* | Stayman (both suits 4/3) |
|  |  |  | 3 | Transfer to $\downarrow$ |
|  |  |  | 3¢ | Transfer to |
|  |  |  | 34 |  |


| N | E | S | W | BID | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1NT | $2 \checkmark$ | ? |  | 2. | natural, competitive, non |
|  |  |  |  | 2NT | Transfer to * |
|  |  |  |  | 3\% | Transfer to * |
|  |  |  |  | 3 | Staymanic, stop asking, game force |
|  |  |  |  | 3\% | Transfer to without a $\downarrow$ stop, game force |
|  |  |  |  | 38 | $5+\& \vee$ stop, game force |
| N | E | S | W | BID | DESCRIPTION |
| 1NT | 2S | ? |  | 2NT | Transfer to * |
|  |  |  |  | 38 | Transfer to * |
|  |  |  |  | 3 | Transfer to ${ }^{\vee}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 39 | $4+\boldsymbol{\text { without a stoppers }}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 3 s | Transfer to 3NT with a stopper |

## MULTICOLOURED 2 :

## Description:

2 : Weak 2 in / (6-10), 20-22 HCP Balanced, $16+$ HCPs in $\boldsymbol{s} /$

- 2 : Pass or correct (tends to deny 3 's)
- Pass - Weak 2 in
- 2 - Weak 2 in
- 2NT - 20-22 HCPs Balanced (Play system like NT opening)
- $3-16-16+$ HCPs, $6+$ card suit with 8 playing tricks
- $2=$ Pass or correct ( $3+$ 's, tends to deny 3 's)
- Pass - Weak 2 in
- 2NT - 20-22 Balanced (Play system like NT opening)
- 3-Weak 2 in (low range)
- $3-16+$ HCPs, $6+$ card suit with 8 playing tricks
- 4 - Weak 2 in (low range)
- 2NT - seeking information with $11+$ HCPs
- 3/3 - Natural 16+ HCPs, Game Force
- 3 - Pass or correct (3 's \& 3+'s)
- Pass - Weak 2 in
- 3-Weak 2 in
- 3NT - 20-22 Balanced (Denies 5 card Major)
- $4 \boldsymbol{e} / 4-16+$ HCPs, $6+$ card suit with 8 playing tricks
- 3 - Pass or correct ( $4+\& 3$ )
- Pass - Weak 2 in
- 3N-20-22 Balanced
- 4 - Weak 2 in
- $4 \boldsymbol{s} / 4-16+$ HCPs, $6+$ card suit with 8 playing tricks
- $3 \mathrm{NT}=$ To Play
- 4 = Pass or correct ( $4+\& 4+$ )


## DEFENSE OF <br> MULTICOLOURED 2*:

## The Direct Seat - RHO has opened 2*.

Dbl - 13-17, fairly flat, or 18+ any shape
$2 \downarrow \quad-\quad$ 13-17 with $5+\uparrow$ but at most two $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$
2 - $\quad$ 13-17 with $5+$ but at most two $\uparrow$
2NT - Natural, 17-19, with both majors
stopped (systems on for partner).
3*/ A good hand (16+) with a good suit.
3NT - Natural, usually based on a long
minor with both major suits stopped.

## The Fourth Seat - RHO has opened 2*.

In this seat you may only get one chance to bid; but again, there really is no need to rush into thing as LHO may have a big hand and partner presumably understands balancing if it's passed round to him. My suggestions are the same as above except that there is no $2 \vee$ option of course. If RHO bids 2 (showing $\upharpoonright$ 's) and you have a good hand with $5+\boldsymbol{\text { ' }}$ 's then double.

