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## 2 Notations

Notation	Meaning
Bal / unBal	Balance / unbalance
M/m	Major / minor
oM / om	Other major / other minor
X/Y/Z	Unbid / unmentioned suit
NF / F1R / I / I <sup>+</sup>	Non-forcing / Force one round / In-
	vitational / Invitational or better
COG / FG / FG= / ST	Choice of game / Forcing to game /
	Forcing to game only / Slam try
P/C	Pass or correct
J/NJ	Jump / Non-jump (suit)
Art / Nat	Artificial / Natural
Dbl / Rdbl	Double / redouble
+	Equal or more in terms of HCP (18 <sup>+</sup> )
	or length (5 <sup>+</sup> ♡), or equal or higher
	in level (2♣⁺)
-	equal or less, or equal or lower
4+ • / 4= • / 4- •	Not less than 4 cards / Exactly 4
	cards / Not more than 4 cards in 🌲
5431 / =1534	Any 5431 / 1534 in ♠♡♦♣ order
s/v	Singleton or void
Nat. Cont.	Natural Continuation
~	Similar to / approximate
+ve / -ve	Positive / Negative (response)
KC	Key card
T	Trump. TQ = trump Queen

# 3 System Conventions

### 3.1 Gazzillis

The following sequences are different forms of Gazzilli: Can be  $3^+$  cards in partner's suit

1♣ - 1♦/♥; 1♥/♠
1♦ - 1♥/♠; 1NT
1♥ - 1♠; 1NT

Can be  $4^+$  :  $1 \diamondsuit / \heartsuit / \spadesuit - 1$ NT; 2 No weak cases: 1 - 1 \( \hbeta \);  $2 \heartsuit / \spadesuit / \spadesuit = 1$ 

After (1) a negative response from responder and opener's strong bid, or (2) a positive response from responder and opener's weak response, only new suits and jump bids below game are forcing.

Table 1: Gazzilli Bids and +ve Responses

	Respond			
Open	1\$	100	1♠	1nt
1.	1♡(1NT)	1♠(1NT)	2♥(2♠) / 2♠(2NT)	-
1\$	-	1NT(2♣)	1NT(2♣)	2♣(2♡)
100	-	-	1NT(2♣)	2♣(2♦)
1♠	-	-	-	2♣(2♦)

14 - 14; 10 - ? Natural. 6-7 2♣/♦/♡ Natural. 6-7 8<sup>+</sup>. Then 1NT · 2♣: 11-15 5<sup>+</sup>♣ 3=♡ unbal · 2♦: 11-15 5<sup>+</sup>♣ 4=♥ (=4414) unbal.  $\cdot 2 \odot$ : 16<sup>+</sup> 3<sup>+</sup> $\odot$ . 2NT by either player denies extra length in ♡ · 2NT: 18-19 Bal · NJ suit: 16<sup>+</sup> 2<sup>-</sup>♥ Nat  $\sim 1 \clubsuit - 1 \heartsuit; 1 \spadesuit$ 1♣ - 1♠; 2♡ - ? 6-7 long ♦ with ♣ Tolerance 2NT 3**.** 6-7 NF 3♦ 6-7 long ♦ without ♣ Tolerance 2 8<sup>+</sup>. Then · 2NT: 18-19 Bal. FG. · 3♣: 16-18 long ♣. NF. responder then bid 3M to seek for stopper, or  $3\diamondsuit$  as a natural forcing bid. · 3X: 19<sup>+</sup> long ♣. s/v in X. FG. 14 - 14; 24 - ? 3m | 6 NF. 8<sup>+</sup>. FG. Opener rebid 3♣ or 3♦ to show 16-2nt 18. Higher rebids would show 19<sup>+</sup>.  $1 \diamondsuit - 1M; 1NT - ?$  $2\diamondsuit$ 6-7 NF  $2\heartsuit$ (after  $1\spadesuit$ ) 6-7 5<sup>+</sup> $\spadesuit$  4<sup>+</sup> $\heartsuit$ 2M 6-7 5<sup>+</sup>M NF 3♣ 6-7 6<sup>+</sup>♣. No ♦ tolerance

2♣ 8<sup>+</sup>. Then

· 2♦: 11-15 5<sup>+</sup>♦ 3=♥/♠

 $\cdot$  2M: 16<sup>+</sup>. 3<sup>+</sup>M. 2NT by either player denies extra length in the major

 $\cdot$  2NT: 16<sup>+</sup> 4441M

· NJ Suit: Natural FG. 2<sup>-</sup>♡/♠

1♦ - 1NT; 2♣ - ?

2♦ | 6-7 NF Tolerance for ♦

2♠ 6-7 6<sup>+</sup>♣. No tolerance for ♦

♡ 8<sup>+</sup>. Then

 $\cdot 2 \spadesuit 16^{+} \diamondsuit + \clubsuit$ 

· 2NT 14-15 5 $^+$  $\diamondsuit$  4 $^+$  $\clubsuit$ . Pass/3m/3NT is to play.

3M is stopper asking / splinter.

 $\cdot$  3 $\Diamond$  16<sup>+</sup> 6<sup>+</sup> $\Diamond$ . 3M are cue-bids

 $\cdot$  3M 16<sup>+</sup> 5= $\Diamond$  4=M short oM

· 3NT 16<sup>+</sup> 5=♦ short ♣

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1 \heartsuit - 1 \spadesuit; 1 \text{NT} - ?
2 \diamondsuit
          6-4=
20
          6-Preference
          6<sup>-</sup>5<sup>+</sup>
2
         7<sup>+</sup>. Then
          · 2♦: 15-17 Bal
          \cdot 2\heartsuit: 13-17 5^+\heartsuit 3=\spadesuit unbal
          \cdot 2\spadesuit: 18<sup>+</sup> 3<sup>+</sup>\spadesuit. 2NT by responder denies 5th
          · 2NT: 18-19 Bal
          · 3X: Nat. 2<sup>-</sup>♠
1\%/\spadesuit - 1NT; 2\clubsuit - ?
               7^+. 2\heartsuit/\spadesuit is 11-15 with \clubsuit. Others are natural
               and FG.
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## 3.2 Bridge-World Death Hand

6<sup>-</sup>Preference 6<sup>-</sup>Minors

6<sup>-</sup>Long suit

20/

2NT

3m

Opener shows precisely 3 cards in one suit (usually partner's suit), 6<sup>+</sup> in own suit. I<sup>+</sup>.

Table 2: 3-card suit that 2NT Rebid Shows

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2NT rel	JIU	Respond			
Oper	n 1	1♦ 1♥ 1♠		1	1nt
1.	3:	=\( \)	3=♠	3=♦	-
1\$		-	3=♡	3=♠	3=♣
10		-	-	3=♠	-
1		-	-	-	3=♡

Responder's rebid after BWDH 2NT rebid:

- Bidding the known suits at 3-level shows minimum. Bidding opener's 3-card suit promise 5<sup>+</sup> cards.
- Bidding the lower of the remaining suits is game-forcing in the higher known suit.
- Bidding the higher of the remaining suits shows mild slam interest in the low known suit.
- Bidding 3NT is to play. Opener can pull with exceptional hand.
- Bypassing 3NT fits the lower known suit with serious slam interest. Cue bid.

# 3.3 Reverse, Jump, Jump-shift, and Jump Support

When Gazzilli is available:

- Reverse shows hands with good suits and playing strength and F1R.
- Jump rebids shows good suit and playing strength, invitational.
- Jump-shift shows excellent hand with concentrated values in the suits, game-forcing.
- Responder's jump support to 3-level are invitational, good support, and good source of tricks in the side suit.

## 3.4 Type A Asking Bid

(Obsolete)

## 3.5 Type B Asking Bid

After a game-forcing sequence and opener / responder has shown a two-suited hand, partner's 2NT is the type B asking bid (BAB).

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... 2NT (BAB); ?
       Extra. 5 in original suit / 4441, 3♦ is asking
3.
3♦
       5431 Min. 3♥ is asking
3♡
       6<sup>+</sup>-4<sup>+</sup> any strength
       5-5 any strength (6-5 if 5-5 is impossile)
3♠
3nt
      5422 Limited
... 2NT (BAB); 3♣ - 3♦; ?
       Lower 3<sup>rd</sup> suit
       Higher 3rd suit
3♠
       5422
3NT
      5422 Much extra
4
... 2NT (BAB); 3♦ - 3♥; ?
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# 4 General Conventions

3NT | Higher 3<sup>rd</sup> suit (3-4 cards)

Lower 3<sup>rd</sup> suit (3-4 cards)

### 4.1 Fast Arrival

In a game-forcing sequence, fast arrival can be done when your partner's hand is limited or:

- · your hand is weaker than your partner's,
- you have 1<sup>-</sup> KC, and
- · you are near minimum in HCP

If fast arrival is not allowed, bid non-serious 3NT to discourage slam instead.

# 4.2 Stopper-showing

A 3<sup>rd</sup> level unbid-suit-bid is stopper-showing when

- · you are in a game-forcing sequence,
- · neither you nor partner has bid a natural NT, and
- there are 2 or more unbid suits

# 4.3 Set Trump

The following are the priority of bids that are used for setting trumps (from high to low):

- 1. 3M for M if M is a possible strain
- 2. 4m for m if m is a possible strain
- 3. A side suit for M if oM and that side suit are not possible strains (or 3oM is available for setting oM as trump)

4. 4♣ for ♡ and 4♦ for ♠ if both majors are possible strains

If 3M can be used to set trump but a side suit is bid to set M as trump, this is a cue bid with much extra.

# 4.4 Splinters

Without specification, splinter bids promise 4<sup>+</sup> trump, 2<sup>+</sup> controls outside the splinter suit, and a void.

#### 4.5 Italian Cue Bids

Cue bid in a suit promises  $1^{st}$  or  $2^{nd}$  round control. Bypassing a suit denies them unless that player has shown s/v in that suit. If a player has shown s/v in a suit, he cues it only when he has a bare Ace or void.

When an opponent doubles our cue bid (overcalls), redouble (double) shows first round control, continue bidding shows second round control and pass denies first and second round control.

## 4.6 RKCB(1430)

RKCB is used rarely. 4 NT is RKCB / 5 of side suit is exclusion RKCB only when no cue-bidding has begun and trump is fit below 3 NT.

... RKCB - ?

1<sup>st</sup> step | 1 or 4 KC

2<sup>nd</sup> step | 0 or 3 KC

3<sup>rd</sup> step | 2 KC without TQ

4<sup>th</sup> step | 2 KC with TQ

After the first 2 steps, a relay bid (skip the trump suit if necessary) ask for the TQ: return to 6 of a trump to deny TQ and other bids promise TQ and lowest King. After any steps response, 5NT promise all key-cards and ask for the lowest King.

#### 4.7 Fourth Suit

After 1-over-1 and non-reverse rebid by opener, fourth suit is invite up (except  $1\heartsuit-1\spadesuit;2\diamondsuit-3\clubsuit$ , which is FG). 2-level rebid by opener are natural, minimum, and non-forcing; 3-level rebid by opener are game-forcing.

When the above mentioned fourth suit is not bid and jump to 3-level instead, it shows a game-forcing and unidirectional hand.

#### 4.8 Turbo

Turbo sequence is on if cue-bidding has started and the bidding has gone beyond game level. The method depends on the trump suit, but the ideas are similar.

When  $\lozenge/\lozenge/\spadesuit$  is set as trump:

- 4NT shows even number of KCs. Bypassing 4NT shows odd number of KCs
- 5♣ denies holding TQ
- 5 of trump shows TQ but no lower cues

- 5NT informs partner that the partnership holds all keys cards but he does not have the TQ
- whenever one finds that the partnership holds all KCs and the TQ, he should jump to level six (cue bid or return to trump)

When & is set as trump:

- 4♦ shows even number of KCs. Bypassing 4♦ shows odd number of KCs
- 4NT denies holding ♣Q and bypassing promises ♣Q
- 5♣ after 4NT says that he doesn't have the ♣Q either
- 5NT informs partner that the partnership holds all KCs but he does not have the TQ

When  $\clubsuit$  (or  $\diamondsuit$ ) are set as trump at  $3^{\rm rd}$  level, then bidding  $4\clubsuit$  ( $4\diamondsuit$ ) denies holding TQ and bypassing shows TQ. 4NT would be  $\diamondsuit$  cue bid ( $5\clubsuit$  would be normal  $\clubsuit$  cue bid).

# 5 1

14 - ?  $1 \diamondsuit$ (3)6-FG 4<sup>+</sup>♥ 10 (3)6-FG 4<sup>+</sup>♠ (3)6-FG no 4-card major 1 FG<sup>+</sup> Bal. or ♣. Include 5M332 1NT 2♣/♦/♡  $FG^+$ .  $5^+ \diamondsuit / \heartsuit / \spadesuit$ 2**♠** FG<sup>+</sup> Any 4441 Long . Invite opposite 12-14 Bal 2NT 3**.** Long . Preempt

INT to  $2\spadesuit$  rebid are only made when opener have extra playing strength. With bare game-forcing hand, he should go through  $1\diamondsuit$  to  $1\spadesuit$  rebids.

#### 5.1 Walsh Transfer

1 - 1 : ? $1 \heartsuit$ Gazzilli. Either 11-15 5<sup>+</sup>♣ 3<sup>+</sup>♥ unbal or 16<sup>+</sup> many hands 4⁺♠ unBal. F1R 1 12-14 Bal 3<sup>-</sup>♡ 1nt 2 11-15 5<sup>+</sup>♣ 2<sup>-</sup>♥ unBal. 20 12-14 4=♥ Bal. Help suit game try 6+,3=♥ I 2NT 6+, 2-\times I 3♣  $\sim 1$  -1 $\circ$ 1\$ - 1\$; 1\$ -? 8-10 Bal. 1NT 2♣/♡/♠ NF  $2 \diamondsuit$ Fourth suit forcing. I<sup>+</sup> FG shapeful hands. 3♣/♡/♠

1♣ - 1♦; 1NT - ?	5.2 Transfer Jump Game-Forcing
2♣ I <sup>+</sup> . 2♦ shows max. and FG. Other rebids are min. Natural continuation	1♣ - 1NT; ?
	2.   Bal. Any strength
Transfer to 2♥. 5⁺♥. Responder then pass,	$2 \lozenge / \lozenge / \lozenge $ Unbal. Nat. 2NT = BAB
or bid new suit to FG, or 2NT to invite.	2NT Long & extra
$2 \heartsuit$ $5 = \heartsuit 4 = \spadesuit$ weak. P/C	3♣   Long ♣ min
2NT   Puppet to 3♣, weak in ♣/♦. P/C 3m   5+m 4=♥ FG	3X set ♣ trump. s/v in X
$3m$ $5^+m$ $4=\heartsuit$ FG $3\heartsuit$ $4-4$ majors. COG	
$\sim 1\$ - 1\%$ ; 1NT -? except	1♣ - 1NT; 2♣ - ?
	$ 2 \diamondsuit / \heartsuit / \spadesuit $ Unbal. Nat. 2NT = BAB
	2NT Bal.
2♥   Transfer to 2♠	3♣   Long ♣ min
1.0.10.00	3X Long ♣ extra. Short X
1♣ - 1♦; 2♣ - ?	3NT Long ♣ extra. Bal. Mild SI.
Pass To play	One   Bong & Chita. Bai. Mila of.
2♦ 5+♥ I+. 2♥ could be singleton and min	1♣ - 1NT; 2♣ - 2NT
2♥ 6 <sup>+</sup> ♥ to play	3   Puppet Stayman. System on
2. Stopper showing for NT. I <sup>+</sup>	3♦   Control Ask
2NT Bal. inv	3M Stopper ask
3♣   I	3NT   12-14 Bal. To play
$\sim 1 - 1 ; 2 - 1 ; 2 - ?$	3N1   12-14 Dat. 10 play
$2 \diamondsuit \mid 5^+ \spadesuit I^+$ . $2 \heartsuit$ shows $4 = \heartsuit$ . $2 \spadesuit$ could be single-	1 • 2 • /\(\Delta\)/\(\O\cdot\)
ton and min	1♣ - 2♣/♦/♥; ?   Step
2♥   5=♠ 4=♥ 6-9	
$2 \spadesuit \mid 5^+ \spadesuit \text{ to play}$	2X Nat. unbal. 2NT = BAB
	2NT 12-14 Bal. Could have 3-card support. Con-
1♣ - 1♠; ?	tinuation similar to 1♣-1♦/♡; 1NT
1NT   12-14 Bal (May be 4441)	S♣ Long ♣. Min
2♣ 12-15 5+♣ unBal.	Jump Step 12-14 Bal. 4-card support
2♦ 14-16 4+♣ 4+♦ NF	3NT Extra. 3-card in partner's suit. Source of
2♥ Gazzilli. 18-19 Bal., or 16-18 long ♣ 2 <sup>-</sup> ♦, or	tricks in 👫
19 <sup>+</sup> long ♣ with s/v	1.0.0.10.100.01
2♠ Gazzilli. 16-18 long ♣ 3 <sup>+</sup> ♦, or 19 <sup>+</sup> long ♣	1♣ - 2♣/♦/♡; Step - ?
without s/v	2NT   Extra
$2NT \mid 6^+ 3 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow I^+$ .	Others   Nat. Min
$3 - 6^+ - 2^- $	
	1♣ - 2♣/♦/♡; Step - 2NT; ?
1♣ - 1♠; 1NT - ?	3♣ 5 <sup>+</sup> ♣ 3-card partner suit. unBal. Min
2m   Stop bid	3♦   5 <sup>+</sup> ♣ 4-card partner suit. unBal. Min
2M Weak suit. Seeking the possibility of 3NT	3M/4m Natural. Extra
2NT Bal. I.	3NT   Extra. Bal / semi-Bal
3m   6+m, I.	
3M Splinter, 5-4 in minors	<b>1♣</b> - 2♠; ?
· · · -	2NT   Bal. Ask short
1♣ - 1♠; 2♣ - ?	3X 4 <sup>+</sup> X. Responder bids NT to show singleton.
2♦   Stop bid	Other bids fit X and cue
2M Weak suit. Seeking the possibility of 3NT	
2NT Bal. I.	1♣ - 2NT; ?
3m Nat. I.	Pass/3♣ To play
3M Splinter, good ♣ support.	3X Either stopper showing, or advance cue-
**	bid for ♣ slam.
1♣ - 1♠; 2♦ - ?	3NT   To play
Pass   To play	
2M Weak suit. Seeking the possibility of 3NT	5.3 Passed Hand Bidding of 1♣
2NT Bal. I.	
2. Stop hid	Same as non passed hand except P - 1, 1NT/2X are natu

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Stop bid

Splinter, good support in either  $\clubsuit$  or  $\diamondsuit$ .

3♣

Same as non passed hand except P - 1. INT/2X are natural invites.

### 5.4 Contested auction of 1.

1♣ (Dbl)? Rdbl | 11+ 4-50 7+  $1 \diamondsuit$ 10 4-5 **7** 1 5<sup>+</sup> **3** 7-10 5<sup>+</sup> \$\leftrightarrow\$ 7-10 1nt 2/3X | 6+ single suit 6-9

1♣ (P) 1♦ (Dbl);?

Pass 12-14 Bal. No ♦ stop 12-14 Bal. ♦ stop 1nt Others | Same as uncontested

~ 1♣ (Dbl) 1♦ (Dbl); ?

1♣ (P) 1♦ (Dbl); P (P)?

10 Worst hand

Ask partner to bid 1NT. Back to system Rdbl

Others

 $1 \clubsuit (1 \diamondsuit)$ ?

Dbl 7 None of below

5+M 7+ 1M

Nat 7-10 good stop at ♦ 1nt

2 Nat FG

4<sup>+</sup>4<sup>+</sup> majors 5<sup>+</sup>. Opener bids 2M to show 3<sup>+</sup>  $2 \diamondsuit$ cards and min

1♣ (1♡)?

4-5 7<sup>+</sup> Dbl 1 3-♠ 7+

Nat 7-10 good stop at ♡ 1nt

Nat FG 2m

Transfer. 6<sup>+</sup>♠ 7<sup>+</sup>  $2\heartsuit$ 

1♣ (1♠) ?

4-5♡ 7+ Dbl

Nat 7-10 good stop at ♠ 1NT

2m/♡ Nat F1R

2 Bal. I<sup>+</sup>, does not promise stopper

Bal. I. with good stopper 2NT

#### 1♣ (1NT)?

Same defence as if they have opened a weak 1NT, except for point compensations.

14 (P) 1NT/2X (Dbl); ? System off. Pass-(re)double inversion applies. Pass either shows length or a good stopper for 3NT

# $1 \diamondsuit$

1\( - ?

 $(3)6-FG 4^+M$ 1M

1NT 6-11 no 4-card major

2 FG<sup>+</sup>.  $5^+$  / Bal /  $\diamondsuit$  raise

 $2 \diamondsuit$  $(3)6-85^+ 4^+ \% NF$ 

2MFG<sup>+</sup> 5<sup>+</sup>M. Include 5M332

2NT Nat I

3♣ Nat I

3♦ Preemptive 4<sup>+</sup>\$

# 6.1 1-level Responses

 $1\lozenge - 1\heartsuit$ ;?

1 Nat 4=♠ F1R

1nt Gazzilli. 11-15  $5^+ \diamondsuit 3^+ \heartsuit$  or  $16^+$ 

2**♣** 11-15  $5^+ \diamondsuit 4^+ \clubsuit$  NF. Then 2NT is inv. with  $\spadesuit$ stopper and  $2 \spadesuit$  is  $I^+$ 

2\$ 11-15  $5^+ \diamondsuit$  NF. Responder bids 2M to invite, and ask for stopper for 3NT

20 11-15 ♥ raise

2NT  $| 6^+ \diamondsuit 3^+ \heartsuit I^+$ 

~ 1♦-1♠; 1♦-1♠;2♣ may be 1♠444

 $1\diamondsuit$  - 1NT; ?

2 $\clubsuit$  | Gazzilli. 11-15 $\diamondsuit$ + $\clubsuit$ , or any 16<sup>+</sup>

 $2 \diamondsuit$ 11-15 <sup>+</sup>♦ NF

2NT  $| 6^+ \diamondsuit 3^+ \clubsuit I^+$ 

#### 6.2 **2♣** 3-way Game-Forcing

1\$\langle - 2\bigset; ?

 $2 \diamondsuit$ (41)44

2M $4^{+}$ M any strength (2 $\heartsuit$  could be =4441)

2NT 16<sup>+</sup> 6<sup>+</sup>♦ ♣ s/v

16<sup>+</sup> 6<sup>+</sup>♦ 2=♣ 3♣

3♦ 16<sup>+</sup> 6<sup>+</sup>♦ 3=♣

3♡  $16^{+} = 4144$ 

3**♠** 16<sup>+</sup> =1444

1♦ - 2♣; 2♦ - ?

 $2\heartsuit$  is an asking bid and others are natural:

 $1\lozenge - 2\clubsuit$ ;  $2\lozenge - 2\heartsuit$ ; ?

 $\diamondsuit+$  2NT = BAB 2**♠** 

2NT | 11-15  $6^+ \diamondsuit + s/v$ 

11-15 6<sup>+</sup>♦ 2=♣ 3♣

3♦ 11-15 6<sup>+</sup>♦ 3=♣

3♡ 11-15 =4144

3**♠** | 11-15 =1444

1♦ - 2♣; 2M - ?

2NT is BAB (support or Bal.) and others are natural.

 $1\Diamond - 2\Diamond; ?$ 

Pass / 2M To play 2NT/3M I. 3♣ NF. 3♦ F1R

#### 1♦ - 2M;?

Natural continuation except 2NT would be AAB.

1♦ - 2NT; ?

Pass | To play

3♣/♦ | NF

3M | Stopper ask

3NT | to play

 $1\diamondsuit - 3\diamondsuit$ ; ? 3M is stopper-asking.

# **6.3** Passed Hand Bidding of 1♦

Same as non passed hand except P -  $1\diamondsuit$ ; 2 $\clubsuit$  is invite without 4=M. 2M is invitational, good 6-card suit. (All rebids are FG except  $3\diamondsuit$ )

# **6.4** Contested Auction of 1♦

1♦ (1♥) ?

Dbl | 4-5=♠ 7<sup>+</sup>
1♠ | 3<sup>-</sup>♠, 7<sup>+</sup>
1NT | Bal, ♡ stopped. 7-10
2♣ | Nat. FG

2 Nat. FG 2 Raise 2  $6^+ \spadesuit 7^+$ 

1\$\((1\)\(\)\(?

Dbl | 4-5=♥ 7<sup>+</sup> 1NT | Bal, ♠ stopped. 7-10

2♣ NF 2♦ Raise 2♥ NF

1♦ (1NT) ?

Dbl 11<sup>+</sup>

2♣ 4-4<sup>+</sup> majors 7<sup>+</sup>. 2M promise 4 cards.

2\$\triangle \text{Raise 10}^{\text{2}} \\ 2\triangle \text{6\*M 10}^{\text{-}}

1♦ (1NT) P (P); ?

Dbl | 18<sup>+</sup>

2. Promise extra (either length of strength)

2♦ 6 + ♦. Promise extra 2M Shapeful but NF

# 7 10/

1♡-1♠ At most Game value. 4<sup>+</sup>♠ 1M-1nt At most invite. (3- $\spadesuit$  after 1 $\heartsuit$ ). NF opposite 13-14 bal. Include 0-5 3=M FG<sup>+</sup>: Bal or 5<sup>+</sup>♣ or 3<sup>+</sup>M 1M-2♣ 1M-2♦ FG<sup>+</sup>: 5<sup>+</sup>♦ 1M-2M 6-8. Help suit game try FG<sup>+</sup> 5<sup>+</sup>oM FG 1M-2oM Limit raises: 9-11(FG=) 3=M or 5-11(FG=) 1M-2nt 1M-3m Natural invite without fit 1M-3M preemptive

## 7.1 1\(\times\) - 1\(\ldot\)

1♥ - 1♠; ?

1NT | Gazzilli. 13-17  $5^+$ ♥ 3=♠ or  $18^+$ 2♣ | 13-17  $4^+$ ♣ /=2533
2♦ | 13-17  $4^+$ ♦
2♥ | 13-17  $6^+$ ♥
2♠ | 13-17  $4^+$ ♠
2NT |  $6^+$ ♥ 3=♠  $I^+$ 3♥ |  $6^+$ ♥  $2^-$ ♠ I

# 7.2 "Semi-Forcing" 1NT

1♥ - 1NT; ?

| Pass | To play
| 2♣ | Gazzilli 13-17 4+♣ or 18+
| 2♦ | 13-17 Nat. NF
| 2♥ | 13-17 6+♥ NF
| 2NT | Undefined

 $\sim$  1♠ - 1NT, except 1♠ - 1NT; 2NT shows 6+♠ 3=♥ I+.

#### 7.3 Limit Raises 2NT

1♥/♠ - 2NT; ?

3♣ | 16<sup>+</sup> Asking bid

3♦ | Not the worse hand

3M | Worse hand

3oM / 4m | splinter

to play

1♥ - 2NT; 3♣ - ? 3♦ | 8<sup>+</sup> 3=♥ 3♥ | 5-7 4=♥ 3NT | 8<sup>+</sup> 4=♥ max. no s/v NJ suit | 8<sup>+</sup> 4=♥. s/v

 $\sim 1 \spadesuit$  - 2nt; 3 ♣

4M

## 7.4 2 3-way Game-Forcing

1M - 2♣;?

 $2\Diamond$  |  $4^+\Diamond$  or Bal or weak 6+M

2♥ 4+oM. Any strength

2♠  $4^+♣$ . Any strength

2NT Extra. 6<sup>+</sup>M. ♣ s/v

3♣ Extra 6<sup>+</sup> 2=♣

3♦ Extra 6 \*M. 3=♣

3M Set trump. Demand cue bid

1M - 2♣; 2♦ - ?

2♥ | Asking bid.

2♠ Fit M.

2NT | Min Bal

3X Was ♣, natural rebid

1M - 24;  $2\lozenge - 2\heartsuit$ ; ?

 $2 \spadesuit M + \diamondsuit . 2NT = BAB$ 

2NT Bal

3♣ | Min. 6+M 2=♣

3♦ Min. 6+M 3=♣

3M | Min. 6+M ♣ s/v

1M - 2♣; 2♥; ?

2♠ Fit M.

2NT BAB

1M - 2♣; 2NT - ?

3♣ | 6<sup>+</sup>♣

3♦/oM | 5+♣ 4=♦/oM ST

3M Set M as trump

3NT | Min Bal

1M - 2♣; 2NT - 3♣; ?

 $3\diamondsuit/oM$  |  $2^+\clubsuit$ . s/v in  $\diamondsuit/oM$  3M | s/v in  $\clubsuit$ . Good suit

3NT | Suggest to play

4♣ Good ♣ support ST

1M - 2♣; 3♣ - ?

3♦ set ♣ as trump

3oM Bal with extra

3M Set trump

3NT | Min Bal

1M - 2♣; 3♦ - ?

3oM | Bal with extra

3M Set trump

3NT | Min Bal

4. Set . as trump

# 7.5 2-over-1 Game Forcing / Jump Shift

1M - 2♦; ?

2M Catch all. Nat. Cont.

2X Natural. Bypassing 2M shows extra

2NT 13-14 Bal. 3=◊

3♣ 4<sup>+</sup>♣ Extra 3♦ Fit ♦, unless responder bid 3M, which fits

M and good ♦ suit

3M Set trump

30M/4 Good fit in  $\diamondsuit$ , s/v

1M - 2oM;?

Natural continuation. 2NT is AAB.

# 7.6 Passed Hand Bidding of 1♥/♠

 $1 \spadesuit$  and 1NT responses are unchanged and system on.

2♣ and 2♦ responses are two-way reversed Drury. 3 and 4<sup>+</sup> cards support respectively.

Single jump shifts are fit jumps. 6-9 HCP with 4<sup>+</sup> support and a good 5<sup>+</sup> side suit.

P - 1M; 24; ?

2♦ Full but minimal opener. Responder can

bid 2M to sign-off continue with help suit

game try

2M Not a full opener. To play

NJ suit Help suit game try
3M Set trump. Slam try

Jump suit | Splinter

P - 1M; 2♦; ?

2M Minimum. Responder can pass to sign-off,

continue with help suit game try, or jump

to 4M with extra trumps

NJ suit Help suit game try 3M Set trump. Slam try

Jump suit | Splinter

# 7.7 Contested Auction of 1♥/♠

1M (Dbl)?

Rdbl | 9+

1♠ 5<sup>+</sup>♠. Competitive. NF. System off

1NT 6-9 Nat (Can hide 4-card ♠). Sys on

2M Raise

2X Competitive. NF

2NT Limit raise. System on

3M Preemptive

3X FG Nat

1M (1NT)?

Dbl | 11<sup>+</sup>

2m NF

2M Raise

2oM NF

2NT Good raise. Offensive hand. System on

3M Preemptive

1M (1NT) P (P);?

Dbl Take out in a minor or any 18<sup>+</sup> 2 lower Natural. Promise extra 2M Natural. Promise extra

2♠ (over 1♥) Shapeful. Constructive but NF.

1M (1NT) P (P); Dbl (P)?

2♣ | P/C 2♦ | 4<sup>+</sup>oM, max 2M | To play

1M (2 lower)?

Dbl Negative
NJ suit Constructive but NF
Raise Blocking
2NT Bal. I. with stopper
Cue Good raise. 11<sup>+</sup>
J raise Pre-emptive
3X 5<sup>+</sup>X FG

#### 8 1NT

Strong (15-17) NT. Tend to upgrade some 5M332. The response method we use is called Heeman.

1NT - ?

2♣ Puppet to 2♦, many hands

2 $\diamondsuit$  Trans. to 2 $\heartsuit$ . 4 $^+$  $\heartsuit$ 

2♥ Trans. to  $2\spadesuit$ .  $4^+\spadesuit$ 

2. Size ask. Weak with ., or Bal I/ST, or ST with 5-4<sup>+</sup> in minors

2NT | 6<sup>+</sup> suit, I or ST, forcing

3♣ Puppet to 3♦. Preemptive with ♦ or 4441 ST

 $3\diamondsuit \mid 6^+ \heartsuit \text{ or } 6^+ \spadesuit$ . I

3M | s/v. Approx (31)(45). Strength for  $3NT^+$ 

3NT | To play

4m | SA Texas transfer. May have slam interest

4M To play

# **8.1 2♣** Puppet to **2**♦

#### 8.1.1 Main Sequence

1NT - 2♣; 2♦ - ? Pass  $5^+ \diamondsuit$  to play  $2\heartsuit$ Trans. to  $2\spadesuit$ .  $5^+\spadesuit$ ,  $I^+$ 2 ST in  $A/\diamondsuit$  or weak/I in  $A+\diamondsuit$ 5=♡ no shortness I. 2nt 5=♥ 4<sup>+</sup>♣, I. 3**♣** 3♦  $5=\emptyset 4^+\Diamond$ , I. 3♡ 5=♥ 4<sup>+</sup>♣, ST.  $5=\emptyset 4^+ \diamondsuit$ , ST. 3**♠** 3NT 5=♥ COG 4m s/v, good long  $\heartsuit$  ST. 4♡ No s/v, good long  $\heartsuit$  ST. 4 RKCB in ♡ 4nt 5♥332 quantitative

~ 1NT - 2 $\clubsuit$ ; 2 $\diamondsuit$  - 2 $\heartsuit$ ; 2 $\spadesuit$  except that this sequence shows 5 $^+$  $\spadesuit$  instead of 5 $^+$  $\heartsuit$ .

### 8.1.2 1NT - 2 $\clubsuit$ ; 2 $\diamondsuit$ - 2 $\spadesuit$

 $1NT - 2\clubsuit; 2\diamondsuit - 2\spadesuit; ?$ 

2NT | Min.

3♣ Max. ♣ is better 3♦ Max. ♦ is better

1NT - 2♣; 2♦ - 2♠; any -?

Pass, 3m/NT | To play | 3♥ | 5-6c♣ 4-5=♦ ST

3♠ 5-6c♦ 4-5=♣ ST

## **8.2** 2♦/2♥ Transfer

#### 8.2.1 Main Sequence

1NT - 2♦; 2♥ - ?

Pass  $5^+ \heartsuit$  NF.  $2 \spadesuit$   $4^+ \heartsuit$   $4^+ \spadesuit$ ,  $I^+$ 

3♣ 4=♡ 5+♣ I.

 $3\diamondsuit$   $4=\heartsuit 5^{+}\diamondsuit I.$ 

 $3 \heartsuit$   $4= \heartsuit 5^+ \clubsuit ST.$  $3 \spadesuit$   $4= \heartsuit 5^+ \diamondsuit ST.$ 

 $3 \spadesuit$   $4= \heartsuit 5^+ \diamondsuit ST$ 3NT  $4= \heartsuit COG$ .

4m s/v, long ♡

4♥ Long ♥

4NT 4\infty333, quantitative

 $\sim$  1NT - 2 $\heartsuit$ ; 2 $\spadesuit$  - ? (4 $\heartsuit$  is s/v.)

After 1NT -  $2\lozenge/\heartsuit$ , opener can super-accept with max and 4 cards  $\heartsuit/\spadesuit$  by bidding  $2\spadesuit/\text{NT}$ .

After responder has shown 5-4 in  $\heartsuit/\spadesuit+\clubsuit/\diamondsuit$ , opener can bid:

- 3NT or 4♥/♠ to discourage slam.
- 4 of responder's minor to encourage slam in the minor.
- 3♠ over 3♥, or 4♣ over 3♠ to encourage slam in responder's major

#### 8.2.2 Both Majors

 $1NT - 2\diamondsuit$ ;  $2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$ ; ?

2NT | Min. no 4=M

3♣ Max. no 4=M

3♦ Max. 4<sup>+</sup>♥ set trump

3♥ | Min. 4<sup>+</sup>♥

3♠ | Min. 4<sup>+</sup>♠

3NT | Max. 4<sup>+</sup>♠ set trump

 $1NT - 2\diamondsuit$ ;  $2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$ ;  $2NT/3\clubsuit$ 

Pass (After 2NT) To play

 $3\diamondsuit$  Trans. to  $3\heartsuit$ .  $5^+\heartsuit$   $4^+\spadesuit$ .

 $3\heartsuit$  Trans. to  $3\spadesuit$ . 5<sup>+</sup> ♠ 4= $\heartsuit$ .

3♠ 4441♣, MST.

3NT 4-4 majors to play

 $4 \clubsuit 6^+ \heartsuit 4 = \spadesuit ST.$ 

 $4\diamondsuit$   $6^+ \spadesuit 4= \heartsuit ST.$ 

 $4\heartsuit$  |  $6^+\heartsuit$   $4=\spadesuit$  to play.

 $4 \spadesuit \qquad 6^+ \spadesuit 4 = \emptyset \text{ to play.}$ 

After ...;  $2NT - 3 \lozenge / \heartsuit$ , opener must bypass transfer to accept game invitation.

 $1NT - 2\diamondsuit$ ;  $2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$ ;  $2NT/3\clubsuit - 3\diamondsuit$ ;  $3\heartsuit - ?$ Pass | To play 5-5 majors forcing 3**♠** 3NT 5=♥ 4=♠. COG 4m Set ♥ as trump. Cue bid 4♡ 6c♥ 4=♠. ST  $\sim 1$ NT -  $2\diamondsuit$ ;  $2\heartsuit - 2\spadesuit$ ; 2NT/ $3\clubsuit - 3\heartsuit$ ;  $3\spadesuit - ?$ 

#### 8.3 2♠ Size Ask

1NT - 2♠; ? 2NT | Min 3**.** Max

 $1NT - 2\spadesuit; 2NT/3\clubsuit - ?$ 3♣/Pass Weak with 🖺 3♦ Bal. ST 3♡ ST. 5-4<sup>+</sup> minors, better & ST. 5-4<sup>+</sup> minors, better ♦ 3♠ To play 3NT

 $1NT - 2\spadesuit; 2NT/3\clubsuit - 3\diamondsuit - ?$ 

3<sup>-</sup> controls. Responder bid 3♠ to ask. 3NT shows 2 controls and 4. shows lowest suit with 5<sup>+</sup> cards.

3**♠** 4 controls 5 controls

6 controls with X as the lowest 4<sup>+</sup> card suit 4X

Then, the development follows the following rules:

- Any time responder rebids NT, opener must pass.
- Opener must not raise the level unless fitting partner.
- Both players bids the suit up the line, rebidding a suit shows 5.
- Fitting partner by a raise.

### 8.4 Higher Responses

1NT - 2NT; ?

Weak doubleton (no A/K/Q) in that minor

3NT | No weak doubleton in a minor

1NT - 2NT; 3 any -?

Pass No good fit, to play To play Game 4m Forcing if it is a 'raise', else invitational 4NT Natural, ST

 $1NT - 3\clubsuit; 3\diamondsuit - ?$ 

Pass | Preempt in ♦ 3♡ 41♥44 ST 3**♠** 1♠444 ST 441♦4 ST 3NT 4441 serious ST 4**♣** 

After responder showing 4441, opener can bid NT to show no fit. With a fit in a suit, opener bids that suit at the lowest level. Then responder makes the cheapest bid to ask for number of controls opener has. First step shows 4-, each succeeding step shows one additional control.

 $1NT - 3\diamondsuit; ?$ 

3♡ Rejecting game opposite ♡

Accepting game opposite ♡, rejecting 3**♠** game opposite 🖍

Accepting game in both major. Responder 3nt then bid 4M, or make a 'SA texas transfer'.

4 Accepting game in both major. Responder should make a transfer bid.

Accepting game in both major. Responder 4♦ should bid his major.

After 1NT -  $3\diamondsuit$ ;  $3\heartsuit$ , If responder has  $\spadesuit$ , he should rebid  $3\spadesuit$ and let the opener place the contract.

1NT - 3M;?

To play 3nt 4m 4-5 cards, NF 4M Ask responder to bid his longer minor

4oM/5m | To play

Four-way long major slam try: For example, ST in  $\heartsuit$ :

• 1NT - 4♣; 4♦/♡ - Pull: Good ♡, good control

• 1NT - 2♣; 2♦ - 4X: Good ♥, moderate control

• 1NT - 2♦; 2♥ - 4X: Semi-solid ♥, good control

• 1NT - 4♣: Semi-solid ♥, moderate control, or worse

Good trump: 6+ cards with AKQ or 4 out of 5 honours. Good control: 3<sup>+</sup> A-K control in side suits.

### 8.5 Contested Auction of 1NT

1NT (Dbl)?

Pass Weak with no 5<sup>+</sup> suit Rdbl Weak with long . System on

2♣+

1NT (Dbl) P (P); ?

Pass Any 4333

4-4 any suits (partner bid 24 unless 4 is Rdbl the worst suit)

2X 5cX

1NT (P) P (Dbl); ?

No 5 card suit. Partner can Rdbl to show 4-4, or bid a suit to show 5, or pass to play. 2X 5cX.

1NT(2.)?

Dbl Same continuation as 1NT - 2. Others | System on

 $1NT(2\diamondsuit^+)$ ?

Lebensohl applies (slow show), doubles are takeout at 2-level (real suit) or suit-showing (artificial), optional at 3-level

If opponent doubles responder's puppet bid

Pass	Stopper (responder double to retransfer)
D J1-1	T1-

Length Rdbl Complete | No stopper

If opponent doubles responder's transfer bid

No fit (responder double to retransfer)

Rdbl Length Complete | Fit

If opponent doubles responder's asking bid

Stopper (responder double to re-ask)

Rdbl Suggesting contract

No stopper Answer

# **2** : Majors or Strong

# Responses to 2.

2 - ?

 $2\diamondsuit$ Not pref in ♥. No 4-card major, or something tactical

 $2\heartsuit$ 10<sup>-</sup>. Pref in ♥. May be 4-4 in majors

2**♠**  $10^{-}$ .  $4=\spadesuit$ . Pref in  $\spadesuit$ 

2nt FG. Asking bid

3**.** Inv in a major

3♦ Bal I

Blocking. No values in minors

To play opposite majors

2**.** - 2 $\diamondsuit$ ; ?

 $2\heartsuit$ Majors. ♥ is better. Responder P/C, or improvise

2 • is better

22-24 Bal /semi bal sys on 2NT

3m

3М minors, short M

3NT | 25-27 Bal

2♣ - 2♡; ?

Pass Majors 2 4=♠ FG

2NT 22-24 Bal / semibal. 3♣ = checkback

3m

3♡ Strong. Fit ♡

3NT 25-27 Bal

2**4** - 2**4**; ?

Pass Majors

2NT 22-24 Bal / semibal. 3 = checkback

3m

3**♠** Strong. Fit •

25-27 Bal 3nt

2♣ - 2NT; ?

3**.**  $5=\emptyset$   $4=\spadesuit$ . Puppet to  $3\diamondsuit$ 

3♦ 5=♡ 5=♠

5=♠ 4=♡, ♦ s/v 3♡

5=♠ 4=♡, ♣ s/v 3**♠** 

3NT =5422

6+♠ 4=♡ 4

4♦ 6<sup>+</sup>♠ 5<sup>+</sup>♡

After  $2\$-2NT; 3\$-3\diamondsuit$ , opener's response is analogous to 2\$-2NT;3\$\times^+

24 - 34; ?

3♦ Min with 5= 4= 0 or 5= 4=. After responder bids 3M, opener will pass with

min and bid on with max

3♡ Min with  $5\heartsuit 4\spadesuit$ **3♠** Max with  $5 \spadesuit 4 \heartsuit$ 

5<sup>+</sup>5<sup>+</sup>. Opener declare 3NT

4**.** 5<sup>+</sup>5<sup>+</sup>. Opener declare

 $4 \diamondsuit$ 5<sup>+</sup>5<sup>+</sup>. Responder declare

2**♣** - 3♦; ?

3М Min. 5-cards

Зит Мах

# **Contested Auction of 2♣ Opening**

Borrow 1 card for each of the majors from your partner. Deduct 1 card from your minors. Borrow 3 HCPs from your partner, and bid as if opponent opened an intermediate 2. (More detail required)

#### 10 **2**♦ Preempt in a Major

#### 10.1 Responses to $2\diamondsuit$

2\$ - ?

20 Pass or correct

2**♠** Pass or correct (♥ invite)

2NT Ask. I<sup>+</sup>. Based on value

5<sup>+</sup>♥ I<sup>+</sup> 3**.** 

3♦ 5<sup>+</sup>♠ I<sup>+</sup>

3♥/♠ Pass or correct. Aggressive

3NT To play

4 Ask partner to bid one under his major

4♦ Ask partner to bid his major

4♥/♠ To play (not correctable)

 $2\diamondsuit - 2\spadesuit; ?$ 

Pass Was A Preempt 2NT Was ♡. Non-min 3♡ Was ♡. Min

 $2\diamondsuit$  - 2NT; ?

 $3 . \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$  Non-min

3♥/♠ | ♥/♠ Min

	2 <b>◊</b> - 3 <b>♣</b> ;	?
I	3\$	3+♡
	3♡	2=♡
	3♠	0-1♡
	Higher	I have ♡ too
	2\$\rightarrow - 3\$;	?
ı	3♡	0-1
	3♠	2♠
	3nt	3 <sup>+</sup> ♠
	Higher	I have ♠ too

### **10.2** Contested Auction of 2♦

2/3M are pass-or-correct bid. 4 level bids are unchanged. Cueing opponent suit is I<sup>+</sup>. New suit is natural and F1R. Dbl is penalty.

# 11 2♥ / 2♠ Muiderberg

# 11.1 Responses to 2♥/♠

2♡/2♠	- ?
2♡-2♠	Constructive but NF
2NT	Ask. FG
3♣	Pass or correct
3M - 1	I <sup>+</sup> with fit
3M	block
2♡-3♠	Invitational long suit
2♠-3♦	5 <sup>+</sup> ♥. I <sup>+</sup>
3nt	To play

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2♥ / 2♠ - 2NT

3♣ | 5=M 4=♣. Puppet to 3♦

3♦ | 5=M 5=m. 3♥ ask which: ♠=♣; NT=♦

3♥ | 5=M 4=♦, oM s/v

3♠ | 5=M 4=♦, ♣ s/v

3NT | 5=M 4=♦, 5422

4♣ | 6+M 4=♦

4♦ | 6+M 5+♦
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After  $2\clubsuit$ -2NT;  $3\clubsuit$ -3 $\diamondsuit$ , opener's response is analogous to  $2\clubsuit$ -2nt;  $3\heartsuit$ <sup>+</sup>

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2♠ - 3♦
3♥ | No ♥ fit. Min
3♠ | No ♥ fit. Extra
3NT | ♥ tolerance. Extra
4m | ♥ fit. Extra
4♥ | ♥ fit. Min
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# 11.2 Contested Auction of 2♥ / ♠

Cueing opponent suit is FG with support. New suit is natural and F1R. Dbl is penalty.

## 12 2NT

2NT is 20-21 balanced. May be 5M332. Modified Puppet response (Muppet).

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2NT - ?
3.
         Muppet stayman
3♦
         Transfer. 5<sup>+</sup>♥
3♡
         Transfer. 5<sup>+</sup>♠
3♠
         Minor suit stayman
3NT
         To play
4♣/♦
         Long ♡/♠
4♥/♠
         Long ♣/♦ ST
4NT
         Bal. ST
5m
         To play
2NT - 3 : ?
3♦
      At least one 4=M. No 5cM.
3♡
      No 4 or 5cM
3♠
      5=
      5=♡
3NT
2NT - 3♣; 3♦ - ?
3♡
      4=♠ 3-♡
       4=♡ 3-▲
3♠
      To play, was looking for a 5-card major
3NT
4
      4-4 majors with slam-interest. Opener re-
      bid 4\diamondsuit to set \heartsuit as trump. Other bids set \spadesuit
       as trump and cue bid.
4 \diamondsuit
       4-4 majors without slam-interest or slam-
      going
2NT - 3♣; 3♡ -?
      Puppet to 3NT
3NT
      5=♠ 4=♡ COG
4
      5=♥ 4=♠ ST.
       5=♠ 4=♡ ST.
4♦
40
      5-5 majors, S.T.
2NT - 3\clubsuit; 3\heartsuit - 3\spadesuit; 3NT - ?
Pass
       To play
4m
        5+m S.T.
40
       5-5 majors. COG
2NT - 3♣; 3♠ - ?
      To play (was looking for a \heartsuit fit)
3NT
       5<sup>+</sup>m ST.
4m
40
      Fit ♠ ST.
4
      To play
2NT - 3♣; 3NT - ?
Pass
       To play (was looking for a ♠ fit)
4
        5^{+}♣ (Denies \heartsuit fit) ST.
4♦
        Transfer to 4♥. May have Slam interest
4♡
       5^+ \diamondsuit (Denies \heartsuit fit) ST.
2NT - 3\diamondsuit; ?
3♡
          Normal accept
3♠/4m
          Super accept, cue bid, no retransfer
          3=♥ with a good 5-card suit. Then 4♣/♠
3NT
          is Cue-bid ST (no retransfer) and 4♦ is re-
          transfer
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 $4^+$  $\heartsuit$  min.

 $2NT - 3\diamondsuit; 3\heartsuit - ?$  $3^{-}$  Opener rebids 3NT to show 2= $\heartsuit$ .  $4\heartsuit$ 4=♠ 5=♡. COG 3NT Nat. ST. 4X  $2NT - 3\heartsuit; ?$ Normal accept 3♠ 3=♠ with a good 5-card suit. Then 4m is Cue-bid ST (no retransfer) and 4♥ is retransfer 4X 4<sup>+</sup>♠ cue 4<sup>+</sup>♠ min. 4 2NT - 3♥; 3♠ - ? 3nt 5=♠ COG 2<sup>nd</sup> suit. ST 4m 4♡ Serious ST in A ST in 🌲 4 2NT - 3♠; ? 3NT | No 4-card minor 4<sup>+</sup>m, better minor. Fit 2NT - 3♠; 3NT - ? Pass To play 4=m and 5<sup>+</sup>om. ST. Then 4X is cue-bid, ST in oM; 4NT is to play. 5+5+ in minors, s/v in M. ST. Then 4NT is 4M 6-cards RKCB and 5m is to play. 4NT 5-5 minors, no slam interest 2NT - 4 - 4; ? 4♦/♥ | General slam interest 4♥/♠ No slam interest 4NT RKCB  $2NT - 4\heartsuit/\spadesuit$ : ? SI, even number of KCs 4NT To play 5m Others | SI, odd number of KCs, cue

#### 13 3<sub>NT</sub>

3NT shows a 7<sup>+</sup> minor suit headed by AKQ, no side A or K.

3NT - ? Pass Believe that 3NT is likely to make. 4-7 Strong. Ask shortness. Then 4M show s/v 4♦ in M, 4NT shows none, and 5m shows s/v in om (m is the long suit) 4M To play 4 likely tricks. Opener bids slam if he can 4NT provide 8

# **Competitive bidding**

# 14.1 Woolsey Defense to 1NT

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(1NT)?
 Dbl (vs str)
                5+m 4M
 Dbl (vs wk)
                Optional, at least their NT
 2
                At least 5-4 in major
                6<sup>+</sup>M or strong 5cM 4<sup>+</sup>m
 2\diamondsuit
 2M
                5+M 4+m
 2nt
                5<sup>+</sup> $ 5<sup>+</sup> $
 (1NT(str)) Dbl (P)?
 Pass
         10<sup>+</sup> balanced
         P/C in minors
 2
 2 \diamondsuit
         Ask opener to bid his major, but NF
 2M
         6<sup>+</sup>M to play
 2N
         Strong ask
 (1NT(str)) Dbl (P) 2NT; (P)?
 3.
       5=♣ min
 3♦
       5=♦ min
 3♡
       4=♡ max
 3♠
      4=♠ max
Natural continuation.
 (1NT) Dbl (Rdbl = Could be passed)?
         long minor. Puppet to 24 and P/C.
 Pass
 2♣⁺ System on
 (1NT) Dbl (Rdbl = a weak minor)?
         They cannot play undoubled below 2NT
 2,+
         System on
 (1NT) Dbl (Rdbl = weak with \clubsuit)?
         They cannot play undoubled below 2NT
 Pass
 2
         Take out in .
 2\diamondsuit^+
         System on
 (1NT) Dbl (2\heartsuit = Transfer)?
         Non-descriptive. Could be strong. Later
         double is Pen.
 Dbl
         Suggest ♥ fit. Not necessary strong
         Take out in 🌲
 2♠
 2NT
         Bal inv.
         P/C
 3.
~ Other Transfer.
 (1NT) Dbl (2\heartsuit = \text{Nat NF})?
 Pass
           Non-descriptive.
 Dbl
           Penalty
 Cue
           4+oM COG
 Others | Nat
~ Other Suit overcall.
 (1NT) 2♣ (P)
        Ask opener to bid his better major
 2 \diamondsuit
 2M
        Preference NF
 2NT | I<sup>+</sup>. Asking bid
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Natural continuation. Non-game bids are invite (help suit)

(1NT) 2. (Dbl = strong)?

Pass | Long minor single suit. Puppet to 24 and

2**4**+ System on

(1NT) 2♣ (P) 2NT; (P) ?

Min. 5-4 in majors. Advancer can bid 3♦ to ask opener to bid his longer major

5-5 majors. Advancer places the contract 3♦

Max.  $5^+ \heartsuit 4 = \spadesuit$ 

 $3 \spadesuit \mid \text{Max. } 5^+ \spadesuit 4 = \heartsuit$ 

 $(1NT) 2 \diamondsuit (P)$ 

 $\heartsuit/\spadesuit$  | P/C. 2NT shows 5cM + 4<sup>+</sup>m. 2nt | I+

 $(1NT) 2 \diamondsuit (P) 2M; (P) 2NT (P)$ ?

3♣ | Weak, want to play in minor

3♦ Ask major

 $(1NT) 2 \diamondsuit (P) 2NT; (P) ?$ 

3♣ Min. 3♦ ask which major

Max. 6<sup>+</sup> in a major. Similar to pass or cor-3♦ rect but should bid 3NT if you want to pass below game

Strong 5M4m 3М

(1NT) 2M (P)?

Pass To play

 $I^+$ 2nt

P/C 3m

(1NT) 2M (P) 2NT; (P)?

4<sup>+</sup>m min 3m

30 4<sup>+</sup>♣ max

 $3 \spadesuit \mid 4^+ \lozenge \max$ 

#### 14.2 D.O.N.T.

If you have passed and opponent opened 1NT:

One suiter, advancer bids and then P/C Dbl 4<sup>+</sup> in the suit bid and 4<sup>+</sup> in a higher suit 2♣/♦/♡

5<sup>+</sup>♠ 4<sup>+</sup>m 2**♠** 

#### 14.3 Doubles

Takeout (Direct) emphasize majors, minors unclear; (Bal) 4 cards in 2 of remaining suits

Up to 4♡ Negative Up to 4♡ Responsive

Supportive  $2\heartsuit^{-}$  does not promise extra.

2♠⁺ promise extra

After we raise and they compete and raise Game try

#### 14.4 Pass-double Inversion

Pass-double inversion is on when either:

- We have shown invitational values (or penalty double below 3<sup>rd</sup> level) and the auction is below 3 of trump
- ullet We have gone through a game-forcing sequence, or
- We have made a penalty double on or above 3<sup>rd</sup> level, while we are the stronger side

When pass-double inversion is on and when opponent has made a natural suit (suit X) bid, the meaning of direct position's (A) and 3rd seat's (B) call are as follows:

tions (A) and 5 seats (b) can are as follows.			
(A)	(B)	Meaning	
Pass	Dbl	A suggests length in X (default) and B	
		converts to penalty. However, if A pulls	
		after Dbl, then this shows a strong dis-	
		tributional hand	
Pass	Bid	A suggests length in X (default) but B	
		prefer to play	
Dbl	Pass	A suggest shortage in X but B has	
		length in X and decide to defend	
Dbl	Bid	Both players are short in X and prefer	
		to play	
Bid		Shapeful, non-min	

#### 14.5 OBAR BIDS

"Opponents bid and raise, balance in direct seat." A queen weaker than direct normal overcall.

(1M) P (2M) ?

Promise 4-4 in any 2 unbid suits. Can be a Dbl queen lighter

2NT 5<sup>+</sup>5<sup>+</sup> in minors. Can be a queen lighter NJ suit 5<sup>+</sup> in the suit bid. Can be a queen lighter

 $\sim$  balance position.  $\sim$  (1m) P (1M) P; (2M) and the minor is considered 'unbid'

(1M) P (2M) X; (P)?

NI suit | Preference

Ask doubler to bid his lowest 4 card suit. 2NT

Then P/C

### 14.6 2NT Complex

#### Lebensohl:

Used when only one of the opponents has shown his strength and you are forced to bid.

Slow shows stopper, fast denies stopper.

Doubler may bypass the puppet if he has extra.

#### Scramble:

Used when both of the opponents have shown his strength and you are forced to bid.

Partner bids the lowest 4<sup>+</sup> card suit.

#### Weak reverse:

Used when (1) we know we have no game interest, (2) a player has shown a suit, and (3) partner did not raise. 2NT shows a two suiter: 5<sup>+</sup> cards in the suit bid and 4-5 cards in the (possible) suit above. No tolerance in the third suit when take-out double is available.

#### Natural:

Used when only one of the opponents has shown his strength or a simple raise by opponents, and you bid voluntarily.

#### 14.7 Michael Cue Bid and Unusual 2NT

(1m) 2m	Majors. 5-5 <sup>+</sup> or 4= $\spadesuit$ 5=♥
(1♥) 2♥	♠ and a minor. 5-5 <sup>+</sup> or 4=♠ 5cm
	♡ and a minor. 5-5 <sup>+</sup>
(1X) 2NT	5 <sup>+</sup> 5 <sup>+</sup> in the lowest unbid suits

 $\sim$  balance position except unusual 2NT.

#### Then advancer:

- Cue bid again to ask for stopper for 3NT.
- Bidding 2NT is balanced invite.
- Bidding the known suit is to play.
- (Cue bid shows one known suit) Bidding any unknown suits are P/C.
- (Cue bid shows two known suit) Bidding the fourth suit is to play (rare).

#### 14.8 Unusual vs Unusual

When 2 suits are specified:

Dbl	Penalty in at least one suit (not yet set up
	forcing pass)
Cue low	Limit raise or better in opener's suit (If
	they assume our 1♣ is natural, we also do).
	FG with 5 <sup>+</sup> in the fourth suit
Others	Compete

When only one suit is specified:

Dbl	Penalty in the known suit (not yet set up
	forcing pass)
Cue	Limit raise or better in opener's suit
New suit	
	Compete

## 14.9 Against Some Artificial Openings

Against strong  $1 - 1 \diamondsuit / 2 - 4 \diamondsuit /$ 

6 -1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1				
Dbl	Majors, at least 5-4			
NT	Minors, at least 5-4 (1NT) or 5-5 (2NT)			
Others	5 <sup>+</sup> suit. Natural			
Strength strongly depends on vulnerability and level.				

Against gambling / Namyats 3NT

0	0 0, 3
Dbl	Strong, subsequent Dbls suggests penalty
4m	Takeout in m, shortness
Others	To play

Against multi 2♦ (or standard weak 2 or Muiderberg) Assume multi 2♦ bidder holds ♠:

Dbl	Take out or strong
NJ suit	Natural
2nt	15-18 Bal. (sys off, cue bid is stayman)
3nt	6 <sup>+</sup> m, 4=oM constructive but NF
4m	6 <sup>+</sup> m 5 <sup>+</sup> oM constructive but NF
Cue	5 <sup>+</sup> oM, 5 <sup>+</sup> m forcing
After (2♦)	P (2M), we assume (2M) is natural.

Against Flannery  $2\Diamond$  (or  $2\Diamond$  = weak  $\heartsuit$  or str Bal)

After we show an unknown minor, any  $\clubsuit$  or  $\diamondsuit$  are P/C.

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Dbl	$  \diamondsuit  $				
20	Take out in ♡				
Others	Take out in ♡ Natural				

Against  $2\heartsuit$  = weak with both majors

Dbl	Balanced takeout
Others	Natural