## DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1/2 Level; Reopening)

General style : wide range (8/17)
Responses : new suit 1 RF forcing except 2 over 1 ; over 1 M or 2 M , 2NT is strong + fit and many jumps are fit showing; jump cue is fit + splinter
Reopening : range (8/14); cue is only force
1NT OVERCALL ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd } /} / 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
$15 / 18$ with stopper in $2^{\text {nd }}$
$10 / 13$ in $4^{\text {th }}$ (no stopper required)
In both cases the responses are the same as on our opening of 1NT

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak NV and intermediate when V
Some are showing two- suiter hands (both suits known)
Reopen: Same but 2NT is natural 18/19
DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue-bid is a two-suiter (not on 1 C in natural), hands with 5
losers maximum
Direct jump cue-bid asks for stopper
In reopening only the direct cue-bid is a two-suiter (not on 1C)
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)
Vs. Strong : 2C = both majors, 2D = 6+ cards in one M, 2M = 5cards $\mathrm{M}+4+$ cards in one minor; $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ both minors

Vs. Weak : Double is $14+(2$ cards in each suit); suits are in transfer and 2NT is for minors
Reopening : same

## VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)

Usual doubles. Direct cue-bid asks for stopper, some jumps are for two-suiters (f.i. on $2 \mathrm{~S}: 4 \mathrm{C}$ will show $\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{H}$ and is 1 RF ) 2 NT is natural $16 / 18$ on weak 2 M

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. $1 \%$ or 2\&

On 1C strong : double $=5 \mathrm{H}, 1 \mathrm{D}=5 \mathrm{~S}, 1 \mathrm{M}=4 \mathrm{M}+5 \mathrm{~m}$; $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ both majors; 2NT = both minors and any jump is natural and weak

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Natural
2NT is strong+ fit in support of 1M while it is strong (11+)or weak
(4 to 7) in support of 1 m

LEADS AND SIGNALS

| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |
| Suit | $3^{\text {rd }} 5$ th | count |
| NT | $4^{\text {th }}$ best with one H | count |
| Subseq | attitude in switch | attitude in switch |
| Ond |  |  |

Other: head of sequence with a few exceptions and 10/9 Kantar in NT

| LEADS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT |
| Ace | When from AK asks signal | Asks signal |
| King | AK or Head of sequence | Shows 3 honours |
| Queen | Head of sequence | KQxx possible |
| Jack | Head of sequence | QJxx possible |
| 10 | Head of sequence | Kantar $(0 / 2)$ |
| 9 | Head of sequence | Kantar $(0 / 2)$ |
| Hi-X | Hi | Hi |
| Lo-X | Count (normal) | Count (normal) |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY |  |  |

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|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Signal (small cards) <br> or Count) | Count | Small encouraging |
| Suit 2 | Count or Preference | Preference | Count |
| 3 | Preference | Small positive |  |
| 1 | Signal (small cards) <br> or Count) | Smith call (high <br> encouraging) | Small |
| NT 2 | Count | Count | Count |
| 3 | Preference | Preference |  |

Signals (including Trumps): in trump suit a peter shows a desire to ruff small encouraging on partner's lead of an honour when dummy is short On lead of A or K vs suit small card encouraging on Ace and count on K DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)
Usual and responses also

Effort in balancing when short in opponents' suit
Double in reopening is usual take out but can also be made on all hands with 16+ honour points
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Some doubles by opener are fit showing (on 1M response f.i)
Lightner doubles against slams TEAM \& DIVISION : FORUM II B
PLAYERS: LANKHORST D(17413) - CLAEYS Y(535)

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

## GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

## NATURAL

5 card MAJOR; 1NT $=15 / 17 ; 1 \mathrm{D}=4+$ card
Forcing opening bids : 2C and 2D
$2 \mathrm{M}=$ Muiderberg ( $5 / 5$ when V )
2NT $=20 / 21$ (5card Major possible)

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

## C-1RF

## :8+ playing tricks, 4 losers, one suited hands

: regular hands 2223

## 2D - multi - 1RF

$: 6$ cards in one M (6/10)
regular hands 24+
all game forcing hands
3NT : solid minor suit (AKQxxxx) without outside stopper 4C/4D/4H/4S : natural preempts
Bergen raises on 1 M opening

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

Sometimes in competitive bidding at high levels often when V against NV; also when we have the majority of the honour points
IMPORTANT NOTES
In competitive bidding 2 NT can be artificial and many jumps or cue-bids are fit showing
PSYCHICS: extremely rare


