| COMPETITIVE BIDDING | LEADS AND SIGNALS |  |  |  |
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| Overcalls <br> - Natural; 5+ c. (rarely 4 c M ) $=8 / 16 \mathrm{HCP}$ <br> Responses <br> - Cue bid = Forcing (with or without fit) <br> - New Suit = Maj over Min is forcing <br> - Raise = Pre-emptive, Fit Bids <br> Take out Double <br> - Opening values / Nat responses <br> - Reopening = can be weak | OPENING LEADS <br> - Vs Suit $\rightarrow 1,3,5$ th - top of sequence <br> - Vs NT $\rightarrow$ 1,3,5 th - top of sequence OTHER <br> - $\mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{K}$ asks for unblock;Ace A and Q asks Attitude |  |  |  |
|  | Leads <br> Ace <br> King <br> Oueen <br> Jack <br> 10 <br> 9 | Vs Suit <br> Ax. AKx. AKJ10x AK. KO (+). KOJ (+) $\mathrm{OJ}(+) . \mathrm{AOJ}(+)$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { J x. J10 (+) } \\ & 10 \text { x. } 109(+) \end{aligned}$ $9 \mathrm{x} .98 \mathrm{x}$ | Vs NT <br> Ax. AKx. AKJx AKJT (+). KOJ(+) KOT KO x(x) OJ (+). AOJ x J x. J10 (+) $10 \mathrm{x} .109(+)$ 9x(x). H 98 x |  |
| 1 NT Overcall <br> - 2th position $\Rightarrow 15^{+} / 18 \mathrm{HCP}$ General rule $=$ System on <br> - 4th position $\Rightarrow 10 / 14 \mathrm{HCP}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Jump overcall $\Rightarrow$ Weak 6 cards M |  |  |  |  |
| Unusual NT $\Rightarrow 2$ suiter | SIGNALS WHEN FOLLOWING SUIT OR DISCARDING |  |  |  |
| 2 suiter bids $\Rightarrow$ Ghestem ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Partner's 1st ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | r's lead | Discarding |
|  | NT | High enc | h enc | High enc |
|  |  | Smith Echo, Trump echo or trump play for suit preference <br> * Counting: hi/low = even nr of cards |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Suit | High enc ${ }^{\text {Hi }}$ |  | High enc |
| VERSUS PREEMPTS (SS1) | * Counting: hi/low = even nr of cards |  |  |  |
| Over Opponents Take-out Double of 1 『/ $\wedge$ <br> - 3 - $\AA=$ PRE. , 2 Clubs 7/9 3 cards, 2D 7/9 4 cards <br> - $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ Limit or more with FIT <br> - $\mathrm{RDBL}=10$ or + HPC, no fit <br> - New Suit=NF but 5 cards | COMPETITIVE DOUBLES <br> - Negative Double thru $4 \diamond$ or 4 H if spades <br> - Competitive Double And responsible Double <br> - Support Double and Redouble=3 cards part suit SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES <br> - $1 \boldsymbol{x} / \mathrm{Opp} /$ Overcall / Pass = Maybe penalty |  |  |  |

## Convention Card

| MARIA JOÃO LARA - M. CAPUCHO |
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| NATURAL |
| - Natural <br> - '2/1' GF • 1NT F1 <br> - $\boldsymbol{\theta}=2^{+} \mathrm{c}$. $\quad \bullet=4^{+} \mathrm{c}$. <br> - $\boldsymbol{\vee}, \boldsymbol{a}=5^{+} \mathrm{c} . \quad \bullet 1 \mathrm{NT}=(14) 15-17 \mathrm{HCP}$ (may <br> have 5 card M or 6 card m) <br> SPECIAL BIDS <br> 2 D MULTI - (SS11) <br> WALSH <br> $4^{\text {TH }}$ SUIT FORCING GAME <br> DEFENSE AGAINST MULTI ( SS10) <br> REVERSE DRURY (SS5) <br> LEBENSOHL (SS11) <br> SPLINTERS AND FIT BIDS IN COMPET <br> CACHALOT (SS6) <br> X Lightner |
| PSYCHICS <br> - Rare |

$\bullet \mathbf{B A L}=$ Balanced $\bullet \mathbf{B W}=$ Blackwood $\bullet \mathbf{C O M P}=$ Competitive $\bullet \mathbf{D B L}$ or $\mathbf{X}=$ Double $\bullet$ DISCG $=$ Discourage (ing) •ENCRG $=$ Encourage (ing) •F=Forcing •F1 = Forcing 1 round $\bullet \mathbf{G F}=$ Game forcing $\bullet \mathbf{G} / \mathbf{T}=$ Game try $\bullet \mathbf{H}=$ Honour $\bullet \mathbf{H P C}=$ High Card Points $\bullet \mathbf{K C B}=$ Keycard Blackwood $\bullet \mathbf{L E B}=$ Lebensohl $\bullet \mathbf{L H O}=$ The opponent on your left $\bullet \mathbf{M}=$ Major $\bullet \mathbf{m}=$ Minor $\bullet \mathbf{O P P T}=$ Opponent(s) $\bullet \mathbf{P R E}=$ Pre-emptive $\bullet \mathbf{R D B L}=$ Redouble $\bullet \mathbf{R E S P}=$ Responder $\bullet \mathbf{S} / \mathbf{P}=$ Suit preference $\bullet \mathbf{S P L}=$ Splinter $\bullet \mathbf{W J S}=$ Weak jump shift

| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | Modification over competition and with passed hands |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1\% |  | 2 | $4 \checkmark$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 11+HCP } \\ & (5 \mathrm{cl} \text { and } 5 \mathrm{Sp} \text { weak or strong) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 2 \boldsymbol{\star}-\text { Positive }-3 \boldsymbol{*}=\text { PRE } \\ 2 \uparrow / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { Strong } ; 3 * / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { Splinter } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Walsh; Cachalot | Cachalot SS6 |
| 1 * |  | 4 | $4 \checkmark$ | 11+HCP | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star=\text { Positive, } 3 \star=\text { PRE } \\ & 2 \vee / \boldsymbol{\wedge}=\text { Strong }) ; 3 \vee / \wedge=\text { Splinter } \end{aligned}$ | Walsh; Cachalot | Cachalot SS6 |
| $1 \vee$ |  | 5* | 4 | 10+HCP | Single raise - 3 cards (7/9)1NT=F1;2/1GF;Jacoby 2 <br> NT= GF; Bergen (SS3);Splinter (4ヵ/ / / $\boldsymbol{\uparrow} \boldsymbol{\uparrow}$ ) | After 2/1;2 NT=12/14 or 18/19; <br> $3 \mathrm{NT}=15 / 17$;help suit game try, Check Back (SS4) Reverse Drury ( SS5) | Bergen |
| $1 \wedge$ |  | 5* | 4 | 10+HCP | Same but 4 H to play | Same | Bergen |
| 1 NT |  |  | 4 | 14/17 (possible5M,6 m) | Stayman (SS7);TEXAS,;2 $\uparrow$ and $2 \mathrm{nt}-(\mathbf{S S} 8) 3 \star / \star=$ invitation <br> 3P, 3O, 3 $/ \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ GF-Slam Try $; 4 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}=$ Gerber; $4 \star=$ majors( weak); 4 H or Sp to play $4 \mathrm{NT}=$ invitational. | After transfer opner bid 2 Nt with max 3 cards double raise with 4 cards and 3 nT with 4 cards max,, Lebensohl | SS11 |
| 2* | V | 0 |  | GF;24 + or any GF | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \star=\text { neg;2 NT=8+or } 2 \text { kings ; Aces CESAR; } \\ & \text { DOPI } \end{aligned}$ | $2 \mathrm{NT}=24+$ bal hand ( then same is 2 N opening | SS9 |
| 2 | $\square$ | 0 |  | Multicolor (weak M,22-23 bal | $2 \mathrm{/} / \mathrm{A}=$ Pass or correct; $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ relay; $3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{F} 1$; SS11 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2NT-3 } \boldsymbol{\star}=\operatorname{Min}(\uparrow) ; 3 \star=\operatorname{Min}(\uparrow) ; 3 \uparrow \\ & =\operatorname{Max}(\wedge) ; 3 \wedge=\operatorname{Max}(\downarrow) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| $2 \vee$ |  | 5 | 4* | $19+\mathrm{HCP}$ unicolor or $4 / 5$ loosers | 2NT=Negative; $3 \mathrm{v}=$ Fit,Strong,w/1+aces; <br> 3 Suit=Natural,Positive; $4 \downarrow=$ Fit,Strong without aces; <br> 3NT=BAL, Positive; $3 \boldsymbol{\wedge} / 4 \approx / 4=$ Splinter | Natural |  |
| 2 A |  | 5 | 4* | Same | same | Natural |  |
| 2 NT |  |  |  | (19) 20/21 (possible 5 M or 6 m) |  | Opener accepts with 2 cards, other suit with 3 cards and 3 Nt with 4 cards |  |
| 3\% |  | 6 |  | Preemptive | Any suit F1R |  |  |
| 3 |  | 6 |  | same | same |  |  |
| $3 \vee$ |  | 6 |  | same | same |  |  |
| 34 |  | 6 |  | same | same | SLAM APPROACH AND CONVENTIONS <br> - $4 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{BW}-5$ aces and Q- For H 41/30 Other suit 30/41 <br> After 4Nt asks for K - if Spades specific K <br> - $5 \mathrm{NT}=1$ Ace +1 Useful Void <br> - $6 \mathrm{X}($ under trump $)=2 \mathrm{~A}+$ a void suit X <br> DOPI |  |
| 3 NT | V | 7 |  | Gambling - no side stoper |  |  |  |
| 4*-* |  | 8 |  | PRE |  |  |  |
| 4*-n |  | 7 |  | PRE |  |  |  |
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## SS1 2 SUITS BIDS AFTER PREEMTS

$\underline{2}$ - Cuebid is minors/// 4 Clubs - Spades and Clubs/// 4Diamonds Spades and Diamonds
2 - Cuebid is minors/// 4 Clubs - Hearts and Clubs/// 4Diamonds Hearts and Diamonds
3s - Cue is spades and other $/ / / 4 \star$ is $\uparrow$ and $v / / / 4 \mathrm{Nt}$ BW
3. - Cue is Spades and other///4Nt BW

3 V - Cue is Spades and other $/ / / 4 \mathrm{Nt}$ minors
3a - Cue is Hearts and other///4Nt minors

## SS3 BERGEN 2NT

New suit is singleton// 3M strong without sing//4M weak // 3NT-interm//4 New suit $5 / 5$ or +

## SS4 CHECK BACK - For invitational hands

After 1 mp 1M p 1Nt p 2Clubs/ -- 2D with 3 cards support and 4 cards other major,
Single raise $\mathbf{3}$ cards without 4 other major $/ / 2 \mathrm{Nt}$ without 3 cards support and without 4 cards other M
After check back all jumps are invitational from responder
After check back if responder bid minor opener means weak if clubs and inv if diamonds

SS5 REVERSE DRURY- After drury opener rebid is suit is weak
2Clubs - 3 cards support 9/11//2Diamonds - 4 cards support 6/9//2NT - 4 Cards support 10/11

## SS6 CACHALOT

12-1

| X | 4+ + |
| :---: | :---: |
| 18 | 4+4 |
| 14 | Bal without stop or m or dont want to play nt by his hand |
| 1ST | Natural |
| $2 v$ | 6 cards weak |
| 24 | 6 cards weak |

1知-14

| $X$ | $4+$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Bal without stop or dont want to play $n t$ by his hand or with both minors |
| $1 S T$ | Natural |
| 2 | $6 \uparrow$ Weak |

Opener acts as the real suit was bid naturally and Bid the suit with 3 cards or Nt after 1 \& with stopper.
If responder showed hearts, opener should rebid 1 spade with 4 cards even with 3 Hearts
Support Xs

## SS7 and 81 NT OPENING BID - SUBSEQUENT AUCTION-

2* Stayman may be a sign off and may not have 4 cards major.
After a transfer Opener can bid 2nt max 2/3 honours and 3 cards, or other suit with 4 cards max.

1NT-2 a, -Op. bid $2 n t$ without 4 cards any minor or bid his minor; any major bid by Resp is sing or void, 3nt is BAL without stops in majors ;

After rebid of 2 Nt or $3 *-3$ is sign of with $\boldsymbol{*}$ M bid is $4 / 6$
1NT P 2NT - Opener must bid 3 \&
$3 *$ is Fg with
$3 M-6 * / 4 M$; 3nt or $4 *-F g$ in * (6322) 4 other suit is singleton

## SS9 AFTER 2 Clubs FG

2D negative//2Hearts or spades - suit ace// 2Nt- 2Kings or 8+ without aces// 3 clubs- ace of clubs//3diamonds ace of diamonds//3Hearts - 2 aces same colour//3Spades,- 2 Aces same rank// 3 Nt 2 aces mixed.

After overcall : new suit is 5 cards with $\mathbf{2 H}$ and without aces//
DOPI
SS10

## 2. MULTICOLOR OPENING BID

Responder bids 2 H waiting, $\mathbf{2} \mathrm{Sp}$ accepting to play 3 or 4 H and 2 Nt asking strength and suit
Opner rebid of 2Nt is 22/23 balance follows the 2Nt opening conventions (Baron and transfers after 2d-2nt-3nt)
After 2Nt opener bid -3Clubs max with H, 3Diamonds max with Spades, his suit -minimum

## 2 MULTICOLOR OPENING BID - DEFENCES AGAINST

$2^{\text {ND }}$ POSITION :

- a major bid means short and 4 cards in the other major
- double - 13/15 bal, or opening hand with * , or bal with $20 \mathrm{~h}+$
- $2 \mathrm{Nt} \mathrm{16/19h}$
- 3nt 2 minors
$4^{\text {TH }}$ POSITION -
- $\quad$ after 2 - $p 2$ -
- X means Hearts if opener bid 2Spades and Spades if opener have heart
- 2nt bal hand 16/19
- $3 \vee 2$ minors
- after 2 - p 2 か
- $x$ with 4
-3\& or or $\uparrow$ natural
- 2nt bal 16/19
-3a 2 minors
$6^{\text {TH }}$ POSITION
After 2• p 2『 pp:
- $\quad$ x penalty
- $2 a$ nat without op.strenght
- 2nt - minors
after 2 - $\mathrm{p}-2 \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{p}-$
- $x$ is penalty
- 2nt - minors
- others natural


## DEFENSES OVER OPP OVERCALS 1NT

## SS11. LEBENSOHL

2nt followed by cuebid is stayman with stopper
2nt followed by 3 nt shows a stopper
Direct cuebid is stayman without stopper
Direct 3nt is a trial bid without stop

