

BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors limit forcing Other: Weak (6-9 & 5+suit)

Jump raises - majors limit forcing Other: Weak (5-7 & 4+suit)

Jump shifts after minor opening (at 2-level) Weak (4-7 & 6+suit)

Jump shifts after major opening Bergen style Major raises (artificial)

Responses to strong 2 suit opening n.a.

Responses to 2NT opening 3-minor = sign-off; 3-Major= forcing

PLAY CONVENTIONS

'NT' Versus Notrump 'S' Versus Suit = Both

Sequence leads: Overlead all All except AK x (x)

Underlead Other: A = Att; K = Count over preempts & at 5+level

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: Suit pref. using trumps & 1st played NT-suit

Signal on declarer's lead Reverse attitude

Discards McKenney high encourage low encourage

odd/even Other: 1st discard only; o/w reverse att/count

Count natural reverse

CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKCB Other: RKCB = 1430

4♣ Gerber when? _____

Other Conventions

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| Inverted minor raises | Support doubles/re-doubles |
| Blackout after Opener's reverse | Lebensohl |
| 2-over-1 = natural GF | Leaping Michaels |
| Forcing NT and BART over 1-Major | Checkbacks after Opener's 1/2 NT rebid |
| Two-way Drury by Passed hand | |



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STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

Names: Peter Buchen Henry Christie

ABF Nos: 7765 126608

Basic System: Standard (2-over-1) Brown Sticker

Classification: Green Blue Red Yellow



OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning Canape

1♣ 11+ (3+) 1♦ 11+ (3+) 1♥ 11+ (5+) 1♠ 11+ (5+)

1 NT 15-17 may contain 5 card major

2♣ Stayman: simple extended Other: 5-Major Stayman

Transfers 2♦ to-Hearts 2♥ to-Spades 2♠ to-Clubs

2 NT to-Diamonds Other: _____

2♣ Artificial Game Force (with artificial responses)

2♦ Multi = Weak-two Major or 20-22 Balanced

2♥ 5♥ & 4+ minor; 6-10 hcpts

2♠ 5♠ & 4+minor; 6-10 hcpts

2 NT 55+ both minors; 6-10 hcpts

3 NT Long, non-solid minor suit pre-empt

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

2NT = 6-10 hcpts, 55+ minor suits

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Negative doubles through 4♥ Responsive doubles through 4♥

Jump overcalls Weak Unusual NT 2-lower suits

1NT overcall (immediate) 15+ -18 (bal) (re-opening) 12-14 (bal)

Immed cue of minor Michaels (both Major = 6-10 or 15+)

Immed cue of major Michaels (O.Major+minor = 6-10 or 15+)

Over opponent's 1NT (weak) Hamilton (X = penalty)

Over opponent's 1NT (strong) DONT (X = 1-suiter)

Over weak twos Double = T/O

Over opening threes Double = T/O

RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

| Describe strength, minimum length or specific meaning | | | |
|---|-------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Natural 4+suit | 2NT 11-12 hcpts; no Major; NF |
| | 1♥/♠ | Natural 4+suit | 3♣ 5-9 hcpts; 5+raise; no Major |
| 1NT | | 6-10 hcpts; no Major | 3♦ GF splinter for ♣ |
| 2♣ | | 10+hcpts; 5(4)+raise; no Major | 3♥ GF splinter for ♣ |
| 2♦ | | 4-7 hcpts; natural 6+suit | 3♠ GF splinter for ♣ |
| 2♥ | | 4-7 hcpts; natural 6+suit | 3NT 13-15 hcpts; 3-3-3-4 shape |
| 2♠ | | 4-7 hcpts; natural 6+suit | 4 bids 4♣ = longer inverted raise |
| 1♦ | 1♥/♠ | Natural; 4+suit | 3♣ 9-11 hcpts; natural 6(5)+suit; NF |
| 1NT | | 6-10 hcpts; no Major | 3♦ 5-9 hcpts; 5+raise; no Major |
| 2♣ | | Natural 4+suit; GF | 3♥ GF splinter for ♦ |
| 2♦ | | 10+hcpts; 4+raise; no Major | 3♠ GF splinter for ♦ |
| 2♥ | | 4-7 hcpts; natural 6+suit | 3NT 13-15 hcpts; 3-3-4-3 shape |
| 2♠ | | 4-7 hcpts; natural 6+suit | 4♦ longer inverted raise |
| 2NT | | 11-12 hcpts; no Major; NF | 4 Other 4♥/♠ to play |
| 1♥/♠ | 1NT | 4-11 hcpts; forcing | 3♣ mini splinter or GF void splinter |
| | 2♣ | Natural 4+suit; GF | 3♦ mini splinter or GF void splinter |
| | 2♦ | Natural 4+suit; GF | 3♥/♠ 5-6(7) hcpts; 4+raise; NF |
| | 2♥/♠ | 6-9 hcpts; 3-card raise | 3NT 13-15 hcpts; bal 4+Major fit |
| | 2NT | Jacoby; GF 4+raise; 14+ hcpts | 4♣/♦ 10-13 hcpts; splinters |
| 2♣ | 2♦ | 5-8 hcpts; any | 2♥/♠ 2♥=0-4 hcpts; 2♠=9+ hcpts |
| | other | 2NT =9+ hcpts; some 55+; other = 9+hcpts transfers to good 5+suit | |
| 2♦ | 2♥ | P/C; wide range | 3♣/♦ Natural & forcing |
| | 2♠ | P/C; wide range; fit for ♥ | 3♥/♠ P/C; fit for both Majors |
| | 2NT | Strong relay | 3NT To play |
| 2♥/♠ | 2NT | Minor suit ask (poss. weak) | 3NT To play |
| | 3♣/♦ | Inv. relay wo/w Major fit | 4♣/♦ Splinters |
| | 3♥/♠ | Pre-emptive | 4♥/♠ To play |
| 2NT | 3♣ | Sign-off; prefer ♣ to ♦ | 4♣ Pre-emptive |
| | 3♦ | Sign-off; prefer ♦ to ♣ | 4♦ Pre-emptive |
| | 3♥ | Natural & forcing | 4♥ To play |
| | 3♠ | Natural & forcing | 4♠ To play |
| | 3NT | To play | other 4NT - (6)KCB |

CONVENTIONS

Additional responses to 1NT

| | |
|-------|---|
| 3♣/3♦ | Natural slam going; requests cue with a fit |
| 3♥/3♠ | Natural slam going; requests cue with a fit |
| 4♣ | Texas transfer to 4♥ |
| 4♦ | Texas transfer to 4♠ |
| 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 2♣ forces 2♦; other = transfers

Defence to 3NT opening 4♣ = weak Majors; 4♦ = strong Majors; other = natural

Defence to opening Two's: Multi 2♦ Double = 13-15 bal or 16+ unbal.

2NT = 16-18 bal; other = natural overcall

RCO style 2-s

n.a.

Other 2-s

Double = T/O of known suit

Defence to strong ♣

X = two same rank; 1♦ = two same colour; 1NT = odd suits

1♥/♠ = natural; 2-suit = pre-emptive; Pass then bid = 14+

Lebensohl

Over NT interference

Other uses

Over weak two opening

Take out of 4 level pre-empts

4♣/4♦ Double = T/O

4♥ Double = T/O

4♠ Double = cards

OTHER NOTES

Puppet Stayman & transfers after strong 2NT

Baron & transfers after strong 3NT

3A-3B = forcing with step responses by opener

1m-1M: 2M-2NT = art. GF checking for Major length (may have 3 with shortage)

Long suit trials after Major fit; stopper showing after minor fit

Criss-cross minors by Passed hand