

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: 0-9 pts, 5 card support
 Jump raises - majors limit forcing Other: 9 losers, 4 card support
 Jump shifts after minor opening Fit showing
 Jump shifts after major opening Fit showing
 Responses to strong 2 suit opening Controls shown over 2C
 Responses to 2NT opening 3C enquiry, others are pass or correct

PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump 'S' Versus Suit = Both
 Sequence leads: Overlead all All except AK x (x)
 Underlead Other: Ace lead usually asks for unblock or count
 Four or more with an honour 4th highest attitude
 3rd/5th Other:
 From 4 small 2nd highest Other: Or may lead Top in NT
 From 3 cards (no honour) top middle bottom
 Signal on partner's lead: high encourage low encourage
 Other: Also count, McKenney and odds/evens in certain situations
 Signal on declarer's lead Usually count
 Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage
 odd/even Other:
 Count natural reverse When given

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: Exclusion RKCB
 4♣ Gerber when? 4D Gerber after 1NT & 4m RKCB & at other times
 Other Conventions

Reese Non-Cue Negative freebids to 2S
 Unassuming Cue Swine and Piglet
 Long Suit Trials DOPI and ROPI
 Puppet Stayman & Baron to some 2/3NT biMaximal Doubles (when adjacent suits)
 Equal level conversion Namyats 4m and Acol 4NT openers



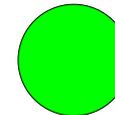
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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Names: Andrew Struik Brian Thorp
 ABF Nos: 530476 160849
 Basic System: Acol (with 5 card majors) Brown Sticker
 Classification: Green Blue Red Yellow



OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape
 1♣ 3+♣, 11-20pts 1♦ 3+♦, 11-20pts 1♥ 5+♥, 11-20pts 1♠ 5+♠, 11-20pts
 1 NT 12-14 may contain 5 card major
 2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other:
 Transfers 2♦ to ♥ 2♥ to ♠ 2♠ to ♣
 2 NT to ♦ Other:
 2♣ Any Game Force OR 21-22 balanced
 2♦ 5-9 pts with 6 card major OR 23-24 balanced
 2♥ 5-9 pts with 5+/5+ in two suits of the same rank (♣+♦ OR ♥+♠)
 2♠ 5-9 pts with 5+/5+ in two suits of the same colour (♣+♠ OR ♦+♥)
 2 NT 5-9 pts with 5+/5+ in two suits not covered (♣+♥ or ♦+♠)
 3 NT Long, solid minor

PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

Negative freebids Leaping Michaels
 Negative doubles may be off shape SOS XX
 Namyats RCO Twos

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 5H Responsive doubles through 5H
 Jump overcalls Variable Unusual NT Minor oriented, weak or strong
 1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 11-14
 Immed cue of minor Both Majors, weak or strong
 Immed cue of major Other Major + a minor, weak or strong
 Over opponent's 1NT (weak) Modified Pottage
 Over opponent's 1NT (strong) Modified Pottage
 Over weak twos 2NT=15-18, X=take out with Lebensohl
 Over opening threes Natural

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: _____
 Jump raises - majors limit forcing Other: _____
 Jump shifts after minor opening Weak, 3-7, 6+ suit
 Jump shifts after major opening Weak, 3-7, 6+ suit
 Responses to strong 2 suit opening Next suit=Pass or correct, 2NT enquiry
 Responses to 2NT opening 3D=Pass or correct, 3C enquiry

PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump 'S' Versus Suit = Both
 Sequence leads: Overlead all All except AK x (x)
 Underlead Other: _____
 Four or more with an honour 4th highest attitude
 3rd/5th Other: _____
 From 4 small 2nd highest Other: _____
 From 3 cards (no honour) top middle bottom
 Signal on partner's lead: high encourage low encourage
 Other: REO COUNT. Odd card=Odd No, Even card= Even No
 Signal on declarer's lead REO COUNT. Odd card=Odd, Even card= Even
 Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage
 odd/even Other: Suit preference if low. Even for L, odd for H
 Count natural reverse REO COUNT (see above)

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: _____
 4♣ Gerber when? Never

Other Conventions

15-18 NT rebids with Crowhurst 2/3C Lavings continuations after 1NT overcall
 Herbert Negatives in response to T/O X Puppet Stayman after 2NT
 DOPE Support Xs after we have bid 2 suits
 Splinters Fit showing jumps after overcalls
 McCance trump cues



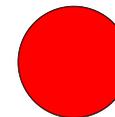
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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Names: ROSS CRICHTON PAM CRICHTON
 ABF Nos: 155837 155829
 Basic System: ACOL
 Classification: Green Blue Red Yellow



OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape
 1♣ 4(3), 11+ 1♦ 4, 11+ 1♥ 4, 11+ 1♠ 5, 11+
 1 NT 12-14 may contain 5 card major
 2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other: _____
 Transfers 2♦ Transfer to 2H 2♥ Transfer to 2S 2♠ Baron
 2 NT Transfer to 3C Other: 3C Transfer to 3D
 2♣ 8+PT in any suit OR 21-22, 25-26 etc Balanced
 2♦ Weak 2 in H, or 5:5 in C/S (Weak/Strong) OR 23-24 etc Balanced
 2♥ Weak 2 in S, or 5:5 in C/D (Weak/Strong), OR any 4441, 18+
 2♠ Weak/Strong 5:5 in C/H or D/S
 2 NT Weak/Strong 5:5 in D/H or H/S
 3 NT Minor suit preempt (solid 7+ suit)

PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

3NT (see above)
 4C/D openings are transfers to H/S
 Over opp strong C, X is transfer to D

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 4D Responsive doubles through 4D
 Jump overcalls Intermediate Unusual NT Modified Michaels
 1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 15-18
 Immed cue of minor Both majors (5:5)
 Immed cue of major Other Major and Minor (5:5)
 Over opponent's 1NT (weak) Canape Transfers
 Over opponent's 1NT (strong) Canape Transfers
 Over weak twos X=T/O, with Lebensohl continuations
 Over opening threes X=T/O

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning			
1♣	1♦	4+ suit, 5+ HCP	2NT 10-12 or 16+, Club support
	1♥/♠	4+ suit, 5+HCP	3♣ 8-9 HCP, 5+ (4+) Clubs
	1NT	5-9 (10), denies 4+ H/S	3♦ Splinter. Singleton (not A or K)
	2♣	4-7 (8), denies 4+ H/S	3♥ Splinter (as above)
	2♦	3-7, 6 card suit	3♠ Splinter (as above)
	2♥	3-7, 6 card suit	3NT 13-15, Club support
	2♠	3-7, 6 card suit	4 bids H/S to play
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1♦	1♥/♠	4+ suit, 5+ HCP	3♣ 3-7, 6 card suit
	1NT	5-9 (10), denies 4+ H/S	3♦ 8-9 HCP, 4+ D
	2♣	4+ suit, 10+ HCP	3♥ Splinter
	2♦	4-7 (8), denies 4+ H/S	3♠ Splinter
	2♥	3-7, 6 card suit	3NT 13-15, D support
	2♠	3-7, 6 card suit	4♦ Preemptive
	2NT	10-12 or 16+ D support	4 Other To play
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1♥/♠	1NT	5-9 (10), denies primary support	3♣ 3-7, 6 card suit
	2♣	4+ suit, 10+ HCP	3♦ 3-7, 6 card suit
	2♦	4+ suit, 10+ HCP	3♥/♠ 8-9 HCP, H/S support
	2♥/♠	4-7 (8), 3+ support	3NT 13-15, primary support
	2NT	10-12 or 16+, primary support	4♣/♦ Splinter
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2♣	2♦	Negative	2♥/♠ 5+ suit, Positive response
	other	2NT. Positive, no 5 card suit, unlimited HCP	
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2♦	2♥	Pass or correct	3♣/♦ Natural, forcing
	2♠	Forcing, 5+ S	3♥/♠ 3♥ preemptive if 2♦ is weak 2♥
	2NT	Forcing clarification	3NT To play
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2♥/♠	2NT	Forcing clarification	3NT To play
	3♣/♦	Pass or correct	4♣/♦ Not defined
	3♥/♠	3♠ preemptive if 2♥ is weak 2 in 4♥/♠	4♥ To play, 4♠ P/C
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2NT	3♣	Forcing clarification	4♣ Not defined
	3♦	Pass or correct	4♦ Nor defined
	3♥	Pass or correct	4♥ To play
	3♠	Pass or correct	4♠ To play
	3NT	To play	other

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

3♣/3♦	3C transfer to 3D. 3D 6 card suit with 2/3 top honours
3♥/3♠	6 card suit, 8-10HCP, 2/3 top honours
4♣	Transfer to H
4♦	Transfer to S
4♥	To play
4♠	To play

Unusual NT: minors other suits lower 2 unbid suits
 other Modified Michaels in conjunction with Cue

Other slam bidding Cue Bids Asking Bids

4th Suit Forcing One round Game force

NT Checkback Priorities

Defence to 3NT opening X= T/O

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦ X=T/O, 16+ unbalanced.

	2NT 15-18 balanced, 3C is puppet Stayman
RCO style 2-s	X=T/O, 16+ unbalanced.
	2NT 15-18 balanced. 3C is puppet Stayman
Other 2-s	X=T/O. Lebensohl continuations

Defence to strong ♣ Canape Transfers

Lebensohl Over NT interference

Other uses In response to T/O X of OPP weak 2 bids

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ X=T/O

4♥ T/O X oriented 4♠ T/O X oriented

OTHER NOTES

Wide range (15-18) 1NT rebid with Crowhurst continuations

Herbert Negative (next suit <8HCP) in response to T/O X

Lavings continuations after 1NT overcall

Puppet Stayman continuations after 2NT rebids/overcalls

McCance Trump cues

Canape defence to OPP 1NT openings

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: Pre-emptive
 Jump raises - majors limit forcing Other: Pre-emptive
 Jump shifts after minor opening Other minor=criss cross; other major = to play
 Jump shifts after major opening Bergen raises
 Responses to strong 2 suit opening Control showing bids
 Responses to 2NT opening 3♣=enquiry, else pass or correct

PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump 'S' Versus Suit = Both
 Sequence leads: Overlead all All except AK x (x)
 Underlead Other: _____
 Four or more with an honour 4th highest attitude
 3rd/5th Other: _____
 From 4 small 2nd highest Other: _____
 From 3 cards (no honour) top middle bottom
 Signal on partner's lead: high encourage low encourage
 Other: _____
 Signal on declarer's lead _____
 Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage
 odd/even Other: _____
 Count natural reverse

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: 1430
 4♣ Gerber when? _____

Other Conventions

Sandwich 1NT Toxic
 Jacoby 4NT = Specific Ace Ask
 SWINE Minor Suit Blackwood
 D1P2, R1P2 over slam interference
 Negative Free Bids



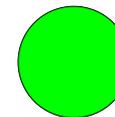
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 Basic System: Standard _____ Brown Sticker
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OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape
 1♣ 3+♣, 11-20 pts 1♦ 3+♦, 11-20 pts 1♥ 5+♥, 11-20 pts 1♠ 5+♠, 11-20 pts
 1NT 11-14 _____ may contain 5 card major
 2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other: Lavings
 Transfers 2♦ to ♥ 2♥ to ♠ 2♠ to ♣
 2NT to ♦ Other: _____
 2♣ Unbalanced game force OR 21-22 balanced
 2♦ Weak 6+♥ OR Weak 5/5 in ♣ & ♠ OR Acol 2♦ OR 23-24 balanced
 2♥ Weak 6+♠ OR Weak 5/5 ♣ & ♦ OR Acol 2♥ or 25-26 balanced
 2♠ Weak 5/5 in ♣ & ♥ OR ♦ & ♠ OR Acol 2♠ or 27-28 balanced
 2NT Weak 5/5 in ♦ & ♥ OR ♥ & ♠ OR 29+ balanced
 3NT Gambling

PRE-ALERTS: CALLS THAT MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED MEANING/S OR REQUIRE SPECIAL DEFENCE

Myxo Twos
 Toxic Takeout of 1NT

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 4♥ Responsive doubles through 4♥
 Jump overcalls Weak _____ Unusual NT Lower Unbid Suits
 1NT overcall (immediate) 15-18 (re-opening) 15-18
 Immed cue of minor ♠ and a lower suit
 Immed cue of major Other major and a minor
 Over opponent's 1NT (weak) Toxic Takeout
 Over opponent's 1NT (strong) Toxic Takeout
 Over weak twos X = takeout with Lebensohl
 Over opening threes X = takeout

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning			
1♣	1♦	5+ pts, 4+♦	2NT 10-12, no higher 4+ card suit
	1♥/♠	5+ pts, 4+♥/♠	3♣ Pre-emptive
	1NT	8-11 pts, no 4+ card major	3♦ Splinter agreeing ♣
	2♣	Game Force in ♣	3♥ Splinter agreeing ♣
	2♦	Criss Cross Limit Raise	3♠ Splinter agreeing ♣
	2♥	<5 pts, 6+♥, to play	3NT 13-15 pts, no higher suit
	2♠	<5 pts, 6+♠, to play	4 bids 4♣ = RKCB
1♦	1♥/♠	5+ pts, 4+♥/♠	3♣ Criss Cross limit raise
	1NT	5-9 pts, no 4+ card major	3♦ Pre-emptive
	2♣	Game Force	3♥ Splinter agreeing ♦
	2♦	10+ pts, 4+♥/♠	3♠ Splinter agreeing ♦
	2♥	< 5 pts, 6+♥, to play	3NT 13-15 pts, no higher suit
	2♠	< 5 pts, 6+♠, to play	4♦ RKCB
	2NT	10-12 pts, no higher suit	4 Other/Not Used
1♥/♠	1NT	5-9 pts, no higher 4+ card major	3♣ Limit raise, 4+ card support
	2♣	Game Force	3♦ 8-9 pts, 4+ card support
	2♦	Game Force	3♥/♠ Pre-emptive
	2♥/♠	8-9 pts, 3+ card support	3NT Not Used
	2NT	Jacoby Game Force Raise	4♠/♦ Splinter, very distributional
2♣	2♦	0-1 controls	2♥/♠ ♥=2 controls, ♠=3 controls
	other	2NT=4+ controls; 3♠/♦/♥/♠=6+ suit, 2 of top 3 honours	
2♦	2♥	Pass or Correct	3♠/♦ Pass or Correct
	2♠	Pass or Correct	3♥/♠ Pass or Correct
	2NT	Enquiry	3NT Pass or Correct
2♥/♠	2NT	Enquiry	3NT Pass or Correct
	3♠/♦	Pass or Correct	4♠/♦ Pass or Correct
	3♥/♠	Pass or Correct	4♥/♠ Pass or Correct
2NT	3♣	Enquiry	4♣ Pass or Correct
	3♦	Pass or Correct	4♦ Pass or Correct
	3♥	Pass or Correct	4♥ Pass or Correct
	3♠	Pass or Correct	4♠ Pass or Correct
	3NT	Pass or Correct	other Pass or Correct

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

3♣/3♦	Interest in ♣/♦ slam, initiates cue bids
3♥/3♠	Interest in ♥/♠ slam, initiates cue bids
4♣	RKCB
4♦	RKCB
4♥	To Play
4♠	To Play

Unusual NT: minors other suits lower 2 unbid suits

other

Other slam bidding

Cue Bids

Asking Bids

4th Suit Forcing

One round

Game force

NT Checkback

Priorities

Crowhurst

Defence to 3NT opening

Depends

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦ X = 16+ balanced, 2♥/♠ = takeout

2NT = two suited hand

RCO style 2-s

X = 16+ balanced

2NT = other two suits

Other 2-s

Over Natural Weak twos, X is takeout, 2NT = 16-18 balanced

Defence to strong ♣

Toxic and Wonder bids

2 level bids = toxic

Lebensohl

Over NT interference

Other uses

Over doubles of weak twos, over reverses, in competitive bidding

Take out of 4 level pre-empts

4♠/4♦ X = takeout, 4NT=5/5 in suits

4♥ X=t/o, 4NT=5/5 4♣ X = takeout, 4NT=5/5 in suits

OTHER NOTES

Active use of the Law of Total Tricks

Wide ranging pre-empts and overcalls opposite a passed hand

Overcalls show opening values with 2 1/2 defensive tricks

Interference over opponents strong bids based on distribution, often with little strength

Pre-empts over non-passed hand based on the Rule of 2, 3 and 4.