

| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING  |
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| <b>OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)</b>  |
| Natural. Change of suit response is F1. Lowest of cue/2NT invite or unsure where to play, highest of cue/2NT   |
| is GF support when M overcalled. UCB over minor, 2NT natural.  |
| 2NT direct = Lowest 2 unbid suits. 2NT in 4 <sup>th</sup> = natural (system on)  |
| <b>1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)</b>   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 15-18 Responses are as over 1NT opening  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> 11-14, system on   |
| 1x-P-1y-1NT= natural, 16-19, system on   |
| <b>JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)</b>   |
| Weak, 3-8 hcp, intermediate (9-12hcp) in 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Over short ♣/♦ (where it could be 2 cards) 3♣/♦ = WJO  |
| Over short (2+) club, 2♦ = majors  |
| <b>DIRECT &amp; JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)</b>  |
| Direct cue = highest 2 unbid suits. Jump cue asks for stop.  |
| 5-Over short ♣, 2♣ natural & 2♦ = majors   |
| After 1x-P-1y, 2x=2 suiter and 2y=natural. (2NT=5/5, X=TO)   |
| After 1x-P-1NT, 2x=majors or major+minor; 2NT=minors.  |
| If oppo intervene with 2 suited overcall, lowest cue is forcing with unbid suit, highest cue is UCB. X is desire to penalise at least one Suit or shows unbid major. |
| <b>VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening;PH)</b>  |
| 2♣ = majors, then 2♦ is either no preference or start of an invite.  |
| 2♦ = multi, 2♥/♠ that plus minor. 2NT response is invite+  |
| V strong NT, 14-16 + X = 5+m, 4M   |
| <b>VS. PREEMTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)</b>   |
| X= TO, (then Lebensohl over weak 2s). Leaping or non-leaping Michaels, also apply over 1X-P-2X or 1X-P-3X. 2NT nat.  |
| Over multi, X=bal 13-16 or good. X&X=TO; In 4 <sup>th</sup> X=TO.  |
| <b>VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣</b>   |
| X/2♣/♦/♥/♠=As defence to 1NT   |
| <b>OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE</b>  |
| After 1m, XX =9+, bids natural, jumps weak after 1♣, fit after 1♦  |
| After 1MX, XX=10+ no fit, transfers, 2NT=good raise, jumps fit   |
| If oppo double our 1NT, bids are natural.  |

| LEADS AND SIGNALS   |                                   |  |                    |
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| <b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>  |                                   |  |                    |
|   | Lead                              | In Partner's Suit  |                    |
| Suit  | 4 <sup>th</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> | If supported, top of xxx(x), 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> otherwise |                    |
| NT  | same                              | As above   |                    |
| Subseq  | Standard current count            |  |                    |
| Other:  |                                   |  |                    |
| <b>LEADS</b>  |                                   |  |                    |
| Lead  | Vs. Suit                          | Vs. NT   |                    |
| Ace   | Asks for att                      | same   |                    |
| King  | AK or KQ, wants count             | same or unblock  |                    |
| Queen   | KQ or QJ asks for att             | same   |                    |
| Jack  | Top of sequence                   | Top of sequence  |                    |
| 10  | Top of sequence                   | Top of (interior) sequence   |                    |
| 9   | 9x or H98                         | same   |                    |
| Hi-X  |                                   |  |                    |
| Lo-X  |                                   |  |                    |
| <b>SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY</b>   |                                   |  |                    |
|   | Partner's Lead                    | Declarer's Lead  | Discarding         |
| 1   | Hi-Lo =even number                | Hi-Lo =even number   | Attitude Hi - Enc  |
| Suit 2  | Att Hi- Enc                       | Suit pref.   | Hi-Lo =even number |
| 3   | Suit pref                         |  | Suit pref          |
| 1   | Hi-Lo =even number                | Hi-Lo =even number   | Att Hi-Enc         |
| NT 2  | Att Hi-Enc                        | Hi-Lo encourages lead  | Hi-Lo =even number |
| 3   | Suit pref                         | Suit pref.   | Suit pref          |
| Signals (including Trumps):   |                                   |  |                    |
| Attitude on 1 <sup>st</sup> discard, then count, suit preference occasionally.  |                                   |  |                    |
| Attitude on AQ leads at any time. Smith v NT – High encourages  |                                   |  |                    |
| <b>DOUBLES</b>  |                                   |  |                    |
| <b>TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)</b>  |                                   |  |                    |
| Most low level Xs are TO except when one of us has redoubled to show strength or we opened a pre-empt or 2♣ or we have dropped the auction. |                                   |  |                    |
| After we X 1NT, pass of 2m=F & we have one TO double then penalties.  |                                   |  |                    |
| After 1M-P-2M-X and 1M X 2M Lebensohl applies.  |                                   |  |                    |
| <b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL &amp; COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS</b>  |                                   |  |                    |
| Support doubles and redoubles (except if we can bid 1NT, when X/XX=good hand and 1NT shows 3 card support, <16hcp).                         |                                   |  |                    |
| After oppo make 2 suited overcall, X indicates desire to penalise one suit.   |                                   |  |                    |
| 1♣ - 1♥ -X denies 4♠  |                                   |  |                    |

| W B F CONVENTION CARD   |
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| <b>CATEGORY: GREEN</b>  |
| <b>EVENT: Venice Cup</b>  |
| <b>NCBO: England</b>  |
| <b>PLAYERS: Catherine Draper &amp; Gillian Fawcett</b>  |
| <b>Venice Cup 2022</b>  |
| <b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>   |
| <b>GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE</b>   |
| 5 card majors, short club, 15-17 NT, Vul: 2♦/2♥/♠ 5-9, 5+ cards   |
| NV: multi 2♦, 2♥ 4/4+ Ms wk 2♠ 5+/ 4+minor.   |
| 1♣ is opened on all balanced hands outside our NT range, incl. hands with 5 diamonds  |
| <b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE</b>  |
| NV 2♦ multi – weak 5+ cards in ♥ or ♠ 5-9hcp  |
| NV 2H = 4/4+ Majors, weak, 3-8hcp   |
| NV 2S = 5+S/4+m, weak, 3-8hcp   |
| Vul: 3 weak 2s.   |
| <b>SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES</b>   |
| If we have shown the values for game or slam or if we X 1NT for penalties & opp bid 2♣/♦  |
| <b>IMPORTANT NOTES</b>  |
| Jump rebids are splinters if a non jump would be forcing, except 1♣-1M-3♦ strong bal raise. Mini splinters are not GF.  |
| If oppo overcall our 1♥/♠, fit jumps, lowest of cue and 2NT   |
| invitational support, highest is GF support   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> suit is Game Forcing except 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠   |
| We respond 1M to 1♣ with 4+ ♦ & 4M & less than game values  |
| After 1NT rebid, 2♣=relay. Opener bids 2♦ then  |
| continuations are natural & invite with repeat of responders suit   |
| showing 5+ cards and 2NT bal invite. Jumps bypassing checkback are forcing & distributional. (NB:1m-1♥-1NT-2♠ is invitational 4-4 and 1m-1♥-1NT-2♣-2♦-2♠ is 4♠/5♥ invite) |
| After 1NT rebid, 2♦=relay, FG, bids are then natural.   |
| <b>PSYCHICS: Extremely rare</b>   |

| OPENING  | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG. DBL THRU | Catherine Draper – Gillian Fawcett. England                               |   |   |                            |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---|---|---|----------------------------|
|          |                    |                   |               | DESCRIPTION   | RESPONSES   | SUBSEQUENT ACTION   | PASSED HAND BIDDING        |
| 1♣       |                    | 2                 | 4♥            | Natural or bal 11-14 or bal 18-19 hcps                                    | 2♣=GF, 2♦ inv Clubs, 2♥/♠ weak, 3-8hcp<br>2NT = nat with 4+ ♣, 10-12<br>3♣♦/♥/♠ pre-empt, 3-8hcp, 4♣/♦ tfr to ♥/♠   | After 2♣: 2♦=11-14 bal; 2♥/♠ nat (shows 5+ clubs); 2NT =17(+)-19 bal (F); 3♣=nat<br>Natural, 3♣ NF  | 2♣ inverted<br>2NT natural |
| 1♦       |                    | 4                 | 4♥            | Natural   | 2♦ =GF, 3♣ invitational raise<br>2NT = natural, 10-12 bal, 3♦ pre-empt, 3-8hp   | Natural, 2NT rebid=11-14/18-19 bal,splinters<br>Natural   | 2♦ inverted<br>2NT natural |
| 1♥<br>1♠ |                    | 5                 | 4♥            |   | 2NT = GF raise with 4+ card support<br>3♣=inv 3 card support; 3♦=inv 4 card support<br>3M= mixed with 4 card support<br>Splinters are voids (9-11 hcps+) 1H-3NT=void S; 1H-3S and 1S-3NT = unspecified singleton                                    | After 2NT: 3♣ minimum, 3♦ non-minimum no shortage, 3♥/♠/NT shortage up the line<br>Delayed raise to 3M is GF.<br>3NT/4C asks for singleton up the line.   | 2♣ Drury                   |
| INT      |                    |                   |               | <b>(14+) 15 to 17 balanced</b><br>May have singleton<br>May have 5M or 6m | 2♣=stayman, does not promise a major<br>After stayman, new suit at 3 level is GF<br>3♣= 5 card stayman, 3♦=GF, both minors<br>3♥/♠=shortage in other M<br>2♦/♥ = transfer to ♥/♠<br>2♠/2NT= transfer to ♣/♦<br>4♦/♥= transfers<br>4♣ = both majors; | 1NT-2♣-2♥-2♠=raise to 2NT with 4 card ♠.<br>After opener shows 4 card M, bid of other M at 3 level is unbal slam try, 4C bal slam try and 4NT is quantitative. Smollen<br>Transfer breaks to 3M with 4 card support and min, to 2NT with maximum. Retrfrs at 3 and 4 level. After tfr, new suit at 3 level is FG*, jumps are splinters, 4NT is quant.<br>1NT-2♦-2♥-2♠= invite, NF<br>Complete transfer with support (usually 3) | *except 1NT-2H-2S-3H       |
| 2♣       | ✓                  | 0                 | N/A           | Game force or 23+ bal   | 2♦ negative; 2NT = bal with A and K   | Natural, Kokish   |                            |
| 2♦       | ✓                  | 0/6               | N/A           | NV: 5+M 3-8hcp, VUL 6D 5-9  | Over multi 2H/S to play if that suit, 2NT enquiry   | 3C/D anchor weak. 3H/S other maj maximum  |                            |
| 2♥       |                    | 4                 | 4♥            | 4/4+M if NV, VUL 6H 5-9hcp  | 2NT enquiry, new suit at 3L F   | Show shortage V, else describe  |                            |
| 2♠       |                    | 5                 |               | 5+/4+minor if NV, else 6S 5-9hc   | 2NT enquiry, new suit at 3L F   | Show shortage V, else describe  |                            |
| 2NT      |                    |                   |               | <b>20-22 balanced</b> , may have 5 card M or 6m or singleton              | 3♣=5 card puppet stayman<br>3♦/♥ = transfer to ♥/♠<br>3♠=minor suit stayman, F to 4NT<br>4♣/♦/♥/♠ = 2 under slam tries  | 3♦=not 5M, but 4M, 3M then shows other M. 3♥ denies M. 3♠=5. 3NT=5♥s<br>Opener only completes with 3+ support<br>2NT-3♥-3NT-4♥= 5-5<br>New suit agrees, 4NT RKCBW for M only.   |                            |
| 3♣/♦/♥/♠ |                    | 6                 |               | Pre-empt  |   | <b>HIGH LEVEL BIDDING</b>   |                            |
| 3NT      | ✓                  |                   |               | Good Maj opener   |   | RKCB: Responses:- 5♣=4 or 1; 5♦=3 or 0 (next suit asks for Q); 5♥=2, no Q; 5♠=2+Q; 5NT=2 key cards and useful void. DOPI & ROPI over interference.<br>After RKCB 5NT asks for specific K, if 2 bid one we don't have  |                            |
| 4♣/♦/♥/♠ |                    |                   |               | Pre-empt  |   | 1 Any – 4NT is normal Blackwood   |                            |
| 4NT      |                    |                   |               | Blackwood, for specific Aces  |   | Over 4NT quantitative, bid 4 cards suits up if maximum, 5cd suits at 6 L.   |                            |