| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING |
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| OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening) |
| 1 LEVEL: CAN BE LIGHT 8-17 HCP |
| 2 LEVEL: 6+ CARDS USUALLY SOUND |
| DOUBLE 10+HCP TAKE OUT |
| NEGATIVE DBL 8+HCP |
| REOPENING: GOOD SUIT GENERALLY, CAN BE |
| PRETTYLIGHT IN HCP |
| 1NT OVERCALL (2 (2/44 |
| 15-17 Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| ON OPP NT DOUBLE FOR PENALTY, CAPPELLETTI |
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| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| WEAK 6+ CARDS, 6+HCP, 2NT FOR MINORS 6+HCP |
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| Reopen: NATURAL |
| DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| DIRECT CUEBID =MICHAELS |



| DBL FOR T/O | NEGATIVE DBL UPTO 2S IF NO PREEMPT, |  |
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| NT = 15-17 on reopening bid/double jump strong | 4 H IF OPP PREEMPT |  |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |  | IMPORTANT NOTES |
| REDBL $=8+\mathrm{HCP}$ RESTNAT, |  |  |
|  |  | PSYCHICS: RARE |


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|  |  |  |  |  | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 * \\ & 1 * \end{aligned}$ | // | 0 | 2 S | 18+ any distribution /Good 17+ | Ladder response $\mathrm{HCP}=1 \mathrm{D}=0-6,1 \mathrm{H}=7-9,1 \mathrm{~S}=10-12,1 \mathrm{NT}$ =13+ | Major Suit bid if 5 card or minor else NT |  |
|  | // | 1 | 2 S | $10-17 \mathrm{pts}$ | 1 OVER 1 OR 1NT NON FORCING,JUMP GF | Natural |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \vee \\ & 1 \backsim \end{aligned}$ |  | 5 | 2S | 10-17 pts | 1 NT FORCING FOR 1 ROUND | Repeating the suit at 2 level is to play | DRURY |
|  |  | 5 | 2S | $10-17 \mathrm{pts}$ | 1 NT FORCING FOR 1 ROUND | // | // // // // |
| INT |  |  |  | 15-17, can have a singleton | STAY, 4 SUITS TRF WITH PREACCEPTANCE | NAT |  |
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| 2 |  | 5-5 M |  | MULTI | 2NT ASKING FORCING | // |  |
| 2 V |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 5+5 \text { ANY } \\ & \text { SUIT } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | Upto 11 pts | Natural | // |  |
| $2 \wedge$ |  | $5+5 \mathrm{MIN}$ |  | Upto 11 pts | Natural | // |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2NT } \\ & 3 * \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $5-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ |  | Up to 11 pts | NAT | NAT |  |
|  |  | 6 to 7 |  | Upto 11 pts | // | // |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ |  | 6 to 7 |  | // | // | // |  |
|  |  | 6 to 7 |  | I/ | // | // |  |
| $3 \wedge$ |  | 6 to 7 |  | // | // | // |  |
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| 3NT |  | Gambling |  | 10-17 pts | // | // |  |
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| 4* |  | 7+ |  | 11-17 HCP | NAT | // |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 4 \downarrow \\ & 4 \wedge \\ & 4 \mathrm{NT} \end{aligned}$ |  | 7+ |  | // // | // | // |  |
|  |  | 7+ |  | I/ I/ | NATURAL | // |  |
|  |  | 7+ |  | // // | // | // |  |
|  | // | Bothmm |  | // // | // | // |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 5 \% \\ & 5 \\ & 5 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ |  | 8+ |  | UPTO 17 HCP |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { HIGH LEVEL } \\ \text { BIDDING } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
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## BFAME 2023 - EXPLANATIONS: Mirza Shauq/ Ghias Malik

## NO TRUMP OPENING

$1 \mathrm{NT}-\mathrm{P}-2 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P}-2 \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{P}-3 \mathrm{H}=$ Heart suit also $\min 5 / 5$ and forcing to game
However after transfer to Hearts, 2 S by responder is invitational
(1NT-2D-2H-2S invitational 5/5 in majors)
With 5/5 in majors always proceed via transfer
With 5/4 in majors proceed via Stayman and sign off after opener's bid but if opener bids 2D invoke SMOLLEN

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\text { Sign off }-2 H \text { is } 5 h+4 s ; 2 S \text { is } 5 s+4 h
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\mathbf{G F}-3 H \text { is } 4 h+5 s ; 3 S \text { is } 4 s+5 h
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1NT - P-3D/3H/3S = 4441 singleton in the bid suit; GF 13+
1NT - P - 4C = GERBER ( $\mathrm{D}=0 / 3 ; \mathrm{H}=1 / 4 ; \mathrm{S}=2 \mathrm{~min} ; \mathrm{NT}=2$ max)
1NT - P - 2C - P
2S-P-3H = spade fit shortness somewhere
3S = short where? Response is: 3NT = void, 4C/4D/4H = singleton
(response to 3NT: 4C asking $=4 \mathrm{D} / 4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}$ for C )
HOWEVER
1NT - P-2C-P
2H-P - 2S = SPADE SUIT INVITATIONAL BUT 3S = shortness somewhere
1NT - P-2C - P
2H-P - 3C/3D = MINOR + OTHER MAJOR GAME FORCE
1NT - P-2C - P
2S - P-4D = 15-16 points spade fit and no shortness
4C = GERBER RKC
1NT - P-4D (TEXAS) - P
4H-P - 4S/5C/5D = Heart fit exclusion Blackwood (void in bid suit); step
responses :5H 0/3; 5S=1or $4 ; 5 \mathrm{NT}=2 \mathrm{woQ} ; 6 \mathrm{C}=2 \mathrm{WiQ}$ )

1NT
2C Stayman if response 2D no major then Smollen
2D trsfr to $\mathbf{H}$; opener 2 H is $\mathbf{2 , 3 , 4} \mathbf{H}$

2NT = 3h with 16-17 good
$\mathbf{3 H}=\mathbf{4 h}$ with $\mathbf{1 6 - 1 7} \operatorname{good} / \mathbf{1 5 +}$ with $\mathbf{5 H}$
2H trsfr to S - same treatment as above
$2 S$
MSS
2NT invitational 8-9 hcp
3C trsfr to 3D

## 2/1 game Force

After 1 Major suit opening - 1NT by resp = upto 11 points
2NT = Jacoby 14 HCP and 4 card suit
$3 \mathrm{NT}=15+$ points balanced
After minor suit opening a jump by partner is preemptive

## QUANTITATIVE 4NT

If partner's or your last bid is NT, 4NT is NOT Blackwood unless a major suit has been agreed

EXAMPLE
1H - P - 2D -P
3NT (15-17 points) - P-4NT = quantitative. 4C HERE GERBER? Yes; resp BW

IMMEDIATELY AFTER STAYMAN, JACOBY TFR OR MINOR SUIT TFR, 4NT IS NOT BLACKWOOD. IT MEANS RESPONDER HAS 15-17 POINTS AND IS FISHING FOR SLAM SO:

1NT - P-3C - P
3D - P-4NT is quantitative and 4D = KEY CARD IN DIAMONDS

WHEN IS 4C GERBER: WHEN PARTNER'S LAST BID IS NATURAL 1 NT OR 2 NT see question higher up on this work paper

GERBER EXAMPLES
1NT - 2S - 4C = Gerber
1S - P-2H - P

3NT - P - 4C = Gerber
1D-P - 2NT - P
$4 \mathrm{C}=$ Gerber

CARE:
1D-P-1S-P
1NT - P - 4C = RKC in Spades
1D-P-1S-P
2S - P-4C = SPLINTER AND 4NT = RKC
1NT - $3 \mathrm{H}-4 \mathrm{C}=$ NATURAL NOT GERBER
WEAK 2 OPENINGS BY OPPOSITION
2H - X - P - 2NT = LEBENSOHL asking partner to bid 3C. This will be invoked with a weak hand by advancer and can be passed or converted to 3C

## UNUSUAL Vs UNUSUAL

Bids after 1H/1S by partner and 2NT by overcaller:
3H / 3S = weak support could be 3 cards 7 - 8 points
3H = shows heart suit and is non forcing
3C = invitational or better in hearts
3D = invitational or better in spades IRRESPECTIVE of the fact that $P$ had opened 1S or not

1NT - 2D by opp for majors
$\mathbf{2 H}=$ invitational in clubs
2S = invitational in diamonds
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WEAK 2 openings by partner. 2NT by responder shows game interest. 3 in same suit is minimum; with more bid a suit in which feature ( $A, K$ or $Q$ ). Jump in new suit shows reasonable 4 cards with upper range.

After any preemptive 3 opening bid a bid of 4C by responder = GERBER. Responses are RKC

## BERGEN

On 1 H opening $=4$ card support limit raise; $3 \mathrm{D}=7-9 \mathrm{HCP} ; 3 \mathrm{C}=10-12 \mathrm{HCP}$; 2S = 10-12 HCP with shortness somewhere (responded by 2NT asking for shortness 3C/3D/3H for S); 3S/4C/4D GF with shortness and 13+

On 1S opening = 4 card support limit raise; $3 \mathrm{D}=\mathbf{7 - 9} \mathbf{~ H C P ; ~ 3 C = 1 0 - 1 2 ~ H C P ; ~ 3 H ~ i s ~}$ four card support (upto 12 HCP ) with shortness - now 3 S is sign off by opener and 3NT by opener is asking for shortness responded by 4C/4D/4H is singleton.
However, 3NT by responder on openers 3S signoff shows void asking is 4C to be shown by 4D/H and 4S for club void. Now responder should be 14+ HCP. (Better to splinter)?

## NAMYATS

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\begin{aligned}
4 \mathrm{C} / 4 \mathrm{D} & =4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S} \text { to play } \\
& =4 \mathrm{D} / 4 \mathrm{H} \text { relay to bid original suit }
\end{aligned}
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Now 4NT is Blackwood, other 4S/5C/5D/5H is Asking bid
First step = no control; second step is second round control (singleton or guarded $K$ ); third step is first round control (void or A). NT shows guarded K?

## CHECKBACK SEQUENCE

## 1D 1H <br> 1NT 2C after 2C opener's response sequence is:

2D = denying 4 spades and 3 hearts - min
$2 \mathrm{H}=3$ hearts -min
$2 \mathrm{~S}=4$ spades $-\min$
2NT = neither max
3C = both 3H \& 4S; min
3D = both $3 \mathrm{H} \& 4 \mathrm{~S}$; max
$3 \mathrm{H}=3$ hearts - max
3S = 4 spades - max
3NT = AKQxx in opening suit

## 2NT OPENING

It is 6-11 HCP and 5/5 in minors. Forcing response is $\mathbf{3 H}$, asking for distribution. Opener bids longest major; 3S = doubleton sp 3NT = doubleton $\mathbf{H} .4 \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{S}$ with tripleton or bids 6 card minor 4C or 4D. Response in minor at 4 level is preemptive if non vul and invitational if vul so opener can bid game with good hand/feature.
\{When is 4C/4D RKC BW\}

CAPELLETTI over 1NT
2C = relay to 2D
Bidder will pass if suit is $D$
$\mathbf{2 H}=\mathrm{H}$ and minor, $\mathbf{2 S}=\mathrm{S}$ and minor
2D = both majors weak
2NT = both minors weak
3C = both minors strong
Pass = clubs to play
3D = to play
3H \& 3S trsfr to C /D game interest
3NT to play
3D = both majors strong hand
3H/3S = to play
$4 \mathrm{H} / 4 \mathrm{~S}=$ to play
4C/4D = RKC in H/S

## 2 WAY DRURY (remember partner can open weak in $3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ position) <br> After initial pass by responder partner opens 1 Spade or 1Heart

$2 \mathrm{C}=9-12$ pts with 3 card support
$2 \mathrm{D}=9-12$ pts with 4 card support

## After 2C by responder

2D by opener is fwd going with full opening values but not good enough to bid game
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