DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)

 Wide ranging, sound at 2-level. 1M may be 4 cards with longer m Cue response $=3+$ card raise, $9+$ HCPNew suit F1, FIT by PH; jump new suit by PH? = FIT
$2 \mathrm{~N}=$ STR 4 card raise of $\mathrm{M}, 9+\mathrm{HCP}$; NAT over $\mathrm{m}, 9+\mathrm{HCP}$
Jump cue $=$ Mixed raise (4cd support, 6-9)
Jumps to Game = to play
1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
15+-18, Responses as opening NT
In $4^{\text {th }}=\mathbf{1 0 - 1 4}$ over 1m, 11-16 over 1M. Responses as opening NT $4^{\text {th }}$ live $=55+$ unbid suits ( $\mathbf{1 6 - 1 8}$ in short club auctions)

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak. Responses- 2N F1 enquiry, new suit F1
UNT shows $5 / 5$ lowest 2 unbid suits ( ms in short club auctions)
Reopening: intermediate in suit, 2N 19/21
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
(1m) $2 \mathrm{~m}=55+$ Ms unlimited ( $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}) 2 \boldsymbol{}=\mathrm{Ms}$ when $1 \boldsymbol{\bullet}=$ short
(1M) $2 \mathrm{M}=5 \mathrm{OM}+5 \mathrm{~m}$, unlimited
Response: jumps promise 3+card support, cue $=$ STR, $\mathrm{Dbl}=$ PEN Jump cue overcall ASK for stopper
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
$2 *=$ Majors. $2 *$ response $=$ same length, $2 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{INV}$
$2 \bullet \vee \wedge$ are natural-less than doubling values
$2 \mathrm{~N}=55+\mathrm{ms}$ or STR 2-suiter, any suits
$\mathrm{Dbl}=\mathrm{PEN}, 2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{Dbl}$ of NAT rescue $=\mathrm{t} / \mathrm{o}$
Dbl by Passed Hand $=6$ card minor. $2 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$
VS.PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
T/ox + LEB FAST. Cue $=2$-suiter. $4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{ms}$
(2M) $4 \mathrm{~m}=55+$ bid $\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{OM}$ FG
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1* or 2*
V strong $1 * / 2 *$ double $=$ majors, $1 \mathrm{~N} / 2 \mathrm{~N}=$ minors
Over short $1 *$ then $2 * / 3 *=$ NAT
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
$\mathrm{XX}=$ Strong misfit, F 2NT. Raises PRE, 0-9 HCP. 2N = STR raise New suit F1. Jump new suit = FIT

| LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  | W B F CONVENTION CARD |
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| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  | CATEGORY: i.e. Green / Blue / Red / HUM / Brown Sticker: <br> NCBO: Scotland <br> PLAYERS: Liz McGOWAN/Tim McKAY <br> EVENT <br> 5211/2563 |
|  |  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit |  | 4th, Hi from bad suit | Lowest from Odd No |  |
| NT |  | 4th, Hi from bad suit | $\mathrm{Hi}=$ even No |  |
| Subseq | ATT |  |  |  |
| Other: SP leads when length known (eg after weak 2 opener) |  |  |  |  |
| LEADS |  |  |  | SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| Lead | Vs. Suit |  | Vs. NT |  |
| Ace | AK+ |  | AK+, AKJ+ (asks ATT) | GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE |
| King | KQ+ |  | KQJ/10x+, AKJ+ (CT/UB) | ACOL style |
| Queen | QJ+ |  | QJ+, KQ+ (asks ATT) | 4 cdMs |
| Jack | J+, J10+ |  | AJ10+, KJ10+ JT9+ | Weak2s in *VA 5-10HCP |
| 10 | K/Q109+, |  | A/K/Q109+ | 1NT 11-14 |
| 9 | 109+, 9x |  | 109+ | 2 over 1 F to 2 of suit opened |
| Hi-X | Xx, XXxx, XXxxxx |  | Xx, XX(xxxx) |  |
| Lo-X |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ ) from Hxxx Hhxx | $4^{\text {th }}\left(3^{\text {rd }}\right)$ from honour |  |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |  |  |
|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding | SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE |
| 1 | Count | Count | $1^{\text {st }}$ discard=REV att |  |
| Suit 2 | Att if A/Q | SP | Count/remainder Ct |  |
|  | SP | -- | SP |  |
| 1 | Count | Count | $1^{\text {st }}$ discard=REV att |  |
| NT 2 | Att if $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{Q} / \mathrm{J}$ | SP | Count/remainder Ct |  |
| 3 |  | -- | SP |  |
| Signals (including Trumps): Reverse att- lo=encouraging |  |  |  |  |
| Standard Ct- high-low= even Trump signals=SP |  |  |  |  |
| Smith Peters?? |  |  |  |  |
| DOUBLES |  |  |  |  |
| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) |  |  |  |  |
| Shape-suitable or STR. Cue response F to suit agreement |  |  |  |  |
| Equal level conversion $*$ to $\uparrow$. DBI of short $* / \downarrow=$ opening strength |  |  |  |  |
| NEGX thru 4 * . Likely 4 unbid M at 1-/2-level, values at 3-level/higher |  |  |  |  |
| Responsive X thru 4*. Most low-level DBLs = t/o |  |  |  | SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS |  |  |  | When we have bid game showing constructive values. |
| Game try X of suit immediately below |  |  |  | When it is clear opponents are sacrificing |
| XX of NegX/ cue shows Hx(x) in partner's suit |  |  |  |  |
| Lightner of freely bid games /slams asks unusual lead, eg dummy's suit |  |  |  | IMPORTANT NOTES |
| After 1N (PENX) XX = any single suit |  |  |  | If partner shows a single suiter at 2 level, then $2 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{F} 1$ |
| Dbl of Splinter asks for lead of suit below |  |  |  | Eg 1C 1S 2C 2N=F1 or (1H) 2D (P) 2N=F1 |
| XX of sputnik X shows Hx (x) |  |  |  | PSYCHICS:Very unusual |



