SB-GJP 1.0

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1 Introduction

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

2 Changes

2.1 2023-07-22

- Two-way checkback (double deux) after 1m-1M-1SA and 1m-1H-1S
- 3SA opening includes Namyats
- Bidding after our Stayman on 1SA
- 2SA opening with standard Stayman or Puppet Stayman

2.2 To be done

• Showing 5 cards diamonds and 4 major with a GF hand opposite 1.

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 14 opening is between 11 HCP and 22 HCP, so up to (but excluding) game forcing hands. Because 14 is forcing you can have quite a good hand compared with a non forcing 14.

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

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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.....5M, weak so NF
     _{\scriptscriptstyle \perp} 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 -2 NT
  2NT.....20+ HCP, 6♣, F
    _ 3....S/0
   \bot 3X.....FG, NAT
  _3♣.....17-19 HCP, 6♣
  \bot 3X.....FG, NAT
  _3X.....20+ HCP, 6♣, S/S
   4.....the only bid that is a S/O
1.4-1.4-1♥
 _2♥.....4♥, 5-7 HCP
  _ 2♠.....FG, 4SFG
 \_3♥\ldotsFG, 5+♥ (opener can have 3 cards so with 4♥ you bid 4SFG first),
           longer diamonds
1.-1.-1.
  _2♥.....FG, 4SFG
  _ 2......4., 5-7 HCP
 _3♦.....FG, 5+♦ (opener can have 3 cards so with 4♦ you bid 4SFG first),
           longer diamonds
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3.1.2 1*-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

Changes 2023-07-22

• Two-way checkback (double deux) after 1m-1M-1SA and 1m-1H-1S

```
1♣-1♥
        1 	ext{ } 1 	ext{ } \dots shows 4 	ext{ } 	ext
                ___2♣♦.....Two-way checkback
       1.-1M
            _ 1NT.....12-14 NT. 4333 possible after 1♣-1♥.
                2*.....11-16 HCP, 5+*
             \_ 2NT\dotsonesuiter, FG
                ⊥ 3.....(R), opener responds naturally
                  __3♦.....(R), ♣-fit, (mild) S/T, opener responds naturally
                ___ 3X.....NAT
            _3♣.....onesuiter, INV
1♣-1M-1NT
       1 - 1 M - 1 N T
              _2♣.....PUP to 2♦
                __2♦.....Mandatory
                             __Pass....S/0
                               _{\rm 2} 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
3.4.....4M, 5.4, 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 - 1 NT
        ___ 3♥.....55 MM
1*-1M-2*
       1 - 1 M - 2 -
        __2 · . . . . . 3rd suit forcing, FG unless opener bids NF and responder passes
                  ___ 2M.....NF
                     _ 2NT....NF
                 ___ 3♣.....NF
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_3♦.....NAT, FG
       _3M.....3M, FG
     2M....NAT, NF
    _2NT.....exactly 4M, F
       __3.....MIN
       _3M.....MAX, S/S (also 3M)
     \bot 3NT....MAX, no S/S
     3♣.....INV, not suitable for 2NT
    _3♦.....5M-5♦, FG
    _3M.....FG, 6M
  1.4-1.4-2.4-2.
  ___ 2.....4SFG
  1.-1.-2.-2
  __ 2♥.....4SFG
  1♣-1♥-2♣
    _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 	ilde{\bullet} \dots variant 1, either 4 	ilde{\bullet} (after 1 	ilde{\bullet} - 1 	ilde{\bullet}) or waiting (after 1 	ilde{\bullet} - 1 	ilde{\bullet})
          \_ 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\ldots3M, suitable for trumps
        3NT.....variant 1, 4M333, stops
       _{\rm 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
```

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.

3.1.3 1*-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
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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 1♣-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♠.

3.1.6 14-24

Inverted minor and just INV.

3.1.7 1*-2NT

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1*-2NT

3*....S/0

3*....SPL, FG

3M....idem
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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. (1X) We play transfers now.

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

1*-(**P**)-**2***-(...) 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

____4*.....MAX, 4♠, SPL ♥

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

```
1
 _ 1M.....4+M 5+HCP
  _1NT.....6-10 no 4M
 _2*.....FG, 4+* (usually 5)
 2 \diamond \dots inverted minor, 4 + \diamond, 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\....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.
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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
 2 \diamond \dots 6 + \diamond 11 - 14(15)
 _2M.....(3)4+M 12-14
    _2NT....(R), F1R
   ___ 3♣♦.....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 ♥
<u>___</u> 2♠.....INV+, NAT
1♦-1♠-2♠
____ 3♥.....INV+, NAT
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1 **-** 1M-2NT

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1 • - 1 • | 2NT ..... 18 + HCP, 5 + • | 3 • ..... (R) | 3 • ..... 5332, NF | 3 • ..... 3 • , FG | 3 • ..... 6 + • , no 3 • , FG | 3 • ..... fit, FG, (mild) S/T
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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

```
1 - 1NT

2m....NF

2M.....16+ reverse, F1R

2NT....PUP, S/O in 3m

3m....GF

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

3*....4+*, FG

3*....6+*, INV

3M.....6+*, FG, autosplinter
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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*.

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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
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6 Transfers after 1m and a one level overcall

Changes 2018-01-10:

• totally rewritten

Changes 2018-01-16:

• Added bids at the three level.

All bids up to 2♠ (excluding 1NT and 2♣ after a 1♦ opening) are transfers. All bids are FG opposite a strong opener (17+ HCP).

When X is their suit bid and Y is a new suit bid there are seven variants:

- 1. 2Y (m = < Y < X-1) shows a transfer to the next suit showing at least 5 cards. An example is 1 \bullet -(1 \bullet)-2 \bullet .
- 2. 2Y (Y = X-1) is a transfer to their suit hence it shows fit and it is at least INV. An example is $1 \leftarrow (1 \leftarrow) 2$.
- 3. 2Y (X <= Y < ♠) is a transfer to the next suit showing at least 6 cards, either weak (6-9 HCP) or FG. An example is 1♦-(1♥)-2♥.
- 4. 3m is natural (at least 5 cards after 1.4 and 4 otherwise) and weak.
- 5. 3Y (Y < X) shows at least 6 cards and is weak.
- 6. 3Y (X \leq Y \leq \spadesuit) is a transfer to the next suit showing at least 6 cards and is invitational.
- 7. 3S is a transfer to 3NT showing at least Axx in their suit.

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.

```
1m - (1X)
 \_Dbl\ldots.Negative double with at least 4 (and at most 5) cards in the next
           suit (X<\spadesuit) or the other major (X=\spadesuit).
 _1♥.....Transfer to 1♠. At least 4♠.
  _ 1♠.....Transfer to 1NT. Normally a hand without a good stopper.
  _ 1NT....NAT
 \_2m\dotsA transfer to the next suit showing at least 5 cards.
 \_ 2ullet ......A transfer to 2NT. At least INV. Opener should play (positional).
  _2NT.....Natural, INV
  _3♠.....FG, BAL, Axx in their suit and wants to play 3NT
1 - (1X)
___2.....NAT and INV+
1.-(1.)
 _2.....variant 2: transfer to their suit, hence fit and at least INV
  _2♦♥.....variant 3: transfer to the next suit, showing at least 6 cards
  _3♣.....barrage
  _3♦.....variant 6: 6♥, INV
 _3♥.....variant 6: 6♠, INV
1.-(1M)
 \_ 2st . . . . . . variant 1: transfer to the next suit (ullet) showing at least a
           reasonable 5 card suit and 9+HCP (trying for 3NT)
 _3♣♦....barrage
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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.

After a non fit response of 1 or 1NT a direct 2NT rebid promises 6 cards in the major and maybe 4 cards in a minor. The 2NT bid is then forcing to game. An indirect 2NT rebid (via Gazilli) promises 18-19 NT or 17-19HCP with 5M4m.

7.1 Answers

```
1♥
  _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
1.
  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
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7.1.1 1♥**-1**♠

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1♥-1♠
 _ 1NT....12-14 SA
  2♣.....a kind of Gazilli with one of:
           1) 4+*
           2) 18-19 NT
           3) 17-19 HCP, 5♥-4m
           4) FG, exactly 5♥ and one minor
           5) 3♠, 15-17 HCP, no 5332
     2♦....(R)
       _2♥.....variant 1
          _ 2.....ART, FG (!)
          2NT....INV, no 4.
          _ 3♣....T/P
         _3♦.....5♦-5♦, FG
        2♠.....variant 5
         __Pass....NF
          _ 2NT....FG
         __ 3♣♦♥♠...FG
        2NT.....variant 2 or 3
           3*.....(R), FG, 5* or 5* possible
             _3♦....no 4m
               _3♥.....shows 5♣
               _ 3♠.....shows 5♠
             3♥.....shows 4♣
             ____3.....shows 5♠
            _3♠.....4♦, 3♠ (changed 1-11-2017)
           ___3NT.....4♦, no 3♠ (changed 1-11-2017)
           3♦.....5♦, FG
         _3♥.....3♥, FG
         _3♠.....6♠, FG
       _3m.....variant 4
     2♥.....T/P, NAT, normally 3♥ (otherwise 2♦)
    _2♠.....NAT, T/P, no interest in playing 3♣ opposite variant 1
    _2NT....4♣, INV
     3♣.....5♣, INV
    _3♦.....6♦, T/P
    _3♥.....5♠-3♥, INV
   2 
ightharpoonup .....5 + 
ightharpoonup - 4 + 
ightharpoonup, limited to about 16 HCP
  2♥.....6♥, NF
   ___2NT....F, see 1m-1M-2m-2N
  2♠.....NAT, normally 4♠
   ____2NT.....F, see 1m-1M-2M-2N
   2NT.....6♥, FG
   ___3X.....see 1♥-1♠-2♣-2♦-2NT
   3.....15-17 HCP, 5♥-5.
    _ 3♥.....T/P
    _ 3♠.....5+♠, FG
    _4*....S/A ♣
   __4♦.....S/A ♥
   3♦.....15-17 HCP, 5♥-5♦
    _ 3♥.....T/P
    _ 3♠.....5+♠, FG
    _4♣....S/A ♥
   __4♦.....S/A ♦
  3♥....INV
   ____ 3♠.....5+♠, FG
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```
_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
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7.1.2 1M-1NT
  1M-1NT
   __2*.....a kind of Gazilli with one of:
             1) 4+*
             2) 18-19 NT
             3) 17-19 HCP, 5M-4m
             4) FG, exactly 5M and another suit
             5) 15-17 HCP, 5♠-4♥ (after 1♠)
        2♦....(R)
         _2M.....variant 1
            _2NT....INV, no 4♣
            _ 3....T/P
          2♥......5
            _ 2NT....FG
           ___ 3♥.....NF
         _2♠.....variant 4
         _2NT.....variant 2 or 3
            _3*.....(R), FG, 5* possible
              __3♦.....no 4m
                ___3♥.....shows 5♣
               _3♥.....shows 4♣
              _3......4, 3oM (changed 1-11-2017)
             ___3NT.....4♦, no 3oM (changed 1-11-2017)
            _3♦.....5♦, FG
         _3m.....variant 4
        2M.....T/P, NAT, normally 3M (otherwise 2♦)
       _2NT....4♣, INV
        ___ 3♣....T/P
        3♣.....5♣, INV
      _3♦.....6♦, T/P
     2 \diamond \dots 5 + M - 4 + \diamond, limited to about 16 HCP
    _2M.....6M, NF
     2NT.....6M, FG
     __ 3X.....see 1M-1NT-2♣-2♦-2NT
     3m.....15-17 HCP, 5M-5m
    _3M.....6M, INV
  1 . − 1NT
  ___ 2♥.....5♠-4♥, 11-14 HCP
  1 - 1NT - 2 -
  2,.....5+\phi, no interest in playing 3* opposite variant 1
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8 Fit after 1M

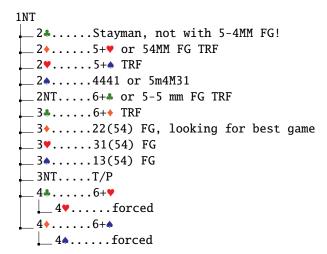
8.1 Answers

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1M
 __2M.....fit, 7-9 (10) HCP
    \_ 3M.....(mild) INV, normally 6M
    _2♠/3♥...NAT, F
    __2NT.....limit
    \_3m\dotsNAT, 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
        A = 3X \dots NAT \quad (X = oM)
        lue 3NT.....SPL in the other major
        ____4m.....SPL m
       _3M.....minimum, sorry
        __ 3NT.....NAT (since slam is almost impossible)
       3X....NAT (X = oM)
       \_ 3NT\ldotsSPL in the other major
       __4m.....SPL
     .3♦.....game try
      __3NT.....NAT (since slam is almost impossible)
     3M.....S/0
     3X....FG, NAT (X = oM)
    \_ 3NT.....SPL in the other major, stronger than via 3.
    __4m.....SPL, stronger than via 3♣
   __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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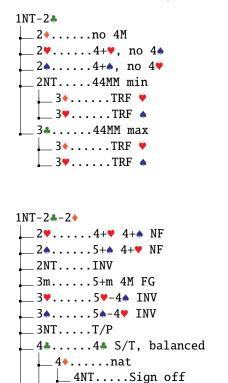
9 The 1NT Opening

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



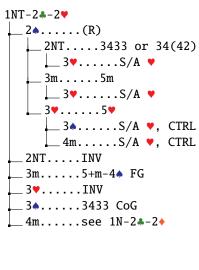
9.1.1 Continuation after Stayman

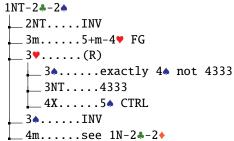


_4M.....CTRL

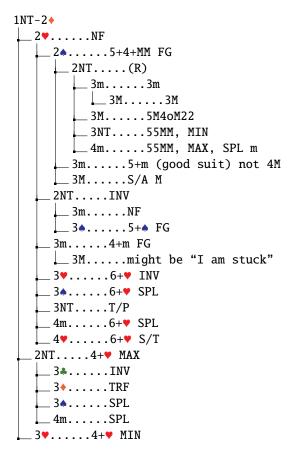
_ 4♥.....K/B _ 4♠.....CTRL _ 4NT....sign off _ 5♣.....CTRL

L 4NT....sign off 4♦.....4♦ S/T, balanced





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*.....5-5 *+* 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

The idea is to bid a major of the opener thru a transfer, ensuring the right hand always plays the major. Furtermore, since they double regularly with not such a good suit, we also want to play 2 clubs redoubled when a good 4 card suit with at least one top honor. And you must also be able to play 2 clubs redoubled when having a good 5 card suit. The drawback is that having a stopper in their suit can not be shown directly.

```
INT-(P)-2*-(D)
Pass....no 4 card major, maybe 5 good clubs
(R)....Stayman again, INV+
Pass....5 good clubs
2*.....the rest
Rdbl....no major, proposal to play with 4 good clubs (no 5 good clubs)
2*.....4+ hearts
2*.....S/0
3*....INV
2*.....4+ spades
2NT/3*..44 MM, min/max (system-on)
```

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 24 opening

10.1 Answers

```
2♣.....One of:

 weak-two in ◆

        2) 25+ NT
        3) FG in ♣, ♥ or ♠
   2♦....(R)
    _Pass....weak-two in ♦
     _2♥.....FG in ♥
       2 	ilde{\bullet} \dots (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♥.....fit, 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 ♥
      3NT.....fit, at least Hxx or xxxx, 6+ HCP, SPL ♥
     \_4\mathsf{m}......fit, at least \mathsf{Hxx} or \mathsf{xxxx}, \mathsf{6+} \mathsf{HCP}, \mathsf{SPL} \mathsf{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.....FG, 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:
             b) 1-suiter, not a solid suit plus stoppers and 9 tricks
        3♦....(R)
          3M.....variant a
            _4.....S/A for M
            _4♦.....S/A for ♦
          3NT.....variant b
         \_4m\dotsvariant b
       _ 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 ♥
       _3m.....5♠-5m, FG
        3♥....NF
      __3.....6., INV
     3X....see 2♦-2♥-3X
    _ 3NT.....22-24 HCP, BAL
  2NT....(R), STR
   ___3.....weak-two in ♥, not MAX or no good suit
```

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....promises ♦
  _Rdbl....PUP to 2♥, T/P in our own suit
2 \( - (2M)
  _Pass....NF
  _Dbl....P/C
2 \( - (3m)
 __Dbl....PEN
  _3M.....P/C
  _4X....see 2♦-4X
2 \leftarrow -(P) - 2NT - (3m)
  _Dbl.....that was my bid
 __Pass....3om was my bid
2 \leftarrow (P) - 2NT - (3M)
  _Dbl.....PEN, my suit
  _Pass....oM, MIN
```

12 The Muiderberg

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

12.1 Answers

```
2M-....5M with 4+m (VULN 5+m)

2......5+*, NF

2NT....FG, ASK

3*.....P/C

3*.....INV for 4M

3M....PRE

3*.....6+*, INV

4*....5+*-4+M

4*....5+*-4+M

4M....T/P

4NT....mm
```

12.1.1 2M-2N

```
2M-2NT
 _3*.....4+* (VULN 5+), MIN/MED
    \_3♦.....NAT, 5+♦, FG, looking for best game/slam
    _3M.....FG with fit
    _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+♦ (VULN 5+), MIN/MED
     3M.....FG with fit
     3X.....NAT, 5+ cards, FG, looking for best game/slam (X = oM)
     _ 3NT....T/P
    _4.....CTRL for ♦
    _{-}4 \diamond . . . . . NAT, S/T, no \clubsuit CTRL
    _4M.....T/P
    4X....K/B for (X = oM)
   3♥.....5+♣, MAX
    _ 3♠.....CoG
    _ 3NT....T/P
    _4.....NAT, S/T
    _4♦.....S/A for M
    __ 4M.....T/P
   3♠.....5+♦, max
    _ 3NT....T/P
     _4♣.....S/A for M
     4♦.....NAT, S/T
    _4M....T/P
```

12.2 Intervention after our Muiderberg

```
2M-(D)-
    Rdbl....Showing strength, can be with fit
    2NT.....asks partner to bid just his minor
    3m.....NAT, NF

2M-(2X)-
    Dbl.....PEN
    2NT.....asks partner to bid just his minor
    4NT.....asks partner to bid just his minor
```

```
3*.....NAT and T/P

2M-(2NT)-
Dbl....PEN
3NT....asks partner to bid just his minor
4NT....asks partner to bid just his minor
3*.....P/C
3*....NAT, T/P

2M-(3X)-
Dbl....PEN
4NT....asks partner to bid just his minor
3*/4*...NAT, T/P
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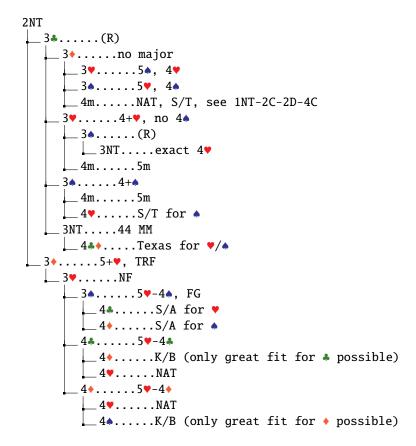
13 The 2NT opening

13.1 Answers

Changes 2014-01-09:

• 2NT-3♣-3♠-4♥ shows ♠ fit (typo solved)

After 2NT we just play standard Stayman.



```
_4♥.....S/T
  3♠.....good fit, second suit
  3NT....5♠2♥33
     4♣.....S/A for ♠
   __4♦/4♥...TRF
  4m.....good fit, second suit
3♥.....5+♠, TRF
  3♠....NF
    _4*....5*-4*
       _4♦.....K/B (only great fit for ♣ possible)
      _ 4....NAT
     4♦.....5♦-4♦
       _4♥.....K/B (only great fit for ♦ possible)
       4♠....NAT
     4♠.....S/T
  3NT....5♥2♠33
     4♣.....S/A for ♥
    _4♦/4♥...TRF
  4m.....good fit, second suit
 _4♥.....good fit, second suit
3♠....mm
___ 4m.....S/A
4♣.....6♥, TRF to 4♥
___4♥.....forced
4 \blacklozenge \dots 6 \spadesuit, TRF to 4 \spadesuit
___4.....forced
4♥.....6♣, S/T
 _4.....fit, MAX
    _4NT....K/B
  4NT....no fit, T/P
     5♣....T/P
    _5NT....K/B
  5♣.....fit, MIN
  ___ 5NT....K/B
4.....6, S/T
 \_4NT.....no fit, T/P
    _ 5♦.....T/P
  ___ 5NT....K/B
  5♣.....fit, MAX
  ___ 5NT....K/B
  5♦.....fit, MIN
  ___ 5NT....K/B
```

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.

```
(1NT)
 __Dbl.....5+m-4M
    __2.....p/c
    _2♦.....asks major
    \_ 2M\dotsto play
    _2NT.....INV+ minor??
    \_3m\dotsto play
  2 + \dots Landy, 5(4) + 4 + MM
   igspace 2 igspace \dots .....no preference, the difference in the majors is at most 1 and may be a
              (light) INV
     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*....S/O

3m....5*, 5m, STR

3*....S/O

3*....6*, onesuiter, WK

3*....6*, onesuiter

4*....6*, onesuiter

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....NAT
 __ 2....MM
 __ 2NT.....♦+♥
 _3♣.....Weak, 6+♣
(1*)
 _2....MM
 _ 2NT.....♣+♥
 _3♦.....Asks stop for 3NT
(1♥)
  _3♥.....Asks stop for 3NT
(1.)
 _ 2♠.....♥+m
  2NT.....♣+◆
```

_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, 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♥.....T/P
 _4....T/P
(1 ) -2 - (P)
 __2M.....NF preference
 _2NT....INV+ ASK
    __ 3.....min/med
      _3♦.....asks shortness
     ___ 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♥....T/P
  _4....T/P
(1 \checkmark) - 2 \checkmark - (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\dots.bid your m
(1♥)-2NT-(P)
 \_3m\dotsNF, preference
 _ 3♥.....FG
 _3.....NF, 6+.
 _ 3NT....T/P
 _4*....INV, *
 _4♦.....INV, ♦
  _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, ♥
  _ 3NT.....T/P
   4♦.....+♥
  _4♥.....T/P
 _4NT....bid your m
(1 \spadesuit) - 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 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 $3 \cdot 1 \cdot a$ or $3 \cdot a \cdot b$
- 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