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

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| LEADS AND SIGNALS | | | |
| OPENING LEADS STYLE | | | |
| | Lead | In Partner's suit | |
| Suit | 3 rd from even, low from odd | 3/5 | |
| NT | 4th best | 3/5 | |
| Subsequent | Attitude | count | |
| Other : lead 2nd from xxxx, 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th from six cards | | | |
| VS suits contracts, may lead K from AKx(x) and a sg aside. | | | |
| LEADS | | | |
| 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, | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's lead | Declarer's lead | Discarding |
| 1 | Std count | Std count | Std count |
| 2 | High enc | S/P | High enc |
| 3 | S/P | | S/P |
| 1 | Std count | Std count | Std count |
| 2 | High enc | S/P | High enc |
| 3 | S/P | | S/P |
| Signals including Trumps: Upside down count, and echo often shows an ability to ruff. | | | |
| TAKE OUT DOUBLES | | | |
| Style : can be light if shaped | | | |
| Responses : natural, cue-bid shows strength | | | |
| Reopening : 8+, according to shape | | | |
| Responder's doubles : | | | |
| 1m 1♥ X : 4+♠, 1♠ : 0-3♠ | | | |
| 1♣ 1♦ X : 4+♥, 1♥ : 4+♠, 1♠ : no major | | | |
| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES | | | |
| Take Out Doubles, Responsive Doubles, Game-try Doubles | | | |
| LIGHTNER | | | |

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| CONVENTION CARD |
| Category : Green |
| NCBO : France |
| Event : Any |
| Players : Thomas & Michel Bessis |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROCH AND STYLE |
| 5-Card Major, Better Minor |
| 2♣ Game Forcing any hand |
| 2♦ Almost GF, denies one-suiter in ♥ |
| 2♠ weak |
| 2♥ VUL : 5♥ + 5+m, weak, |
| 2♥ NV : both majors weak (0-9 HCP) |
| 1NT Opening : 15-17 |
| 2/1 : GF except rebid of the suit |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE |
| Openings |
| 3NT solid minor no Ace or King aside |
| 2♥ NV both majors weak (3-8 HCP) |
| Competitive bids |
| See responder's doubles. |
| VS 1NT opening |
| IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE |
| Many fit showing jump bids. |
| 3 rd and 4 th suit F1. |
| Psychics : rare |

OPENING BIDS AND DEVELOPPEMENTS

| Opening | Tick if artificial | Minimum number of cards | Negative X thru | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | PASSED HAND BIDDING |
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| 1♣ | | 3 | 7♥ | 11-23 HCP, better minor | 2♦ : invitational ♦ + ♣ 2♥ : 5+♠ 4+♥ 4-9 HCP | See take out doubles. 2 way check-back after 1m 1M 1NT | Fit showing jumps. 1♣ 2♦ good ♣ raise |
| 1♦ | | 3 | 7♥ | 11-23 HCP, better minor | 2♥ : 5+♠ 4+♥ 4-9 HCP 3♣ : invitational ♣ + ♦ | Same as above. No inverted minors. | Same as above 1♦ 3♣ good ♦ raise |
| 1♥ | | 5 | 7♦ | 10-21 HCP | 2♠ : 5+♠, 3♥ inv 2NT : 3-card supp inv 3♣ : 4-card supp inv 3♦ : 4-card supp 12-15 bal 3♥ : preemptive 3♠, 4♣/♦ : splinter 3NT : 3 card raise, to play | After overcall : 2NT inv+ raise Fit showing jumps, splinter | Reversed Drury Fit showing jumps |
| 1♠ | | 5 | 7♥ | 10-21 HCP | Same as above except : 3♣ : invitational with 6+♥ 3♥ : 4-card supp inv | Same as above | Same as above |
| 1NT | | | 7♥ | 15-17 HCP bal or semi-bal 5M or 6m possible | 2♣ Stayman, Transfers. 3♦ : optional Stayman 3♥ : 6+♠, slam try 3♠ : both minors bal 13+ 4♣ and 4♦ both majors | After overcall : Rubensohl | |
| 2♣ | x | 0 | 7♥ | GF any hand 9+-10 playing tricks or 24+ bal | 2♦ relay | Natural | |
| 2♦ | x | 0 | 7♥ | 8-9 playing tricks or 22-23 bal | 2♥ relay | Natural | |
| 2♥ | | 5/4 | | VUL 5+5+ ♥/♠ 4-10 HCP NV 4+4+ ♥/♠ 0-9 HCP | VUL 2♠ to play, 2NT ask NV 2NT ask, 3♣ inv in one Major, 3♦ Natural F1 | Natural | Always strong in 4th |
| 2♠ | | 6 | | Weak 2 in ♠ | 2NT ask features, new suit F1 | 2♠ 2NT 3x values in x, 4x splinter | |
| 2NT | | | 7♥ | 20-21 bal or semi bal | Stayman, Transfers | | |
| 3♣/♦ | | 6 | | PRE agressive NV/V | Natural | | |
| 3♥/♠ | | 6 | | PRE agressive 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 rd seat |
| 4x | | 7 | | PRE | | | |
| 4NT | x | | | Both minors according to vul | | | |
| 5♣/♦ | | 7 | | | | | |

HIGH LEVEL BIDDING AND SLAM CONVENTIONS

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

