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1-Advanced Swiss—over partners major opener --step responses starting at level above a raise to 3M –Void, singleton ,controls(min 4) ,trumps.

e.g 1h-3s shows an unspecified void ---next suit by opener asks which one etc

2-check back

1any P 1any P

1nt ---shows 14+-16

2nt -- shows 17/18

Subsequent bid of 2c and 2d are both check back with 2d asking for other major (therefore showing it as well)

However only check back over 2nt is 3c

3-**defence to pre-empts**—x of minor is pen,suit above is t/o; leaping and non leaping michaels-i.e bid of other minor at 4 level is that minor plus major -at least 5/5 highly invitational but partner can pass with a very poor hand and no fit .

Bid of their minor at 4 level(e.g. 3d4d) is majors at least 5/5

X of major is take out ,bid of minor at 4 level is therefore non leaping Michaels -that minor and other major -agasin highly invitational but partner can pass with very poor hand and no fit .

Bid of 4nt over major pre-empt is minors

4-responses to 2nt

3c-4 card stayman

3d/3h transfers

3s-interest in minor suit slam with at least 4/4 in minors

after transfer response to 2nt –break of transfer shows 4 card support and is a cue, bid of 4 of that major shows 4 card support and **guarantees no suit with 2 top losers**.

Breaking transfer to 3nt denies 3 card support –so subsequent raise to 4nt would then be quantitive while 2nt p 3d p 3h(Guaranteeing 3) p 4nt is RKC

Over 2nt -3s -

3nt is no prime interest in minor suit slam

4c however is interest and asks for clarification of responders hand—step responses clubs, diamonds, more clubs than diamonds, more diamonds than clubs ,at least5/5.

Over 3nt responders bid would be the same step responses -i.e 4c is clubs

All sequences over 2nt are also used over 2c p 2any p 2nt and 2d p 2h/s p 2nt

5-Over opponents double of partners Major opener 2nt shows good raise to 3

6-in competitive situations bid of opponent's suit shows minimum of 3 card support and good raise to next level—i.e. 1h 1s p 2h ---shows good raise to 2s

7-Jump overcalls---variable --so vul v not would be 6 card suit 15+

8-competitive doubles ---at 1.2.3 level non penalties except

- 1- if partner has pre-empted -or otherwise shown a weak hand -double is penalties
- 2- if partner has opened or overcalled a natural nt double is values)
- 3- if partner has doubled nt (where double is values)—However in this case where partner has doubled 1nt and RHO bids then bids of a suit are natural with values but non forcing and 2nt says bid 3c –where system is as over 1nt opener

9-leads

- a) in partners suit(i.e. one he has bid) lead lowest of 3 or4 –irrespective of whether you have an honour
- b) lead of q asks for attitude—so can easily be from KQ.