SD-GJP 1.1

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1 Introduction

1.1 BML - Bridge Bidding Markup Language

 $The \ notation \ in \ this \ document \ is \ in \ BML \ format, see \ https://github.com/gpaulissen/bml/blob/master/README.org.$

This notation allows for text documents with simple bidding tables.

1.1.1 Output

Using a simple BML document one can generate:

- a PDF file
- an HTML file
- a BSS file, a BBO system file, which can be uploaded using the BBO desktop Windows client.

1.2 Abbreviations

The abbreviations used are mostly from the WBF with some changes, see also the Abbreviations chapter at the end.

2 Opening bids

Let's start with the basic opening structure of the system (:

3 The 1* opening

This is the cornerstone of the 1 level opening bids: the rest of the 1 level opening bids depend on the meaning of 1. This system has been developed around 1990 when a club of Dutch bridge players did not want to continue with the old fashioned 4 card major opening bids.

So 1♥ and 1♠ show 5 cards and 1♠ shows 4 cards. Combined with the knowledge of the Polish club, 1♣ shows a limited opening but is forcing anyway in order not to end in 1♣ when opener is strong with 18-19 HCP and a balanced hand.

The range of the 1* opening is between 11 HCP and 22 HCP, so up to (but excluding) game forcing hands. Because 1* is forcing you can have quite a good hand compared with a non forcing 1*.

Responder has two negative bids: 1 and 2 (a kind of Multi) and that means limited to about 6/7 HCP. When you bid positive the bidding becomes game forcing opposite a strong hand (17+ HCP). So a possible club fit is important when you are minimum for a positive bid.

3.1 Answers

3.1.1 14-1

```
1.-1
  \_ 1M\dots .3M or 4M but only 3M if there is no alternative (with 2245 you open
           1♦ or rebid 2♣)
     _1♠.....0-7 HCP, 4+♠
    __ 1NT....NF
    \_2m.....NF (after 1 - 1 - 1  opener shows at least 3 + )
     _2NT.....FG, 4+♦
    __3m.....FG, NAT
  _{\perp} 1NT.....18-19 NT. See the 1NT opening.
  _2*.....11-16 HCP, 6+* or 2245 with good clubs
     _ 2 \ . . . . . NF
    _2M.....FG, NAT (maybe 3 cards only)
     _2NT.....F till 3♣
       _3♣....MIN
        3X.....MAX, S/S
       \_ 3NT.....MAX, no S/S
    _3♣.....INV, not suitable for a 2NT bid
    _ 3♦.....FG, 6+♦
    __3M.....FG, SPL
   2 .....17+HCP, 5+♣, 4+♦
    \_2M\dots5M, weak so NF
    _{\rm 2NT.....PUP, usually a S/O
      __ 3.....NF
        ___3♦.....(light) INV
      __3X.....too strong for 3♣
   2M.....20+HCP, 5+♣, 4+M
    __2NT.....PUP, see 1 - - 1 - 2 - 2 NT
  2NT.....20+ HCP, 6♣, F
    _ 3....S/0
   ___ 3X.....FG, NAT
   3♣.....17-19 HCP, 6♣
   ___ 3X.....FG, NAT
  3X.....20+ HCP, 6♣, S/S
   4.....the only bid that is a S/O
```

3.1.2 14-1M

Changes 2017-12-22:

- Added 1C-1M-1S
- Modified 1C-1M-2M-2N-4CD
- Modified 1C-1M-2M-3X
- Modified 1C-1M-2D (4M possible)

Changes 2018-01-16:

• 1C-1H-1S-2C is NF and 1C-1H-1S-2C 4SFG

1*-1M-1NT

```
1*-1M-1NT

2*.....PUP to 2*

2*.....Mandatory

Pass...S/0

2M.....INV, 5M, NF

2NT....INV, 4M

3m....INV, 5M, 5m
```

```
\_ 3NT.....FG, (5M332), asks opener to bid M with 3M and a suitable hand
     2♦....FG, CONV
     _ 2NT.....PUP
     ___3.....Mandatory
         __Pass....S/0
        ___3♦.....4M, 5♦, INV
     3m.....5M-5m, good suits (else 2♦), FG
    _3M.....6M, good suit (else 2♦), FG
  1♣-1♥-1NT-2♣-2♦
  ____2.....INV, 5♥, 4♠, NF
  1.-1.-1NT-2.-2.
  ____2♥.....INV, 5♠, 4♥, NF
  1.4-1. T
   ___3♠.....65 MM
  1♣-1♠-1NT
  ___3♥.....55 MM
1*-1M-2*
  1.-1M-2.
    \_ 2lacktriangle.....3rd suit forcing, FG unless opener bids NF and responder passes
       __ 2M.....NF
      __ 2NT....NF
      __ 3.....NF
       _3♦.....NAT, FG
     <u>L</u> 3M.....3M, FG
    _2M.....NAT, NF
    \_ 2NT.....exactly 4M, F
      __ 3♣....MIN
      __3M.....MAX, S/S (also 3M)
     \bot 3NT....MAX, no S/S
    _{-}3lacktriangledown.....INV, not suitable for 2NT
     _3♦.....5M-5♦, FG
    __3M.....FG, 6M
  1 ♣ - 1 ♥ - 2 ♣ - 2 ♦
   ___ 2......4SFG
  1.4-1.4-2.4-2.
   __ 2♥.....4SFG
  1.4-1.4-2.4
    __2.....NAT, FG
   ___ 3.....SPL
```

```
1.-1.-2.
   \_2♥.....NAT, INV (1♣-2♥ shows 5♠-4♥ and a weak hand)
   __3♥.....55 MM
1*-1M-2*
  1.-1M
  ___2*....one of:
             1) 18-19 HCP, BAL, 4M possible
             2) 17+ HCP, NAT, reverse
       .2♥.....exactly 4M
         -2 + \cdots variant 1, either 4 + ( (after 1 + -1 + ) or waiting (after 1 + -1 + )
         \_ 2NT.....normally variant 1
          ___ 3X.....NAT
         _3.....variant 2, 5-4
         _3♦.....variant 2, 6-5
         __3M.....variant 1, 4M, no 4333
        ___3NT.....variant 1, 4M333
        2♠....5+M
        ___2NT.....variant 1
          ___ 3X.....NAT
         _3♣.....variant 2, 5-4
         _3♦.....variant 2, 6-5
         __3M.....3M, suitable for trumps
         __3NT.....variant 1, 4M333, stops
       2NT.....11+ HCP, BAL, no 5M
      _3♣.....5M-4m, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
       _3♦.....5M-5♦, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
     __3M.....6M, good suit (else 2♠), S/T
  1.4-1.4-2.
   __3♠.....65 MM, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
  1♣-1♠-2♦
  __3♥.....55 MM, good suits (else 2♠), S/T
1*-1M-2M
  1.-1M
  __2M.....MIN, usually 4M but sometimes 3M is possible
     2NT.....F1, any INV+
         _ 3.....MIN, 3M, 5., NF
         _3M.....MIN, 4M
         __ 3X.....MAX, 3M, NAT
         __ 3NT.....4M333
         _4M.....MAX, 4M
        ____4.....MAX, 4M, SPL → (om)
       _3M.....5M, (mildly) INV
       _2♠/3♥...(bid in other major w/o jump), 54 MM, INV+
      _3M.....5M, NAT, S/T
  1 4 - 1 V - 2 V - 2 NT
  ___4*.....MAX, 4♥, SPL ♠
```

Strong with 4 cards fit after 1*-1M After 1*-1M there is room to show an unbalanced and game forcing hand with 4 cards fit by bidding 3*. After a 1* opening this is not possible hence the development after 1*-1M is different.

```
1*-1M
| 3*.....SPL, 4M, FG
| 3M.....4M, INV
| 1step...(R), asks for singleton that opener should show naturally
| 4*.....singleton
| 3NT....singleton * (M= *)
| 4*.....singleton * (M= *)
| 3NT....5422, 4M, FG
| 4*.....6-4, good suits, (mild) S/T
| 4X.....(X < M), void, 4M

1*-1*
| 3*.....SPL *, 4*, FG
```

3.1.3 14-1NT

Changes 2017-12-22:

• Added 1C-1N

```
1.1NT

2.....S/0

2....NAT, reverse, F

2NT....PUP (maybe S/0 in .)

3.....FG

2NT....INV, short in the other minor
```

3.1.4 14-2

A weak Multi-coloured (<= 6 HCP). A hand that may not be strong enough opposite a strong (balanced) hand.

3.1.5 14-2

Shows at least 5♠-4♥ and 5-9 HCP. This bid exists because after 1♣-1♠-2♣ a bid of 2♥ is at least INV. It is not mandatory because if you prefer 2♣ if partner rebids it, you can bid 1♦ or 1♠.

```
1.2.-2.-2.NT
| 3......MIN, no 5-5
| 3.....MIN, 5-5
| 3.....MAX, FG, no 5-5
| 3.....MAX, FG, 5-5
```

3.1.6 14-24

Inverted minor and just INV.

3.1.7 1*-2NT

```
1*-2NT

3*....S/0

3*...SPL, FG

3M....idem
```

3.1.8 Intervention after 1.

1♣-**(D)** Pass is allowed now. All bids except pass, redouble and 1♦ remain unchanged. So for example, 2♣ is still inverted minor and FG.

```
1*-(D)
    Pass....nothing to bid, maybe even 5-5-3-0
    Rdbl....at least 10 HCP and not very unbalanced
    1*.....5+*, 0+HCP, opener rebids like after 1*-1* without further intervention
```

1*-(**1X**) We play transfers now.

1.4-(1X)-P-(2X) Any bid by opener is strong. 2NT is natural after which partner acts as if 2NT has been opened.

1*-(2X)-P Like 1*-(1X)-P-(2X) except that a double may not be so strong.

1*-(**P**)-**1***-(**D**) A pass shows a minimal balanced hand. Redouble shows a strong hand and at least 3*. Other bids are as usual but 1M suggests an unbalanced hand.

1♣-**(P)-1**♦-**(nX)** Double is for take-out and strong and a NT bid shows a maximal balanced hand.

1*-(**P**)-**1**M-(...) (Re)double shows 3M support but only when we can return to 2M.

1.4-(P)-2.4-(...) A double is for penalties by opener as long as they do not jump. If they jump it is for take-out (avoid doubles when short).

1♣-(P)-2♦-(...) See the Multi-coloured opening.

4 The 1♦ opening

The 1♦ opening shows at least 4♦. With 2♣ and 4♦ and a balanced hand we tend to open 1♦ but 1♣ can be chosen for strategic reasons. With 18-19 BAL we only open 1♦ with a good 5 card suit.

4.1 Answers

Changes 2017-12-22:

- Modified 1D-2C
- Modified 1D-2D
- Modified 1D-2H

```
___ 1M.....4+M 5+HCP
 _1NT....6-10 no 4M
 _2*.....FG, 4+* (usually 5)
 _2♦.....inverted minor, 4+♦, FG
 _2♥.....5♠-4+♥, 5-9 HCP, see continuation after 1♣
  2♠.....INV, 4+♦
    2NT.....NAT, F1 (we play 3♦ or 3NT, not 2NT)
   _ 3♣.....SPL, FG
   __ 3\dagger.....S/0
   __3M.....SPL, FG
  2NT....INV
   __ 3m....NF
  ___ 3M......SPL, FG
  3♣....INV 6+♣
 _ 3♦.....5-9 4+♦
 _3M.....INV 6+M
\_ 3NT.....12-15 all suits stopped, normally 3343 or 3334.
```

4.1.1 1 **+**-1M

Changes 2017-12-23:

• 1D-1M-2S

```
1♦-1M
   _ 1.....4+♠ NF
    _1NT.....12-14 HCP, BAL, see 1♣ opening
    _2M.....(3)4+M 12-14
    __ 2NT....(R), F1R
    ___ 3m.....FG, S/T
   _2♥.....16+ HCP, 5+♦-4+♥
   __2.....19+ HCP, 5+♦-4+♠, FG
   __ 3.....19+, 5+♦-4+., FG
  __3♦.....15-17, 6+♦
  1 ♦ - 1 ♥ - 2 ♥
  ____2.....INV, NAT
  1♦-1♠-2♠
  ____3♥.....INV, NAT
1 - 1M-2NT
  1 ♦ - 1 ♥
  ___2NT.....18+ HCP, 5+◆
    ___ 3♣....(R)
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___3♦.....5332, NF

```
3♥.....3♥, FG

3♦.....6+♦, no 3♥, FG

3♦.....fit, FG, (mild) S/T
```

Strong with 4 cards fit after 1♦-1M

```
1 - 1 M

3 M . . . . . 15 - 17, (4) 5 + - 4 M

1 step . . . asking shortness

4 + . . . . . 6 m - 4 M, 16 + HCP, (mild) S/T

4 M . . . . . 6 m - 4 M, 11 - 15 HCP
```

4.1.2 1 +- 1NT

Changes 2017-12-23:

- Modified 1D-1N-2N
- Added 1D-1N-3M

Changes 2018-01-16:

• 1D-1N-2M-2N is a Puppet

```
___2NT.....INV, short in other minor
___3*.....4+*, FG
___3*.....6+*, INV
__3M.....6+*, FG, autosplinter
```

4.1.3 1 +- 2 *

4.1.4 1 +- 2 +

See inverted minor.

5 Inverted minor

```
1m-2m...is inverted minor and FG. Promises 5 cards after 1* and 4 cards after 1*.
```

```
1*-2*
    _ 2*.....at most 3 cards in *
    _ 2M.....at least 4*, NAT
    _ 2NT....at least 4*, NAT
    _ 3*.....at least 4*, NAT
    _ 3NT....18-19 BAL, 4*, NAT
    _ 3X.....SPL, STR

1*-2*
    _ 2M.....NAT
    _ 2NT....NAT
    _ 3*....SPL, STR
    _ 3*....NAT
    _ 3NT....18-19 BAL, 5332, NAT
    _ 3M.....SPL, STR
```

6 Transfers after 1m and a one level overcall

All bids up to 1 are transfers.

It is more difficult to play 2m but not impossible. You may be able to bid 1, a transfer to 1NT, after which you can correct to 2m.

6.1 Further development

Opener responds to a 1 level transfer as if the bid has been bid naturally but accepting the transfer shows 3 cards. Accepting the transfer by jumping to the two level just shows a minimal opening and 4 cards. When responder shows (not necessarily bids) \checkmark or \spadesuit after $1\clubsuit$, a $2\spadesuit$ bid is system-on.

7 The 1 major opening

One of a major promises 5 cards and at least 11 HCP. It is limited since with game forcing hands you open 2.

7.1 Answers

```
__1......4♠ and normally 6+ HCP
_1NT.....no 4♠, 5-12 HCP, with fit you have a minimum
 2♣.....FG
_ 2♦.....5+♦, FG
_2♥.....3♥, 7-9 HCP
_ 2♠.....6♠, 8-11 HCP
 2NT.....fit, 10-14 HCP
_3m.....6m, INV
 1NT.....5-12 HCP, with fit you have a minimum
_ 2.....FG
_2♦.....5+♦, FG
_2♥.....5+♥, FG
 2♠.....3♠, 7-9 HCP
 2NT.....fit, 10-14 HCP
 3m.....6m, INV
_3♥.....6♥, INV
```

7.1.1 1♥**-1**♠

```
1♥-1♠
 _1NT....12-14 SA
  2*.....5+ \checkmark -4+ *, limited to about 18 HCP
  ___ 2♦......4SFG
  2 \diamond \dots 5 + \checkmark - 4 + \diamond, limited to about 18 HCP
  ___ 3♣.....4SFG
  _2♥.....6♥, NF
  _2♠.....NAT, normally 4♠
  _2NT.....5+♥, either 18-19 BAL or FG
    _ 3.....(R)
       _3.....5332
        __3♥.....NF (only way to stop below game)
__3♦.....5♠, FG
      _3♥.....6♥, FG
      _3♠.....6♥, 3♠, FG
     ___ 3NT.....6♥, NF
    _3♦.....5♦, FG
    _3♥.....fit, FG
    __3.....6., FG
  3m.....5♥-4m, FG
  _3♥.....INV
  ____3.....5+♠, FG
  3♠.....4♠, INV
    _ 3NT....ASK for SPL
  3NT.....4♠, FG
  ___4.....ASK for SPL
       _4♦.....SPL ♦
     ___4♥.....SPL ♣
  _4m.....4♠, S/T, void
  _4♥.....6+♥, 3♠
   ___ 4♠.....T/P
```

7.1.2 1M-1NT

```
1M-1NT

2*....5+M-4+*, limited to about 18 HCP

2*....5+M-4+*, limited to about 18 HCP

2M....6M, NF

2NT....5M, BAL, NF

3m....5*-4m, FG

3M....6M, INV

1*-1NT

2*....5*-4*, limited to about 18 HCP
```

8 Fit after 1M

8.1 Answers

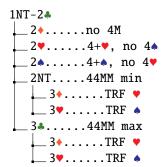
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1M
   2M.....fit, 7-9 (10) HCP
    \_ 3M.....(mild) INV, normally 6M
    _ 2♠/3♥...NAT, F1R
    \_2NT\dotslimit
    _3m.....NAT, slam try
    _4M.....S/O
    __4m.....SPL, S/T
   2NT.....at least 3M and either a limit or a (limited) gameforcing hand
     3♣.....slam try
       _3♦....relay, positive
         __ 3M.....BAL
         3X....NAT (X = oM)
          \_ 3NT\ldotsSPL in the other major
          _4m.....SPL m
        3M.....minimum, sorry
        __ 3NT.....NAT (since slam is not possible)
        3X....NAT (X = oM)
       _{\scriptscriptstyle{-}}3NT.....SPL in the other major
      ___4m.....SPL
     .3♦.....game try
     3M....S/0
    3X....FG, NAT (X = oM)
     _3NT.....SPL in the other major, stronger than via 3.
     _4m.....SPL, stronger than via 3♣
   ldsymbol{ldsymbol{ldsymbol{ldsymbol{eta}}} 4M.....to play, no interest in slam
   3NT.....4M, SPL in the other major, 13-15 HCP
   4m.....4M, SPL m, 13-15 HCP
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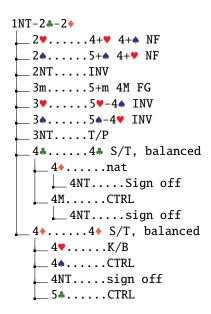
9 The 1NT Opening

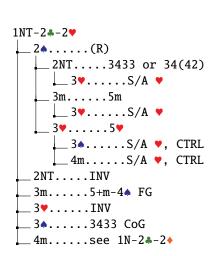
Shows 15-17 HCP (semi)Balanced, 5m422 or 6m are possible and rarely singleton K or Q. 14 or 17 with a 5crd suit are upgraded regularly.

9.1 Answers

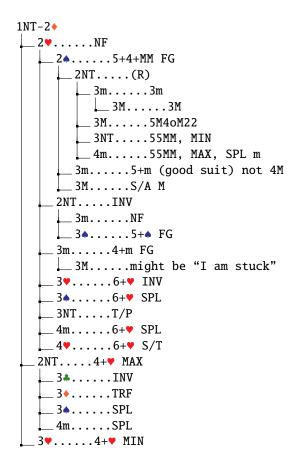
9.1.1 Continuation after Stayman







9.1.2 Continuation after Transfers



After 1NT-2♥ we use the same structure as over 1NT-2♦, so very natural.

```
1NT-2NT

| 3*.....Forced
| 3*.....S-5 *+* FG
| 3M.....SPL 6+*
| 3NT....suggests SPL *

1NT-3*
| 3*.....Forced
| 3M.....SPL
| 3NT....suggest SPL *
```

9.1.3 Continuation after 1NT-2

9.2 They bid over our 1NT opening

After a double we play system on. The only new bid is redouble which depends on the meaning of double. If double is for penalties (or just showing values), the redouble is a Puppet to 2. In any other case the redouble shows values as well and is forcing till 2.

```
1NT-(2*)
    Dbl....values and a double later on is for take out
    2*....NF
    2*....NF (?)
    2*....minors (?)
    2NT....transfer lebensohl
    3X.....transfer lebensohl
```

9.2.1 They bid over stayman

```
1NT-(P)-2*-(D)
  Pass....no ♣ stopper
   __Rdbl....Stayman again, INV+
       __2♦.....4+♥
       __2♥.....4+♠
       _2....no 4+M
       _2NT....MM, MIN
       __3.....MM, MAX
  Rdbl....Proposal to play (4)5+*
   2 \leftrightarrow \diamondsuit \land \ldots \clubsuit stopper, system on
   2NT.....♣ stopper, system on
   1NT-(P)-2 - (2)
__Pass....no M
 _Dbl.....For penalties
  _2M.....nat, 4+M
  2NT....MM, MIN
  _3♣....MM, MAX
1NT-(P)-2*-(2M)
 _Dbl.....take out (4+oM)
  2♠.....5+♠
```

9.2.2 They bid over our transfer

```
1NT-(P)-2red-(D)
    Pass...no 3 cards fit
    Rdbl...retransfer
    1step...to play
    3m.....5-5, NF
    Rdbl...3+ cards fit, wants partner to play (usually no stopper or something like Ax(x))
    2M.....3+ cards fit, wants to play (usually a stopper)
```

When they bid over our transfer a double is just for penalties. Support shows a good hand with fit, after 2D at least 4 cards (partner may have $4 \checkmark 5 \spadesuit$ in the majors). If they bid our cuebid dbl shows fit and willingness to compete.

10 The 2* opening

10.1 Answers

```
2♣.....One of:
        1) weak-two in ♦
        2) 25+ NT
        3) FG in ♣, ♥ or ♠
   2♦....(R)
    __Pass....weak-two in ♦
     2♥.....FG in ♥
       _2•.....(R), any hand not suitable for other bids hence 0+ HCP
         _ 2NT....4
          _ 3m.....4+m
        ___3♥.....6♥
       _2NT....5+♠, 6+ HCP
       _ 3m.....5+m, 6+ HCP
       _{-}3♥\ldotsfit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP
         _ 3♠.....no SPL
         __ 3NT.....SPL ♠
        ___4m.....SPL m
        3♠.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♠
        3NT.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ◆
       _4♣.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♣
     2♠.....FG in ♠
       _2NT.....(R), any hand not suitable for other bids hence 0+ HCP
        3m.....5+m, 6+ HCP
        3♥.....5+♥, 6+ HCP
        3♠.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP
         _3NT....no SPL
          _4m.....SPL m
        ___4♥.....SPL ♥
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3NT.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♥
     4m.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL m
  2NT.....25+HCP, BAL
 _3*.....FG in *, one of:
          1) 4M
          2) 1-suiter, not a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
     3♦....(R)
      _3M.....variant 1
         _4*.....S/A for *
        __4♦.....S/A for M
       3NT.....variant 2
      _4m.....variant 2
    _ 3M.....5+M
  3♦.....FG, 5+♣-4+♦
    _3M.....stopper
     4♣.....S/A for ♣
    _4♦.....S/A for ♦
  3M.....FG, 5+♣-5M, clubs better or longer
     4♣.....S/A for ♣
    _4♦.....S/A for M
 _3NT.....FG in ♣, 1-suiter, a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
2M.....5+M, F1R
 _2NT.....25+ HCP, BAL
  3♦.....weak-two in ♦, no fit, NF
  ___ 3M.....FG
  .3M.....weak-two in ♦, fit, MIN
 _4M.....weak-two in ♦, fit, MAX
 _2X.....FG, system-on if possible
 \_ 3X.....FG, system-on if possible
 \_ 3NT\ldotsFG, system-on if possible
2NT....(R), STR
  3♣.....weak-two, not MAX or no good suit
   __ 3♦....NF
  3♦.....weak-two, MAX, good suit, SPL ♣
 _3♥.....weak-two, MAX, good suit, SPL ♥
 _3♠.....weak-two, MAX, good suit, SPL ♠
 _ 3NT.....weak-two, MAX, good suit, no SPL
__4X.....same meaning and development as after 2♣-2♦-3X
3♣.....6+♣, INV
3♦....PRE
3M.....6M, INV
```

10.2 Intervention

We just keep it simple: a pass promises clubs, redouble is a Puppet to 2* with an own suit and a weak hand. The rest is system-on.

```
2*-(D)

__Pass....5+*, NF

__Rdbl....Puppet to 2◆
```

11 The 2♦ opening

11.1 Answers

Changes 2018-01-09:

- 2♦-2♠ is positive
- 2•-2•-3NT is 22-24 HCP, BAL

```
2♦.....Multi-coloured, one of:
       1) weak-two in a major
       2) 22-24 NT
       3) FG in ♦
  2♥....(R)
    _2♠.....weak-two in ♠
       _2NT.....(R) asking for shortness
          _3♣♦♥....Splinter, MIN/MAX
         __ 3.....MIN
         __ 3NT....MAX
        3m.....T/P, no short ♥ (else 3m response)
        3♥.....6+♥, INV
       _ 3.....PRE
     2NT.....22-24 NT, see 2NT opening
     3*.....FG in ♦, one of:
             1) 4M
             2) 1-suiter, not a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
        3♦....(R)
         _3M.....variant 1
            _4*.....S/A for M
            __4♦.....S/A for ♦
          _{-}3NT.....variant 2
         _4m.....variant 2
       _ 3M.....5+M
     3♦.....FG, 5+♦-4+♣
       _3M....stopper
        4♣.....S/A for ♣
        4♦.....S/A for ♦
     3M.....FG, 5+♦-5M
       _4.....S/A for M
     __4.....S/A for ◆
    _ 3NT.....FG in ♦, 1-suiter, a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
  2♠.....NF, opposite a weak-two in ♠, positive (normally 10+ HCP)
    _2NT....weak-two in ♥
       _3....5.−5m, FG
        __ 3♦.....(R)
           __3♥.....shows 5♣
           ___3.....shows 5♦
       _3♦.....(R), opener bids 4♦ with a MAX else 3♥
       _ 3♥....NF
      _3♠.....6♠, INV
     3X....see 2♦-2♥-3♣
    _3NT.....22-24 HCP, BAL
  2NT....(R), STR
    _3♣.....weak-two in ♥, not MAX or no good suit
    _3♦.....weak-two in ♠, not MAX or no good suit
    _3♥.....weak-two in ♠, MAX, good suit
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3.....weak-two in ♥, MAX, good suit

3NT....solid weak-two

4X.....same meaning and development as after 2.2.3X

3m.....T/P, short ♥ (else 2. response)

3M.....P/C

3NT....T/P, short ♥

4.....TRF for ♥ (e.g. KQJ109x)

4.....TRF for ♦

4.....ART, asks for transfer

4.....ART, asks for major

4M.....NAT, T/P
```

11.2 Intervention

We just keep it simple: a pass promises diamonds, redouble is a Puppet to 2♥ in order to play with a long suit. The rest is system-on.

```
2 \( - (D)
  _Pass....5+♦, NF
 _Rdbl....PUP to 2♥
2 - (2M)
 __Pass....NF
 __Dbl.....P/C
2 \( - (3m)
 __Dbl....PEN
  _ 3M.....P/C
  _4X....see 2♦-4X
2 \leftarrow -(P) - 2NT - (3m)
  _{
m D}bl.....that was my bid
 __Pass....3om was my bid
2 \leftarrow (P) - 2NT - (3M)
  _Dbl.....PEN, my suit
  _Pass....oM, MIN
```

12 The Muiderberg

Changes 2018-01-09:

- Points added (5-10 HCP)
- No 3 cards in the other major if you have a maximum
- 2NT is not game forcing and answers after 2NT simple: mini/maxi
- 2M-3D is not a slam try (bid 2NT)

Both 2♥ and 2♠ show 5M and 4+ minor (VULN 5) and less than a one level opening bid (usually 5-10 HCP). If your major suit is good you can open light. A minor of just four cards without a top honor is not allowed. A maximum and three cards in the other major is not allowed either.

12.1 Answers

12.1.1 2M-2NT

```
2M-2NT
  3♣.....4+♣, MIN
     _3♦.....NAT, 5+♦, FG, looking for best game/slam
     3M.....FG with fit, S/T
     3X.....NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam (X = oM)
     3NT....T/P
     _4♣.....NAT, S/T
    _4♦.....K/B for ♣
    __4M.....T/P
   3♦.....4+♦, MIN
    \_ 3M.....FG with fit, S/T
     _{\rm 3}X.....NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam (X = oM)
     _ 3NT....T/P
     _4.....CTRL for ♦
    _4 \bullet \dots NAT, S/T, no ^* CTRL
    _4M....T/P
    _4X....K/B for \bullet (X = oM)
   3♥.....4+♣, MAX
     _ 3.....CoG
     _3NT....T/P
     _4♣....NAT, S/T
     _4♦.....S/A for M
    __4M.....T/P
   3♠.....4+♦, MAX
```

12.2 Intervention after our Muiderberg

```
2M-(D)
 __Rdbl....Showing strength, can be with fit
 \_ 2NT\ldotsasks partner to just bid his minor
___ 3m.....NAT, NF
2M-(2X)
 __Dbl....PEN
 \_ 2NT\ldotsasks partner to just bid his minor
 \_ 4NT\ldotsasks partner to just bid his minor
 _3.....NAT and T/P
 _3♦.....NAT, T/P
2M-(2NT)
__Dbl....PEN
 _3NT.....asks partner to just bid his minor
 \_4NT\ldotsasks partner to just bid his minor
  _ 3.....P/C
 _3♦.....NAT, T/P
2M-(3X)
___Dbl....PEN
 \_4NT\ldotsasks partner to just bid his minor
  _3♦/4♦...NAT, T/P
 __4*.....P/C
```

13 The 2NT opening

13.1 Answers

```
2NT

3*.....Stayman

3*......5*, 4*

3*.....5*, 4*

4m.....NAT, S/T, see 1NT-2C-2D-4m

3*.....4+*, no 4*

4m.....NAT, S/T, see 1NT-2C-2D-4m

3*.....S/T for *

4m.....NAT, S/T, see 1NT-2C-2D-4m

3*.....4+*, no 4*

4*.....S/T for *
```

```
_{-}4m.....NAT, S/T, see 1NT-2C-2D-4m
  3NT.....4♥, 4♠
    _4♣....impossible
    _4♦.....TRF for 4♥
    _4♥.....TRF for 4♠
3♦.....5+♥, TRF
  3♥....3+♥
     3♠.....PUP
     ____ 3NT....(R)
         __4.....SPL ♣
         _4♦.....SPL ♦
        ___4♥.....SPL ♠
    _{\rm J} 3NT.....S/T, no SPL, no 4m
     4m....NAT, S/T
    _4♥.....S/0
  3♠.....good fit, second suit
  3NT....no 3+♥
  __4♦.....TRF, S/T (else 2NT-4♣ immediately)
 \_ 4m\ldotsgood fit, second suit
3♥.....5+♠, TRF
  3♠....3+♠
    _ 3NT....PUP
     ___ 4♣....(R)
         _4♦.....SPL ♦
          .4♥.....SPL ♥
         __4.....SPL ♣
    _4m....NAT, S/T
    _4♥.....S/T, no SPL, no 4m
    _4....S/0
  3NT....no 3+♠
   _4♥.....TRF, S/T (else 2NT-4♦ immediately)
  4m.....good fit, second suit
 _4♥.....good fit, second suit
3♠....mm
___ 4m.....S/A
4♣.....6♥, TRF to 4♥
___4♥.....forced
4♦......6♠, TRF to 4♠
___4.....forced
4♥....6♣, S/T
 _4♠.....fit, MAX
  4NT....Blackwood
  4NT.....no fit, T/P
    _5....T/P
    _5NT....Blackwood
  5♣.....fit, MIN
  ____ 5NT.....Blackwood
4.....6♦, S/T
___4NT.....no fit, T/P
   __ 5♦.....T/P
  ___ 5NT....Blackwood
 _5.....fit, MAX
  ____ 5NT.....Blackwood
 _{5}.....fit, MIN
  ____ 5NT.....Blackwood
```

13.2 Intervention

14 They open the bidding

This chapter is about our defensive bidding if the opponent opens something on the 1 level.

14.1 A one level opening

A cue bid promises a rebid.

14.2 Strong 1* or 2* opening

We play pretty standard over their strong opening bids, the 1* opening is explained below and after the 2* opening we play something similar.

14.3 1NT Opening

Changes on 2018-01-16:

• (1NT)-2• may contain strong 5M5m

The meaning of our dbl depends on the strength of their 1NT opening. If the lower limit is at most 13 HCP we consider it a weak NT. So a 14-16 NT is a strong NT. After a strong 1NT (or if the doubler did not open) we play double as 5+m-4M else it is for penalties. We play the same methods in 2nd or 4th seat.

```
2M.....Pref NF
  2NT.....INV+ answers like Multi
  3m....NF
 _3M.....(light) INV
2.....One major but 5M and 5m with a strong hand is also possible
  2♥.....P/C
    _ 2.....6.
     2NT.....5♥, 5m, STR
      _ 3♣.....P/C
      _3♦.....INV for 4♥
     ___3♥.....S/0
     3m.....5♠, 5m, STR
     ___3....S/0
     3♥.....6♥, onesuiter, STR
    _3♠.....6♠, onesuiter, STR
  2♠.....P/C
    _2NT.....5♥, 5m, STR
      _ 3.....P/C
      __ 3.....INV
     ___3♥.....S/0
     3m.....5♠, 5m, STR
     ___3....S/0
     3♥.....6♥, onesuiter, WK
     3♠.....6♠, onesuiter
    _4♥.....6♥, onesuiter, STR
2M.....Muiderberg (may be 6M occasionally), see 2M opening
2NT.....5+5+ minors wide range
3m.....wide ranged, NAT
3M.....PRE
```

14.4 2NT Opening

```
(2NT)

__Dbl.....MM (from both hands)
```

14.5 Michaels

We play two-suited overcalls after an opponents 1 level opening. The style depends a lot on vulnerability. A two-suited overcall always shows at least 5+ in both suits.

14.5.1 Direct two-suited bids

(1♦)

```
_ 2....MM
    _3♦.....Asks stop for 3NT
  (1♥)
   __3♥.....Asks stop for 3NT
  (1.)
   _ 2♠.....♥+m
   _2NT.....♣+m
  ___3♠.....Ask stop for 3NT
Continuations after our two-suited overcall
  (1 - 2 - (P)
    _Pass....at own risk
    2♥.....NF, preference
    2♠.....NF, preference
   _2NT....INV+, ASK
     ____ 3.....min/med
        _3♦.....asks shortness
       ___ 3M.....NF INV
     __3♦.....MAX, short ♦ (changed 1-11-2017)
     ___3♠.....MAX, 1-1 minors
    _3*....NF, (6)7+*
   _3♦.....NF, (6)7+♦
   _3♥.....NF, (3)4+♥, light INV
    _3♠.....NF, (3)4+♠, light INV
    _3NT....T/P
    _4....S/T ♥
    4♦.....S/T ♠
    _4M....T/P
  (1 - 2NT - (P)
   _3♣....INV+, ♥
   _3♦.....NF, preference
    _3♥.....NF, preference
    3♠....NF, 6+♠
    4♣....INV, ♣
   _4♦.....K/B, ♣
   _4♥....T/P
   _4....T/P
  (1 \blacklozenge) - 2 \blacklozenge - (P)
    2M.....NF preference
   _2NT....INV+ ASK
    ____3.....min/med
        _3♦....asks shortness
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__ 3M.....NF INV

```
___3♦.....MAX, short ♣
    _3♥.....MAX, short ♦
   ___3......MAX, 1-1 minors
  _3*....NF, (6)7+*
  _3♦....INV, MM
  3♥.....NF, (3)4+♥, light INV
  3♠.....NF, (3)4+♠, light INV
  3NT....T/P
  4♣....S/T, ♥
  _4♦.....S/T, ♠
  _4M....T/P
(1 \blacklozenge) - 2NT - (P)
 _3♣.....NF, preference
 _3♦.....INV(+), ♥
 _3♥.....NF, preference
 _3♠....NF, 6+♠
  _4*....INV, *
 _4♦....K/B, ♣
 _4♥.....T/P
 _4....T/P
(1♥)-2♥-(P)
 _2♠.....NF, preference
  _2NT.....INV+, see continuation after Muiderberg
 _ 3....P/C
 _3♦.....INV, ♠
 _3♥.....S/T, ♠
  _3♠.....light INV, ♠
  _3NT....T/P
  4......
  4♦.....++
  4♥.....SPL for ♠
  4♠....T/P
  \_4NT\dotsbid your m
(1 \lor) - 2NT - (P)
  \_3m\dotsNF, preference
 _ 3♥.....FG
  _3♠....NF, 6+♠
  _ 3NT....T/P
  _4.....INV, ♣
  _4♦....INV, ♦
 _4♥.....K/B, ♦
  _4....T/P
 _4NT....Pick best m
(1 \spadesuit) - 2 \spadesuit - (P)
  2NT.....INV+, see continuation after Muiderberg
  _ 3♣.....P/C
 _3♦.....INV, ♥
 _3♥.....NF, pref
 _3♠.....S/T, ♥
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```
3NT....T/P
  4♦.....+♥
  4♥....T/P
  4♠....K/B ♥
  4NT.....bid your m
(1 ) - 2NT - (P)
  3m.....NF, preference
 _3♥....NF, 6+♥
 _ 3.....FG
 _ 3NT....T/P
 _4*....INV, *
 _4 • . . . . INV, •
  4♥....T/P
  4....?
  _4NT.....Pick best m
```

14.5.2 They bid after our two-suited overcall

If they bid a new suit intended as natural, dbl is penalty. If they support each other, dbl is for take-out and may be INV for the major if you don't have another invitational bid. If they bid one of our suits, dbl means that you would have liked to bid that.

15 We open the bidding

15.1 They intervene with a natural 1NT

```
1m-(1NT)
  _2♣.....both MM
  _2♦.....transfer to ♥
  _2♥.....transfer to ♠
  _2♠.....transfer to ♣
  2NT....minors
  3♣.....transfer to ♦
1♥-(1NT)
 _2♣.....transfer to ♦
  _2♦.....transfer to ♠
  __2♥.....NAT, no ♠ fit
  2♥....NAT
  2♠.....transfer to ♣
  2NT.....fit, INV+
1. (1NT)
  _2♣.....transfer to ♦
  _2∲.....transfer to ♥
  _2♥.....transfer to ♣
```

```
______2......NAT, no * fit
______2*.....NAT
______2NT.....fit, INV+
```

15.2 1M-(D)

We will play transfers starting from 1NT till the bid below two of our suit. All those transfers show the next suit and they do not promise a rebid. A direct raise is weaker than the transfer to 2M. A jump is that suit plus support.

15.3 fit after 1M and intervention below 2NT

The bid of 2NT shows at least four cards fit and at least an invitational hand, for example $1 \lor -(2 \lor) - 2NT$. There is one exception: when the cue bid is above 3M, 2NT just shows at least three cards fit like $1 \lor -(2 \lor) - 2NT$.

16 Transfer Lebensohl

We play this after our 1 NT opening and their intervention of 2* till 2*. And also after their weak two level opening bids, whether it be some kind or multi or not.

16.1 One suit known

Transfer Lebensohl starts at 2NT. There are 4 types of special bids:

- 1. A transfer to their suit which is FG and shows at 4 cards in at least one of the unbid majors.
- 2. 2NT, a Puppet to 3. It can be either a sign-off below their suit or FG with at least 5 clubs.
- 3. A transfer to a suit. This is at least invitational and shows 5 cards in the transfer suit unless it is a transfer in a major which has been implied by partner's take-out double. It does not matter whether the transfer is above or below their suit.
- 4. 3. This is FG and denies a stop and it denies a 4 card major in an unbid suit.

```
1NT
(2X)....5+X
1NT-(2*)
  _2X.....NAT, S/O
  _{
m 2}NT\ldots.A transfer to their suit, hence FG and at least one 4 card major
   ___3......I do not have a stopper
   ___ 3M...... do have a stopper as well as 4 cards in this major
  \_3♣.....A transfer to ♦, INV+, 5+♦
 \_3♦.....A transfer to ♥, INV+, 5+♥
  \_3♥.....A transfer to ♠, INV+, 5+♠
 _ 3♠.....FG, no stopper, no 4 card major
1NT-(2♦)
 _2X.....NAT, S/O
  _ 2NT.....PUP
   ___ 3.....Forced
       _Pass....5+♣, S/0
       \_ 3ullet ......FG, 5+ullet , no 4M, asks primarily for stopper but different from 3ullet
                 immediately
      ___ 3M.....FG, 5+♣, 4M
   3......A transfer to their suit, hence FG and at least one 4 card major
   __3♦.....I do not have a stopper
   __ 3M.....I do have a stopper as well as 4 cards in this major
  _3♦.....A transfer to ♥, INV+, 5+♥
  \_3♥.....A transfer to ♠, INV+, 5+♠
 _3♠.....FG, no stopper, no 4 card major
1NT-(2♥)
 __2X.....NAT, S/O
  2NT....PUP
   ___ 3.....Forced
       _Pass....5+♣, S/0
       3 \diamond \dots 5 + \diamond, S/0
       \_3♥......FG, 5+♣, no 4♠, asks primarily for stopper but different from 3♠
                 immediately
      ___ 3.....FG, 5+*, 4.
  _3♣.....A transfer to ♦, INV+, 5+♦
  \_3 \blacklozenge \ldots A transfer to their suit, hence FG and 4 \spadesuit
   __3♥......I do not have a stopper and probably not 4♠ as well __3♠......4♠, with or without stopper
  .3♥.....A transfer to ♠, INV+, 5+♠
 _3♠.....FG, no stopper, no 4♠
1NT-(2♠)
___ 2NT.....PUP
   ____ 3.....Forced
       __Pass....5+♣, S/0
       __3*.....5+*, S/0
        _3♥.....5+♥, S/0
       \_3♦......FG, 5+♣, no 4♥, asks primarily for stopper but different from 3♠
                 immediately
```

```
___3*.....A transfer to ◆, INV+, 5+◆
__3*.....A transfer to ◆, INV+, 5+♥
__3*.....A transfer to their suit, hence FG and 4♥
___3*.....I do not have a stopper and not 4♥ as well
__3*.....FG, no stopper, no 4♥
```

16.2 Two suits known

16.3 Multi-coloured

After Multi we play that double shows short spades and at least 3 cards in hearts. This is a Polish convention and it allows us to know better what is going on. We will assume that after a double their suit is spades.

```
(2♦)-D..take-out on ♠, hence short ♠ (pass first with short ♥)

(P)

Pass...long diamonds if pass promises ♠ (always ask explanation)

2♥.....NAT, NF

2♠....6♠, NAT, NF (try to pass though)

2NT....PUP, either S/O in ♣ (you can pass with long ♠)

3♣.....A transfer to ♠, INV+. If their pass shows long diamonds this is a cuebid, see 1NT-2♠ natural

3♦.....A transfer to ♥. If FG it shows 5+♥ else 4+♥ (partner promises 3+♥)

3♥.....A transfer to ♠, a kind of cue bid hence FG and it shows 4♥

(2M)

2NT....PUP, either S/O in a minor else FG with 5+♣

3♣.....A transfer to ♠, INV+

3♦♥♠...see (2♠)-D-(P)
```

17 Defense against two-suiters

The cheapest bid in of their suits shows the fourth suit and is forcing to game. Thus not the lowest in the sense of clubs, diamonds but the most economical bid. The most expensive bid in one of their suits shows fit and is at least invitational. The reason for this scheme is that you need more space if you do not have a fit. A 2NT bid shows fit with at least 4 cards and is at least invitational.

18 Blackwood

The bid of 4NT is Blackwood but not if partner did bid NT natural just before and not if you jump to 4NT and you could agree a trump suit.

18.1 Responses

30/41. The first response shows 0 or 3 key cards.

18.1.1 Asking for the trump Queen

The first available bid (not trump) after 5♣ or 5♦ asks for the trump Queen.

The lowest bid of 5NT and the trump suit without jump denies the Queen. Any other bid in a suit promises the Queen plus only the King in that suit OR the two other Kings (the King of trumps is ignored of course).

18.2 Intervention

When they double, we play redouble as business and the other responses are like normal (system-on). When they bid something else, we play DOPI (double 0/3, pass 1/4, 1st bid 2 keys, 2nd bid 2 keys with the trump Queen).

19 Abbreviations

An excerpt from http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Guidetocompletion.pdf.

The following abbreviations or terms may be used (Note the use of BLOCK CAPITALS and SLASHES (/)):

- (5431) = Any hand with that distribution (suits unknown)
- 5431 = Five spades, four hearts, three diamonds, one club
- 54(31) = A hand with five spades, four hearts, and 3 + 1 * or 3 * 1 *
- 54(xx) = A hand with five spades and four hearts
- AGG = Aggressor. The first player to double or overcall for the defending side
- ADV = Advancer, aggressors partner
- ASK = Asking bid
- ART = Artificial
- ATT = Attitude
- B = Black suit(s)
- BAL = Balanced
- BW = Blackwood
- CB = Checkback
- COMP = Competitive

- CONC = Concentrated (e.g. all values in the bid suits)
- CONST = Constructive
- CTRL = Control
- CUE = Cue-bid
- DISC = Discourage (ing)
- E = Even
- ENC = Encourage (ing)
- FRAG = Fragment
- F = Forcing
- F1 = Forcing 1 round
- F2NT = Forcing to 2NT
- FG = Forcing to game
- 4SF = 4th suit forcing (4SFG, 4SF1)
- FREQ = Frequent
- G/T = Game try
- H = Honour (Ace, King, or Queen)
- HCP = High Card Points
- INV = Invitational
- INQ = Inquiry
- KCB = Keycard Blackwood
- L/D = Lead-directing
- LEB = lebensohl
- LHO = The opponent on your left
- LIM = Limit raise
- L/S = Long suit
- L/T = Less than (length or strength)
- M = Major
- MM = majors
- m = Minor
- mm = minors
- MAX = Maximum, Maximal, Maximal Overcall Double
- MIN = Minimum
- NAT = Natural
- NEG = Negative
- NEU = Neutral
- NF = Nonforcing
- NT = No Trump
- NV = Nonvulnerable
- oM = The other major

- om = The other minor
- OPPT = Opponent(s)
- OPT = Optional
- O/S = Outside
- O/C = Overcall
- P/C = Pass or correct
- PEN = Penalty
- PH = Passed hand
- PRE = Pre-emptive
- PUP = Puppet to (e.g. 2♣ demands 2♦)
- QUANT = Quantitative
- (R) = Relay (e.g. 2. asks for shape description etc)
- RESP = Responder; Response; Responsive
- REV = Reverse
- RHO = The opponent on your right
- RKCB = Roman Keycard Blackwood
- R/O = Reopening
- S/P = Suit preference
- S/A = Suit agreement
- S/O = Signoff, shutout
- SOL = Solid (suit)
- S-SOL = Semi-solid (suit)
- SPL = Splinter, or short suit
- S/S = Short suit
- S/T = Slam try
- STAY = Stayman
- STR = Strong
- SUPP = Support
- T/O = Takeout
- TRF = Transfer
- UNT = Unusual No Trump
- VUL or V = Vulnerable
- w/ = With
- w/o = Without
- WJO = Weak jump overcall
- WJS = Weak jump shift
- WK = Weak

Besides these abbreviations from the WBF, the following abbreviations have been added:

- K/B = (Optional) KickBack
- MED = medium
- T/P = To Play
- UNB = Unbalanced
- CoG = Choice of Games

The following abbreviations are not conform the WBF, but conform the BML definitions:

- D = Double
- R = Redouble (hence not the reds)

The following abbreviations are **not** used:

- DBL or X = Double
- RDBL, RD, XX = Redouble