## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, 1/2 Level, Reopening)

Style: up to 18 hcp , usually sound at the 2-level
Responses: new suit=F1, CUE (and 2NT) limit raise+
Simple jump = Fit showing, Double-jump = SPL, 4M = NAT,
Jump cuebid = Mixed raise, Jump Raise $=$ Weak
Reopening: with shape or values
1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses, Reopening)
$2^{\text {nd }}$ position: $15-18 \mathrm{HCP}$
Responses: As over opening 15-17 1NT; Rubenshol
$4^{\text {th }}$ position Live: $15-18$ HCP
Balancing: 11-17 HCP over major; 11-14 over minors
Responses: Range stayman over majors
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)
Style: PRE, HCP as per vulnerability
Responses: new suit F1; 2NT ASKS rate your hand
Unusual notrump: PH 1NT=5+-5+ unbid suits; 4-10 HCP
2NT in direct=5-5(+) lower suits, HCP as per vulnerability
Reopening: jump=12-15 HCP, good 6+suit
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Resp., Reopening)
Style: $(1 \mathrm{~m})-2 \mathrm{~m}=5-5(+)$ MM, HCP as per vulnerability
$(1 \mathrm{M})-2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{OM}+\mathrm{m}, 5-5(+), \mathrm{HCP}$ as per vulnerability
$(1 \mathrm{x})-\mathrm{p}-(1 \mathrm{y})-2 \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{NAT}, 2 \mathrm{y}=$ NAT
Responses: 2NT asks which m (with values) after (1M)-2M
Reopening: same
VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak; Reopening; PH)

## Strong \& Weak: X = cards

$2 *=$ both majors, $2 *=1$ Major, $2 \mathrm{M}=5+$ with minor $4+$,

## Reopening: same

Passed Hand: same but DBL $=4 \mathrm{M}$ and $5+\mathrm{m}$
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids)
DBL=T/O with Transferable values
TranserLebensohl over WK 2 (both positions)
Over WK 2: 2NT=15-18 HCP (4-way transfers), Cue = asksq for stopper, Leaping Michaels.

VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
DBL $=$ good hand, the hand may belong to our side,
$\mathbf{1 N T}=+\uparrow$, all club bids $=$ NAT, $\mathbf{1 N T}=$ cuebid after overcall OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE OUT DOUBLE
$1 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{X}-2 \mathrm{M}=$ weak raise, $1 \downarrow-\mathrm{X}-2 \downarrow=3$ cards $\downarrow$ raise $8 \mathrm{HCP}+$, $1 \Delta-\mathrm{X}-2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ raise $8 \mathrm{HCP}+, 1 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{X}$ : transfers start with $\mathbf{1 N T}$, Dormer, Jumps are fit showing or mixed raises

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

## OPENING LEADS AND SIGNALS

Lead

| Lead |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Suit | 3rd and low, xxS, Sx | 3rd and low; PxyS but Sxx if raised |
| NT | 4th, xSxx, Sxx, Sx | 4th, xxS but Sxx or Sxxx if raised |
| Subseq | 3rd and low, xxS, Sx | 3rd and low, xxS but Sxx if raised |
| Other: |  |  |

LEADS

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lead | Vs suit | Vs NT |
| Ace | AK(+) not beyond | AK $+(x), \mathrm{Ax}(\mathrm{x})$ asks for attitude |
| King | AK, KQ (+) | AKJ10(+), KQ109(+) asks UB or CT |
| Queen | QJ ( + ) | QJx(+); KQx(+); AQJ(x) asks for ATT |
| Jack | J10(+); KJ10(+) | J10(+); KJ10(+) |
| 10 | 10x,109(+); K109(+),Q109 | 10x, 109(+); K109(+), Q109(+), AJ10 |
| 9 | 9x | 9x, 9xx, 987x |
| Hi-x | xxS, xxSx, xxxxS, xxSxxx | Sxx, xxxS or $x$ Sxx, xSxxx or xxxSx |
| Lo-x | xxS, xxSx, xxxxS, xxSxxx | Sxx, xxxS or $x$ Sxx, xSxxx or xxxSx |

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Le | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Suit:1 ${ }^{\text {ST }}$ | Hi=DISC | $\mathrm{Hi}=$ ODD | $\mathrm{Hi}=$ DISC |
| $2^{\text {ND }}$ | $\mathrm{Hi}=\mathrm{ODD}$ | SP | SP |
| $3^{\text {RD }}$ | SP |  |  |
| NT: $1^{\text {ST }}$ | Hi=DISC | $\mathrm{Hi}=$ ODD | $\mathrm{Hi}=$ DISC |
| $2^{\text {ND }}$ | $\mathrm{Hi}=\mathrm{ODD}$ | SP | SP |
| $3^{\text {RD }}$ | SP |  |  |

Reverse Smith vs NT
Suit Prefence in trumps.
Jack is treated as a low card in count, attitude \& SP situations

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening)
Style: may be light with classic shape

Responses: Cuebid response game invitationnal or better
Reopening: T/O

Support DBL (up to 3M). Responsive DBL (up to 4Ү). Maximal double

## WBF Convention Card

## Category: Green

NBO (Country): Canada
Event: VeniceCup 2023
Players: Louise Berthiaume - Sondra Blank

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE:

## Natural, 2/1, 5-card Majors

2 (4-10) 6CM / 2v\&2\& (4-10)5+Major and 4+minor
Forcing 1NT.
Inverted minors - Single rais = GF. Bergen over 1M
Light preempts when non vulnerable
Transfers over 1M - (DBL)

## 1NT opening: 15-17

2 over 1 Response: GF
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
3NT opening shows long solid minor
1c - 1M may bypass diamonds
Unusual vs Unusual

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

## We have forced to game

Passed hand opponents who preempts
We have shown at least a limit raise facing an opening and opponents bid game

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DO NOT FIT ELSEWHERE
4th Suit $=$ GF, $1 *-1 \diamond-1 \stackrel{\text { G }}{ }$ GF with or without $S$

Unserious 3NT in most slam situations in a major. Serious 3NT if responding hand showed a limit or better.
Psychics: Rare

| Opening | Artif icial | Min | Neg. DBL | Description | Response |  | Subsequent Auction | Passed Hand Bidding |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\% |  | 3 | 7¢ | 3+, 11-21 HCP, NF |  <br> $5-9 \mathrm{HCP}, 2 \boldsymbol{}=$ raise in $, 7-9 \mathrm{HCP}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=11-12$, NAT, <br> $3 \stackrel{N}{2}=$ NAT, PRE, $3 * / 3 \vee / 3 \uparrow=$ SPL, not GF, 3 NT $=13-15$ NAT |  | Suit rebid denies a balanced hand. <br> 1NT rebid = 12-14, may bypass majors. <br> 2-way NMF over 1NT rebid <br> 2NT = relay over $12-2 \varphi$. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { New suit }=N F \\ & 1 *-2=\text { LIM in } \end{aligned}$ |
| $1 *$ |  | 3-4 | 7¢ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11-21 HCP, NF } \\ & \text { 4+ unless } 4432 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Suit rebid denies a balanced hand. <br> 1 NT rebid $=12-14$, may bypass majors. <br> 2-way NMF over 1NT rebid <br> $\mathbf{2 N T}=$ relay over $1 \uparrow-2 \boldsymbol{\psi}$. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { New suit = NF } \\ & 1 *-2 \star=\text { LIM in } \end{aligned}$ |
| $1{ }^{19}$ |  | 5 | 7 | 5+, 11-21 HCP, NF | $\mathbf{1 N T}=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{GF}$ with $4+\boldsymbol{*}, 3 \boldsymbol{2}=\mathrm{LR}$ with $4+\boldsymbol{*}, 3 *=$ const with <br>  $=*$ SPL, $4 *=$ SPL, $4 \uparrow=$ PRE |  |  | $2 \%=8+\mathrm{HCP}$ with fit Fit-showing jumps 2NT = clubs <br> 1NT is treated as SF |
| 1. |  | 5 | $7 *$ | 5+, 11-21 HCP, NF |  <br> $3 \mathbf{A}=$ PRE, $\mathbf{3 N T}=5$ Trumps const <br> $4 *=$ SPL, $4 *=$ Splinter, $4 \bullet=\vee$ SPL, $4 *=$ PRE |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1-1NT } \\ & \text { 2C-2D= Relay } \end{aligned}$ | $2 *=8+\mathrm{HCP}$ with fit <br> Fit-showing jumps <br> 2NT = clubs <br> 1NT is treated as SF |
| 1NT |  |  | $4 \vee$ | 15-17 HCP <br> 5 M or 6 m possible 5-4-2-2 possible | $2 \boldsymbol{2}=$ STAY, $2 \star / 2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ TRF to $\mathrm{M} ; 2 \boldsymbol{2}=2 \mathrm{NT}=\stackrel{\text { or WK in mm, }}{ }$ $3 \boldsymbol{*}=$ Puppet stayman, $3 \uparrow=$ STR $5-5(+)$ in mm; 3ヶ/ $\boldsymbol{*}=$ SPL with ( $5-4$ ) in $\mathrm{mm}, 4 \boldsymbol{2}=15+$ Balanced $/$ Baron, $4 \stackrel{\wedge}{2} \mathbf{~} \mathbf{v}=$ TRF to M, $4 \stackrel{\wedge}{2}=$ NAT, Transfert Lebensohl or Lebenshol depending on opponents methods. Texas transfers (also in competition up to 3p) |  | 1NT-TRF-jump $=$ MIN+4-card fit; 1NT-TRF -2NT $=$ MAX +4 -card fit 1NT-2*- $2 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{M}+5 \mathrm{OM}$, FG |  |
| 2* | ART |  |  | Strong, artificial and forcing. $22+$ HCP if balanced | $2 \downarrow=$ waiting. $2 \downarrow=$ weak with $6+\stackrel{\wedge}{2}, 2 \downarrow=$ weak with $6+\&$, <br> $3 *=$ weak with $6+\uparrow, 3 \uparrow=$ weak with $6+\downarrow$ <br> Over interference, $\mathrm{X}=$ positive without a good suit and $\mathrm{P}=$ waiting. |  | Modified Kokish relay ( $3 \boldsymbol{\sim}=\boldsymbol{\vee}$, $3 \boldsymbol{\varphi}=\boldsymbol{\varphi}+$. 2 nd negative over 2 S , |  |
| 2 | ART |  |  | 6+M / 4-10 HCP | $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 3 \boldsymbol{\wedge}, 3 \wedge$ P/C; 2^ Asks for OM Holding;2NT asks for description; New suit F1; 4e ask to transfert; $4 \diamond$ bid your suit; $4 \vee / 4$. To play |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over 2NT, } 3 \wedge=\min \vee 3 \wedge=\min \wedge, 3 \vee \max \\ & 3 \wedge=\max \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2V |  | 5 |  | 5+『 4+m 4-10 HCP | new suit F1, 2NT asks for description; $3 \times \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C} ; 3 \downarrow 4 \downarrow$ 4¢ to play |  | Over 2NT, $3 *=$ min with $3 \star=$ min with *, <br> $3 \vee$ max with $2 \boldsymbol{*}=$ max with |  |
| 2 |  | 5 |  | 5+ 4+m 4-10 HCP | new suit F1, 2NT asks for description; 3*P/C; 3 4 4 to play |  | same |  |
| 2NT |  |  | 4 | 20-21 BAL, <br> 5 M or 6 m possible | $3 *=$ Romex puppet, $3 * / 3 \vee=$ Transf, $3 \star=$ Minor suit stayman, <br> $4 \boldsymbol{*}=$ slamish $\bullet, 4 \bullet=$ slamish $\bullet, 4 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ slamish $\boldsymbol{\star}, 4 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ slamish $\bullet$ |  | Over $3 \boldsymbol{*}, ~ 3 \star=$ no M or $5 \wedge, 3 \downarrow=$ shows $4 \vee$, $3 \mathbf{A}=$ shows $4 \mathrm{~A}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=$ shows 5 v . <br> Over 4-level transfers, the next step is RKC |  |
| 3\% |  | 6 |  | $4-10 \mathrm{HCP}$ | new suit F1 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  | 6 |  | 4-10 HCP | new suit F1 |  |  |  |
| $3 \vee$ |  | 6 |  | $4-10$ HCP | new suit F1 |  |  |  |
| $3{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 6 |  | 4-10 HCP | new suit F1 |  |  |  |
| 3NT | ART |  |  | 9-10 HCP, solid minor suit | 4* $=$ pass or correct, $4 *$ ASKS for distribution |  | Over $4 \bullet, 4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{SPL}$ in $\mathrm{M}, \mathbf{4 N T}=$ no SPL $5 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{SPL}$ in other m |  |
| 4* |  | 7 |  | 4-10 HCP | $4 *=$ NAT F1; 4M = NAT to play |  |  |  |
| 4 * |  | 7 |  | 4-10 HCP | 4M = NAT to play |  |  |  |
| 4* |  | 7 |  | $4-10$ HCP | New suit asks for control in suit bid |  |  |  |
| 4^ |  | 7 |  | $4-10$ HCP | New suit asks for control in suit bid |  |  |  |
| 4NT | ART |  |  | Ace-asking | 0-4, 1, 2, 3 responses | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |  |
| 5* |  | 8 |  | 4-10 HCP |  | - RKC 1430, Redwoodq 1430 over minor suit fit <br> - 4NT- (interference) RKC 1430 DOPI or ROPI if suit is below 5 of the trump suit <br> - 4NT- (interference) DOPE if suit is at or above 5 of the trump suit <br> - Pass and pull = strong in forcing auction |  |  |
| 5 |  | 8 |  | 4-10 HCP |  |  |  |  |

