DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: $1 / 2$ Level; Reopening)
New suit NF $2 / 1$ and $2 / 2$. F1 $1 / 1$ and over weak bids.
2NT = LR+ in Major suit overcall if advancer bids,
natural if advancer passes
3-level Q = mixed if 2NT LR available. Transfers after neg X.
Transfers after negative double, starting with NT.
1NT OVERCALL ( $2^{\text {nd } / 4 ~} 4^{\text {th }}$ Live; Responses; Reopening)
Direct 15-18, system on.
Reopening 11-14 after mand $11-16$ after $1 \mathrm{M}, 2 *=$ range ask after 1 M

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| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Preemptive. 1m-2 = Majors. |
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| Reopen: Intermediate. |
| $1 \mathrm{X}-2 \mathrm{NT}=2$ lower. 1 m (nebulous) 2 2NT $=\boldsymbol{\varphi}+$ other minor |
| DIRECT \& JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| 1*-2* = nat. $1 *-2 *=$ Majors. |
| Vs art 1 $\uparrow: 2 *=$ nat, $2 * / 3 *=$ Majors weak/strong |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH) |
| Strong: $2 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{M}=$ nat, $\mathrm{X}=$ one minor or both Majors or |
| good $\wedge$ overcall or strong hand not 2 suited. |
| 2NT shows any strong 2 suiter other than minors and puppet to $3 *$. |
| Weak: $\mathrm{X}=14+2 *=\uparrow+(\boldsymbol{\text { or }} *$ ) $2 *=+(\boldsymbol{\text { or }} \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ ) 2 M N Natural. $2 \mathrm{NT}=1 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| 3* or 3 show that minor plus |
| Lebensohl after they run to 2M after Dbl |
| VS.PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O} . \mathrm{Cue}=$ Michaels. $2 \mathrm{M}: 4 \%=$ minors |
| $4 \diamond=$ strong OM. $2 \mathrm{~m}-4 \mathrm{om}=5+$ om \& $5+$ M. $3 *-4 *=\star+$ M. |
| $\mathrm{NT}=$ nat: Wolff, stayman and transfers. |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS |
| Dbl $=$ Majors, $\mathrm{NT}=$ minors. $1 \%-\mathrm{P}-1 \%$ : $\mathrm{X}=$ Majors, $\mathrm{NT}=$ minors |
| 1*-2* = one Major, $1 *-2 \mathrm{LM}=\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{m}$. |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| Transfers if we open $1 \star, 1 \mathrm{M}, 2 \mathrm{M}$. |
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| $2 \mathrm{NT}=*$ preemptive $3 \times=$ minors weak. |
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LEADS AND SIGNALS

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| OPENING LEADS STYLE |  |  |  |
|  | Lead | In Partner's Suit |  |
| Suit | $3^{\text {rd }}$ and lowest | $3^{\text {rd }}$ and lowest |  |
| NT | $4^{\text {th }}$ best, Rusinow | $3^{\text {rd }} 5^{\text {th }}$ |  |
| Subseq | $4^{\text {th }} /$ Attitude |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |  |

## Other:

## LEADS

| Lead | Vs. Suit | Vs. NT: Rusinow |
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| Ace | AKx | AK(x)(x) |
| King | AK, KQ+, (AKx 5 +1$)$ | Ask |


| King | AK, KQ+, (AKx at 5+level) | Asks unblock/count |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Queen | QJ+, Qx | KQ(x), AQJxx |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Jack | JT+, Jx, KJTx | KQJx, QJxx, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 | T9+, Tx, HT9x | JTxx, HJTx, |
|  | $9 x$, KJ9 |  |


| 9 | $9 x$, KJ9 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Hi-X | xx, xxx+ if length assumed |

T9x(x), HT9(x),
xx, xxx, maybe xxx+
$4^{\text {th }}$ best

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

|  | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Lo = encourage | Lo = even | Lo = encourage |
| Suit 2 | Lo = even | S/P | Lo= even |
| 3 | S/P |  | S/P |
| 1 | same as suits | Trick 2 S/P | same as suits |
| NT 2 |  | Else like suit |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |

Signals (including Trumps): S/P
Trick 2 suit pref. vs NT, unless count needed.

## DOUBLES

## TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Jumps invitational (but preemptive over XX)
X of m : cue-bid = GF or pick M inv+
X of M: cue-bid = GF
X of 2M: Lebensohl with some special art slam tries

## SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL \& COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Support X through 3 level. Support XX
$\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{X}$ inversion in forces after $1 \%$ opening, also vs. 5 level preempt
In comp many dbls say consider additional competition.
Game try X. $4^{\text {th }}$ suit $\mathrm{X} . \mathrm{X}$ and XX as part of Ace-asking interference.

## CATEGORY:

NCBO: USBF
PLAYERS: Eric Greco Geoff Hampson

## SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Precision. $1 *=16+.1 *=11-15$, usually $2+*$. 5-card Majors (4 possible ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ ).
$2 \%$ opening $=11-15,6+\%$. Can be 5 cards in 3rd
$2 \star$ opening $=11-15$, short $*, 3$-suiter w 3 -card M possible
$14-16$ NT ( $15-17$ vul $3^{\text {rd }}, \&$ all $\left.4^{\text {th }}\right)$
$2 / 1$ Response $=$ GF with $2 *$ artificial
High card requirements are subject to discretion.

## SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

$1 *$ opening $=16+$, artificial
$1 *$ opening $=11-15,2+\star$ 's (or stiff honor)
$2 \star$ opening $=11-15$, short $\star, 3$-suiter w 3 -card M possible
ART responses to $1 \%$ opening ( $1 \vee$ and higher $=F G$ ).
$1 \star-\mathrm{P}-2 \vee / \wedge=5 \uparrow 4+\vee$ less than inv / inv
$1 \star-\mathrm{P}-3 *=$ minors, less than inv
Transfers in comp. 1M-X, $1 \star-\mathrm{X}, 1 \star-2 / 3 \star \& 1 \star-2 \star$ by uph 2M-X, 1M overcall and neg X, opp's Michaels, opp's 3M Lebensohl and better minor 2NT bids
Artificial raises. 1 under or 3 level cue often mixed raise. 2NT normally raise of openers M , splinters.
Pass/Correct bids. X to ask clarification when partner has multiple possible hand types.
$2 *$ response to 1 M opening $=\mathrm{FG}$ but $2+$ cards.

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

After $1 \%$ opening: If opponents bid above 3 of partner's
suit: $\mathrm{X}=$ fit and P requests X . If responder shows values
but no suit: $X=$ takeout between $3 \vee$ and $4 \vee$. At $4 \wedge$ and

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Frequent upgrades of pointcoint
can open lighter NV than V
PSYCHICS: light $3^{\text {rd }}$ seat openings

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { U } \\ & \frac{Z}{4} \\ & \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | SUBSEQUENT ACTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
| 1＊ | X | 0 |  | 16＋ART，F1．Upgrades common | All ART． $1 \triangleq=0-7$ ，others FG． $1 \vee=\langle 5 \wedge 8+, 1 \wedge=5+\wedge 8+$ ， $1 \mathrm{NT}=5+\vee 12+, 2 \mathrm{~m}=5+\mathrm{m} 12+, 2 \vee=12-13$ or $16+\mathrm{Bal}$ ， $2 \wedge=12+$ any $4441,2 \mathrm{NT}=14-15 \mathrm{Bal}, 3 \backsim \uparrow \wedge=$ weak with 7 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{NT}=8-105+\boldsymbol{5}, 2 \mathrm{~m}=8-106+\mathrm{m}, \\ & 2 \mathrm{M}=3-56+\mathrm{M} \end{aligned}$ |
| 1 ＊ | X | 2 （1） | 3＾ | 2＋®，11－15，stiff honor possible | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1NT }=7-11,2 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{F} 1,2 \vee / \uparrow=5 \uparrow 4+\vee \text { not inv } / \mathrm{inv} \\ & 2 \mathrm{NT}=\text { inv, } 3 \curvearrowleft=\text { minors weak, } 3 \diamond+=\text { preemptive } \end{aligned}$ | 2－way NMF／1NT． |  |
| $1 v$ |  | $5\left(43^{\text {rd }}\right)$ | 3＾ | 11－15，can be 4 and／or light in $3^{\text {rd }}$ ． | $1 \mathrm{NT}=$ semiF， $2 / 1=\mathrm{GF}(2 *=2+), 2 \wedge=\mathrm{inv}$ with $1 \mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{FG}$ Raise， $3 \bullet=\boldsymbol{\bullet}$ inv or weak spl． $3 \star=$ mixed $\downarrow$ raise， $3 \vee=$ weak， $3 \boldsymbol{n}=$ any limited splinter， $3 \mathrm{NT}=\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ void， $4 \mathrm{~m}=\mathrm{m}$ void， $4 \vee=$ to play，wide range． | 1 － 1 －$-2 *$ then 3 any $=$ inv＋transfers， 2－way NMF／1NT． <br> Special raises of 2 m after 1M | 2\％＝Reverse Drury－Fit |
| 14 |  | $5\left(43^{\text {rd }}\right)$ | $3 \vee$ | same | Similar raises as over $1 \uparrow$ opening． $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{min}$ splinter， 4 any $=$ void，Game raise is wide range． | similar | same |
| 1NT |  |  | 3＾ | 14－16，15－173 $3^{\text {rd }}$ vul or $4^{\text {th }}$ | Transfers， $2 \wedge=$ range ask or $\star, 2 \mathrm{NT}=\star, 3 \star=$ puppet， $3 \Leftrightarrow=5$－ 5 minors GF， $3 \mathrm{M}=$ short， $4 *=$ Gerber，Texas | Secondary and competitive transfers |  |
| 2\％ |  | 6（5 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ ） | 3＾ | 11－15，Can be 5 and／or light in $3^{\text {rd }}$ ． | $2 \star=$ ask， $2 \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{NF}, 2 \mathrm{NT} \rightarrow 3 *$ for out or GF 2 suits， <br>  | $2 \star: 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=4 \mathrm{M}, 2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}=$ not bad， $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ nat， $3 \stackrel{2}{\infty}=$ bad， $3 \star=$ good nat， $3 \boldsymbol{v}=5 \boldsymbol{\bullet}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=5 \wedge, 3 \wedge=$ solid $\stackrel{+}{+}$ |  |
| 2 ＊ | X | 0 | NO | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \begin{array}{l} 11-15, \text { short }: ~: 4405, ~ 4414, ~ 3415, ~ \\ 4315 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $2 \downarrow=\mathrm{NF}$（correct w 3 ）， $2 \wedge / 3 \curvearrowleft=\mathrm{NF}, 3 \star=$ natural inv， <br> $3 \mathrm{M}=$ inv， $4 \%=$ mixed， $4 *=$ pick， $2 \mathrm{NT}=$ ask | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2NT: } 3 \star=\min , 3 \star=4414,3 \mathrm{M}=3 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=4405, \\ & \text { 2NT- } 3 \star-3 \star: 3 \mathrm{M}=3 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{NT}=4414,4 \star=4405 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| $2 \vee$ |  | 6 （5） | NO | 4－10， 6 card usually | New suit $=$ F，2NT $=$ ask， $4 \%=\bmod \mathrm{KC}$ | $2 \mathrm{NT}: 3 \%=$ max， $3 \star=$ avg， $3 \mathrm{M}=$ worst， $3 \mathrm{OM}=$ game not slam． $3 \mathrm{NT}=4 \mathrm{OM}$ decent |  |
| 2a |  | 6 （5） | NO | 4－10， 6 card usually | New suit $=$ F，2NT $=$ ask， $4 \%=\bmod \mathrm{KC}$ | Same subsequent shape inquiry after 2 N |  |
| 2NT |  |  | 3＾ | 19－21．20－21 $3^{\text {rd }}$ vul and $4^{\text {th }}$ | $3 \%=$ stayman，transfer， $3 \uparrow=*+\star, 4 \%=\star$ ， Texas slam try then can s／o，ask or tell |  |  |
| 3＊ |  | 6 | NO | Preemptive | $3 \diamond \rightarrow 3 \vee$ for NF M．3M $=$ F，4» $=\bmod \mathrm{KC}$ |  |  |
| 3 |  | 6 | NO | Preemptive | 4\％$=\bmod K \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |
| 3v |  | 6 | NO | Preemptive | $4 \%=\bmod \mathrm{KC}$ |  |  |
| 3n |  | 6 | NO | Preemptive | 4＊$=\bmod \mathrm{KC}$ |  |  |
| 3NT | X |  | NO | Solid 7／8 Major $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ | $4 \%=$ Please transfer to M， $4 *=8 ?, 4 \vee=\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{C}$ | $4 \%: 4 *=\downarrow, 4 \vee=\uparrow$ |  |
|  |  |  |  | 3／4 seat＝to play |  |  |  |
| 4＊ |  | 7 | NO | Preemptive | $4 *=\bmod \mathrm{KC}$ |  |  |
| 4 |  | 7 | NO | Preemptive | 4NT＝RKC |  |  |
| $4 \vee$ |  | 7 | NO | Preemptive | 4NT＝RKC |  |  |
| 4＊ |  | 7 | NO | Preemptive | 4NT＝RKC |  |  |
| 4NT | X |  | NO | Blackwood |  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING |  |
| 5\％ |  | 7 | NO | Preemptive | 5＊＝RKC | RKC（03 14），can ask or show on several | quences，Kickback， |
| 5 |  | 7 | NO | Preemptive | $5 \vee=$ RKC | Cue－bids can be $1^{\text {st／}} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ round controls． 3 N | Serious Slam Try over 3M if |
| $5 v$ |  |  |  | 11 tricks w／o AK of trumps |  | GF and Major agreed．5NT usually pick s | m．If RKC X＇d，then $\mathrm{P}=$ no |
| 5n |  |  |  | 11 tricks w／o AK of trumps |  | control，XX＝reverses captaincy and other | as if no dbl．WOODY（8）． |

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES Greco/Hampson 2016

Note 1: after 1~-1
$1 \mathrm{M}=4+$, F 1 . If 4 then unbalanced 3 -suiter or longer minor.
$1 N T=17-18,2 m=N F$ and denies $4 M, 2 \downarrow=K o k i s h$ showing GF NT or $\vee, 2 \uparrow=$ strong $5+\uparrow, 2 N T=22-23$,
$3 \&=$ strong $5+*, 3 \diamond=$ strong $5+\diamond<4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{M}=$ strong $5+\diamond 4 \mathrm{M}$.
$1 \%-1 \diamond-1 \mathrm{M}$ : $2 \%=6-7 \mathrm{art},<3 \mathrm{M}$. $2 \diamond=(5) 6-7$ art, 3 fit M . Over $2 \%: 2 \diamond=$ art, usually weak.
Note 2: $1 \%-1 \vee$
$1 \mathrm{~A}=5+\mathrm{A}, 1 \mathrm{NT}=17-18$ bal or close, $2 \% / 2 \forall=$ nat $5+$ cards, $2 \vee=6+\bullet$ and either $4+m$ or Balanced, $2 \mathrm{~A}=$ any 4441 or 5440 with any void and $5 \vee, 2 N T=22+$, all 3 level rebids show $5 \vee$ with specific 431 shape.
1\%-1v-1A: 1NT waiting, 2suit natural showing 6 or 5 good. 2NT and higher are raises with shape.
$1 \%-1 \vee-2 \&: 2 \diamond=$ art ask with $4 \mathrm{M}, 2 \vee=5+\vee, 2 A=5+\diamond, 2 N T=$ raise with $4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \%=\&$ no $4 \mathrm{M}, 3$ other=splinter.
$1 ヶ-1 \vee-2 \diamond: 2 \vee=$ art ask with $4 \mathrm{M}, 2 \wedge=5+\vee, 2 N T$ is raise with $4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \approx=$ raise no $4 \mathrm{M}, 3 \diamond=\&, 3 \mathrm{M}=$ splinter.
Note 3: 1\%-1~
 $3 m=3$ fit and $6 m, 3 \vee=3-6,4 \backsim \bullet=$ void
Note 4: 1\%-1NT
$2 \%=$ relay, $2 \forall A=$ nat $5+$ cards, $2 \vee=6+\infty, 2 N T=4+\vee, 3 m=3$ fit with $5 m$ bal
Note 5: 1\%-2m
Natural bidding with transfers after 2NT rebid.
Note 6: 1\%-2
$2 \wedge=5+a$ side suit possible, $2 N T=5 \vee$ with a side $m, 3 \%=$ stayman, $3 *$ sets trump, $3 \vee=6+\vee, 3 A=$ minors
Note 7: 1\%-2a
2NT=asks singleton up the line, then woody
Note 8: WOODY
When patterned out with 3-suits at $3 \vee \vee \wedge$ 3NT level:
$4 ヶ$ forces $4 \diamond$ for slam try, $4 \diamond$ forces $4 \vee$ for signoff, $4 \vee \neg$ NT $=$ RKC in Low/Middle/High suits,
$5 \& \vee \wedge=K C$ response in short suit.

