## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)
1-level 8-17, 4 card suit possible but rare.
2-level, 11-17 and 5+ suit. Cue shows a good raise+
New suit in response is NAT F1 if RE passes.
1X-1M - negative DBL - ? Now 1NT - 2 under M = TRF.
1N OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
Direct: (14)15-18, continuation as after 1NT opening.
Reopen: 11-14 over $1 \approx-1 \mathrm{v}$. 11-16 over 1^. 1NT bidding.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
1-Suiter: weak jump shifts, may be 5 card suit a) NV,
b) NV vs. NV when partner is a passed hand.

2-Suiter: $2 \mathrm{NT}=55$ in 2 lowest unbid \& opening strength+. Reopen: Same
DIRECT AND JUMP CUE-BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)
Direct Cue=55 in highest+other unbid, opening strength+
$\mathrm{w} /$ responses: $2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{G} / \mathrm{T}+$ ask, $3 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$.
Jump Cue = Asks for stopper, normally a 7+ solid suit. Reopen: Same
VS. NT (Vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; Passed Hand) 2*= Both majors
2 = " $8-11$ " or " $16+$ " long M. 2M=P/C. $2 N T=a s k s$.
$2 \mathrm{M}=$ " $12-15$ " nat $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ minors
$\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{PEN}$ oriented, if BAL then at least about opener's max
PH: DBL $=\uparrow+x, 2 \%=\star+\downarrow, 2 \star+\downarrow$
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
2NT=15-18, D=T/O, after ( $2 \uparrow-\uparrow$ )-D-(?): LEB if possible.
$(2 m)-3 m=5+\uparrow$ and $5+$ other unbid suit, ( 2 m )-4m= $\mathbf{~ + o m , ~ ( 2 M ) - ~}$
$3 \mathrm{M}=$ minors, $(2 \mathrm{M})-4 \mathrm{~m}=$ nat $+5+\mathrm{OM} \mathrm{NF},(2 \mathrm{M})-4 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{FG}$ w/
highest unbid+1, ( $3 \boldsymbol{v})-4 \approx=n a t+4 \wedge,(3 \uparrow)-4 \approx+4+\vee$
4NT overcalls are 2-suited.
Over 2 * multi DBL $=13-15$ NT or any 18+

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Strong hands (15+) usually pass at first. NT-bids=minors. $2 \mathrm{~m}=$ that suit or 2 above. All overcalls may be weak.

## NT-bids shows minors, also destructive

## OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

RD=strong, $10+$. After 1M-D we use 1NT to 2 < opening suit=TRF. 1X=F1. After $1 \star-(\mathrm{D}) 2 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{NF}$.

## LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  | In partner's suit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Suit |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd/LOW, Rusinow }}$ |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} / \mathrm{LOW}$ |
| NT |  | $4^{\text {th }},[4.1]^{\text {**** }}$ |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }} / \mathrm{LOW}$ |
| LATER LEADS |  |  |  |  |
| Thru declarer |  | $2^{\text {nd }}-4^{\text {th }}$ with ATT |  | 3 rd/LOW |
| Thru dummy |  | $3^{\text {rd }} / \mathrm{LOW}$ |  | Same |
| Touched suit |  | Low from odd remaining |  |  |
| LEADS IN DETAIL |  |  |  |  |
| A | Vs. Suit *** |  | Vs. NT |  |
|  | Ax, AK |  | A, AKx |  |
| K | AK+, KQ, Kx |  | KQ+, AKQ+, AKJT+, * |  |
| Q | KQ+, QJ, Qx |  | QJ+, KQJx, KQT9+, AQJ+, * |  |
| J | KJT, QJ+, JT, Jx |  | JT+, (K)QJ9+, AJT+, KJT+, * |  |
| 10 | JT+, Tx |  | T9+, Tx, * |  |
| 9 | $9 x$, or $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  | Highest or $3^{\text {rd }}$ |  |
| 2-8 | $3^{\text {rd }}$ and lowest |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ from honour, else as high |  |
|  |  |  | as poss | *** **** |

* Special: we use Rusinow leads in some situations [4.1]
${ }^{* *} 3^{\text {rd }} / \mathrm{LOW}$ suit in which you have shown $5+$ length
*** In partner's suit: $3^{\text {rd }}$ and lowest both vs. Suit and NT
${ }^{* * * *}$ Strong hand often leads incorrect spot card
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY
Partner's Lead $\quad$ Declarer's Lead $\quad$ Discard

| Suit | $1^{\text {st }}$ | LOW=ENCRG | LOW=EVEN | LOW=ENCRG |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $2^{\text {nd }}$ | LOW | LOW |  |


| + | $2^{\text {nd }}$ | LOW=EVEN | Reversed S/P | LOW=EVEN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| NT | $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Reversed S/P |  | Reversed S/P |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

OTHER SIGNALS (INCLUDING TRUMPS)
S/P in trumps: $3^{\text {rd }}$ lowest $=$ next two will be reversed $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{P}$

## DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
RESP DBL to 4a
(1/2M)-X can be ELC with 4OM \& $5+$ (rebid * over $\%$ )
After a T/O D of 1 x or $2 / 3 \%$ we use 1 step response as a
Herbert negative
(1X)-D-(2X):2NT+=LEB
A 2-level CUE is G/T and F1, does not promise rebid.
(1x)-D-RD-P = PEN unless $1 \%-1 \vee$ promising 4+
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DBL/RD
Lightner DBL (Of 3NT, on high level and when pre-emptor doubles). We also DBL 3NT on strength.
INV DBL (only when there is no other invitational bid).
SUPP DBL \& XX

## WBF and SBF Convention

2v NV opening $1^{\text {st }}-3^{\text {rd }}$ hand $=$
Brown Sticker



