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| <b>DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING</b>  |
| <b>OVERCALLS</b> (style ; Responses ; ½ Level ; Reopening)  |
| <b>Style</b> : natural, can be light 7+H  |
| <b>Responses</b> : New suit F1, weak jump raises.   |
| <b>Reopening</b> : no jump usually shows 7-13(14) HCP<br>NT : 1NT 9-13, 2NT 17-19   |
| <b>T/O Doubles General Style</b>  |
| Can be light if shaped  |
| Reopening 8+ according to shape   |
| <b>NT Overcalls</b>   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> position : 15-18 HCP, 4 <sup>th</sup> position: 9-13 HCP over 1m,<br>rather 10-15(16) over 1M especially 1♠<br>Responses : Stayman and Transfers        |
| <b>JUMP Overcalls</b>   |
| <b>Style</b> : natural and weak according to vul. 1♣ 2♦ majors  |
| <b>Unusual NT</b> : two lower suits   |
| <b>Direct cue-bid</b> : two-suiter except 1♣ 2♣ natural   |
| <b>Jump cue bid</b> : asks for stopper  |
| <b>Responses</b> : natural F1, cue-bid asks   |
| <b>VS 1NT OPENING</b>   |
| <b>VS Vul Strong (14-16 or more) 1NT</b><br>X= 5+m, 4M or strong, 2♣ both majors, 2♦ 1 major, 2♥/♠<br>5♥/♠, 4+m, 2NT both minors  |
| <b>VS Weak (13-15 or less) or NV 1NT</b><br>X 13+ HCP, 2♣ both majors, 2x Transfer.<br>After X, 2 <sup>nd</sup> X is T/O most of the time.                              |
| <b>VS PREEMPTS</b>  |
| <b>Style</b> : T/O double, natural overcalls.<br>Over a weak 2M, cue bid shows both minors, 4m = 5M' 5m   |
| <b>Responses</b> : New suit F1, 2NT asks  |
| <b>VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENING</b>   |
| <b>VS Strong 1♣</b><br>X shows opening values and majors, 1-level natural, 1NT to<br>2NT 2-suiters, and 3-level preempts<br>1♣ 1M Pass 1NT : cue bid<br>2x : natural NF |
| <b>OVER OPPONENTS T/O DOUBLE</b>  |
| XX=10+ HCP, next X are penalty.<br>1 level bid = natural forcing<br>Transfers after 1/2M X.<br>2NT invitational + with fit, fit showing jumps.                          |

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| <b>LEADS AND SIGNALS</b>  |                 |                       |            |
| <b>OPENING LEADS STYLE</b>  |                 |                       |            |
|   |                 |                       |            |
| Suit  | Lead            | In Partner's suit     |            |
| NT  | 3rd and low     | 3/5                   |            |
| Subsequent  | 4th best        | 3/5                   |            |
| Count/Attitude  |                 | count                 |            |
| Other : lead second from xxxx   |                 |                       |            |
| VS suits contracts, can lead K from AKx(x) and a sing aside   |                 |                       |            |
| <b>LEADS</b>  |                 |                       |            |
| Lead  | Suit            | NT                    |            |
| Ace   | AKx(x)          | Ask for attitude      |            |
| King  | AK, KQ(x)       | Ask for count/unblock |            |
| Queen   | QJ(x), Qx       | Ask for attitude      |            |
| Jack  | (H)J10(x), Jx   | (H)J10x               |            |
| 10  | 10x, (H)109(x)  | (H)109x(x), H10x      |            |
| 9   | 9x, HH9x        | 9x, 9xx, H9x          |            |
| Hi-x  | Sx, xSxx, HxSx  | HSx, Sxx, xSxx(x)     |            |
| Low-x   | xxS, HxS, HxxxS | HxxS, HxxSx,          |            |
| <b>SIGNALS IN ORDER PRIORITY</b>  |                 |                       |            |
|   | Partner's lead  | Declarer's lead       | Discarding |
| 1   | Std count       | Std count             | Std count  |
| 2   | High enc        | High enc              | High enc   |
| 3   | S/P             | S/P                   | S/P        |
| 1   | Std count       | Std count/ Smith      | Std count  |
| 2   | High enc        | High enc              | High enc   |
| 3   | S/P             | S/P                   | S/P        |
| Signals including Trumps: Upside down count, and echo often shows an ability to ruff.                     |                 |                       |            |
| <b>TAKE OUT DOUBLES</b>   |                 |                       |            |
| <b>Style</b> : can be light if shaped   |                 |                       |            |
| <b>Responses</b> : natural, cue-bid shows strength  |                 |                       |            |
| <b>Reopening</b> : 8+, according to shape   |                 |                       |            |
| <b>Responder's doubles :</b><br>1m 1♥ X : 4+♠, 1♠ : 0-3♠<br>1♣ 1♦ X : 4+♥, 1♥ : 4+♠, 1♠ : no 4 card major |                 |                       |            |
| <b>SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES</b>  |                 |                       |            |
| Take Out Doubles, Responsive Doubles, Game-try Doubles  |                 |                       |            |
| <b>LIGHTNER</b>   |                 |                       |            |

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| <b>CONVENTION CARD</b>                          |
| Category : Green                                |
| NCBO : France                                   |
| Event : Any                                     |
| Players : Thomas Bessis & Frederic Volcker      |
| <b>SYSTEM SUMMARY</b>                           |
| <b>GENERAL APPROCH AND STYLE</b>                |
| 5-Card Major, Better Minor                      |
| 2♣ GF any hand                                  |
| 2♦ ART almost GF                                |
| 2♥/♠ Weak 2                                     |
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| 1NT Opening : 15-17                             |
| 2 over 1 Responses : GF                         |
| <b>SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE</b>    |
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| <b>Openings</b>                                 |
| 3NT solid minor no Ace or King aside            |
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| <b>Competitive bids</b>                         |
| See responder's doubles.                        |
| VS 1NT opening                                  |
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| <b>IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE</b> |
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| Many fit showing jump bids.                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> suit F1.    |
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| Psychics : rare                                 |

## OPENING BIDS AND DEVELOPPEMENTS

| Opening | Tick if artificial | Minimum number of cards | Negative X thru | DESCRIPTION                                    | RESPONSES  | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION  | PASSED HAND BIDDING                      |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1♣      |                    | 3                       | 7♥              | 11-23 HCP, better minor                        | 2♣ GF raise, 2♦ inv ♣ raise, 2♥ 5+♠ 4+♥ 3-9 H, 3♣ pre  | See take out doubles.<br>2 way check-back after 1m 1M 1NT   | Fit showing jumps.                       |
| 1♦      |                    | 3                       | 7♥              | 11-23 HCP, better minor                        | 2♦ GF raise, 3♣ inv ♦ raise<br>2♥ 5+♠ 4+♥ 3-9H, 3♦ pre   | Same as above.  | Same as above                            |
| 1♥      |                    | 5                       | 7♦              | 10-21 HCP                                      | 2♠ : 6+ cards, 0-7 HCP<br>2NT : 3+c supp, 10-15 HCP<br>3♣, 3♦ : nat inv, 3♥ : nat inv<br>3♠ unspecified singleton<br>3NT/4♣/♦ void splinters | After overcall :<br>2NT inv+ raise<br>Fit showing or natural weak jumps, splinters in opp's suit      | Drury<br>Fit showing jumps<br>3♣ natural |
| 1♠      |                    | 5                       | 7♥              | 10-21 HCP                                      | Same as above.<br>3♥ : natural inv<br>4♣ : ♣ or ♥ void   | Same as above   | Same as above                            |
| 1NT     |                    |                         | 7♥              | 15-17 HCP bal or semi-bal<br>5M or 6m possible | 2♣ Stayman, 4-way Transfers<br>3♣ : Puppet Stayman<br>3♦/♥ Strong 1-suiter in ♥/♠<br>3♠ : both minors bal 13+                                | After overcall :<br>2NT and above = Transfer  |  |
| 2♣      | x                  | 0                       | 4♥              | GF any hand                                    | 2♦ waiting, or 2x =<br>6+x with HH OR 5+x, 5+<br>other with at least 1 Top Honor in each suit  | 2♣ 2♦ 3♥/♠=6+♣ and 4♥/♠<br>2♣ 2♦ 3NT 6+♦ and 4♥<br>2♣ 2♦ 4♣ 6+♦ and 4♠                                |  |
| 2♦      | x                  | 0                       | 4♥              | 8-9 playing tricks or 22-23 bal                | 2♥   | 2♦ 2♥ 3NT long minor and stoppers<br>2♦ 2♥ 4♣ shows both majors GF over which 4♦ sets ♥ and 4♥ sets ♠ |  |
| 2♥      |                    | 6                       |                 | Weak 2   | New suit F1, 2NT ask   | 2♥ 2NT 3x values in x, 4x splinter  |  |
| 2♠      |                    | 6                       |                 | Weak 2   | New suit F1, 2NT ask   | 2♠ 2NT 3x values in x, 4x splinter  |  |
| 2NT     |                    |                         | 7♥              | 20-21 bal or semi bal                          | Stayman, Transfers   |   |  |
| 3♣/♦    |                    | 6                       |                 | PRE, aggressive NV/V                           | Natural  |   |  |
| 3♥/♠    |                    | 6                       |                 | PRE, aggressive NV/V                           | Natural  |   |  |
| 3NT     | x                  |                         |                 | Solid minor no Ace or King aside               | 4♣ P/C, 4♦ ask, 4♥/♠ to play   |   | Can be stronger in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat  |
| 4♣/♦    |                    | 7                       |                 | PRE  |  |   |  |
| 4♥/♠    |                    | 7                       |                 | PRE  |  |   |  |
| 4NT     | x                  |                         |                 | Both minors according to vul                   |  |   |  |
| 5♣/♦    |                    | 7                       |                 |  |  |   |  |

### HIGH LEVEL BIDDING

RKCB 5 key cards 3041, 5♠ 2 + Q of Trump, 5NT 2 key cards and a void, 6x : 1 or 3 key card and a void

4♠ RKC when Heart is trump, 4♦ RKC in Club in some specified situations