## 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors mixed, 6-10 TP
Jump raises - Majors mixed, 6-10 TP
Jump shifts after minor opening invitational
Jump shifts after Major opening invitatiional
Responses to strong 2 suit open.
Responses to 2NT opening natural, 3M could be stopper ask

## 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS

| Show priorities | Versus Suit (or both) | Versus NoTrump (if different) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Leads Sequences: | Q/J/T/9 = 0 or 2 higher | same, K from AKJx / KQTx |
| Four or more with an honour | 3rds \& 5ths | 3rds \& 5ths, not strict |
| From 4 small | 2nd highest |  |
| From 3 cards (no honour) | bottom | top |
| In partner's suit |  |  |
| Discards | reverse count, or low encourage |  |
| Count | reverse present |  |
| Signal on partner's lead: | low encourage, some count |  |
| Signal on declarer's lead: | reverse count, some reverse Smi | h Peters |
| Notes |  |  |

## 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS 4\% Gerber

4NT: Blackwood X RKCB 1430
Asking Bids $\mathbf{X}$ Cue Bids $\qquad$ for strength, then denial cuebids

## 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Relays over all openings, most others non-forcing

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STANDARD SYSTEM GARD

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Basic System: Strong club (16+) 1 opening $=4+$ (in 1st \& 2nd seats) Brown Sticker $\square$ Classification: Green $\square$ Blue $\square$ Red $\square$ Yellow $\square$

1. OPENING BIDS Describe strength, min.length, or specific meaning Canapé $\mathbf{X}$ 1\% 16+ pts, any shape 1 4+『, 11-15, not 4 (in 1st/2nd)
1 4+ $40-15$, not $4 \checkmark$ (natural in $3 \mathrm{rd} / 4$ th) 1 majors $(4+4+$ ) 11-15 (in $1 \mathrm{st} / 2 \mathrm{nd}$ ) 1NT 12-15 balanced-ish, no 4cM (14-16 in 3rd/4th) may contain 5 card Major
1NT Responses 2\% shape-ask, near GF (Stayman after 3rd/4th seat 1NT)

2 transfer, $5+\boldsymbol{}$
2 transfer, 5+4
(Dbl) System on if non-penalty
2A usually a raise to 2NT
2NT minors (4+4+)

2\& 5+e, no major, 10-14 pts
2 5+ , no major, 10-14 pts
2 weak two, $5-10$ pts (5-carder possible non-vul)
2 weak two, $5-10$ pts ( 5 -carder possible non-vul)
2NT 5-5 minors, 10-14 pts
3NT gambling
other

## 2. PRE-ALERTS

$1 \diamond=4+$ spades, not $4 \vee$, could be canapé $\quad 1 \diamond / \downarrow / \Delta$ openings natural in $3 \mathrm{rd} / 4$ th
$1 \checkmark=4+$ hearts, not 4 $\uparrow$, could be canapé
14 = majors, 4+4+
Non-vul responses in a denied major
are occasionally made on shortage

## 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative DBL thru $\qquad$ Responsive DBL thru 44

Doubles

Jump overcalls weak
1NT overcall: (immediate) 15-18 Unusual NT lower unbid (over 3+ suits) (re-opening) 11-14
(Major) Michaels
Over: Weak Twos X tko, then 2NT = Leb Opening Threes $\mathrm{X}=$ tko
Opponent's transfers $\mathrm{X}=$ tko of shown suit, cue $=$ natural at 1-level, Michaels at 2-level Opponent's 1NT Aspro: 2\& = hearts \& another, $2 \downarrow$ = spades \& a minor

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

| 1\% 1 | 0-7 pts, any shape | 2 | bal, no 4cM, 8+ pts | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4+s, 8+ pts | 2 | 3-suited, short major | 30 | 7+\% |
| 14 | $4+\bullet, 8+\mathrm{pts}$ | 21 | 6+e, 8+ pts | 34 | 7+a |
| 1NT | $4+\downarrow$, no 4cM, 8+ pts | 2NT | 6+\% | 3NT | 7+\% |
| 24 | bal with 4cM, 8+ pts | 30 | 6+20 | 4\% | 7+a |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 \checkmark 10$ | 10-12 any, or less * | $2 \downarrow$ | $5+\boldsymbol{*}$, not forcing ** | 30 | $6+\downarrow$, invitational ** |
| 14 | 13+ any, shape-ask | 21 | raise, 6-10 TP | 34 | mixed raise, 6-10 TP |
| 1 NT | 6-10, may have 4+ | 2NT | limit+ raise |  | semi-gambling |
| 24 | 5+\%, not forcing | 306 | 6+\%, invitational | 4\% | fit-showing |
| 2 | $5+\star$, not forcing | 3 | $6+$, invitational | 4 | fit-showing |
| other | 4. wide-range |  |  |  |  |
| $1 \times 14$ | 11+ any, shape-ask | 2 | raise, 6-10 TP | 3 | 6+», invitational |
| 1NT | 6-10, may have 4+ | 21 | 6+4, not forcing ** | $3 \checkmark$ | mixed raise, 6-10 TP |
| 24 | 5+\%, not forcing | 2NT | limit+ raise | 34 | pre-emptive |
| 2 | $5+\star$, not forcing | 30 | 6+e, invitational |  | semi-gambling |
| other | 4 $4 / \downarrow$ fit-showing, $4 \checkmark$ | de-r | ange |  |  |
| 14. 1NT | 6-10, semi-forcing | 24 | raise, 6-10 TP | 30 | mixed raise, 6-10 TP |
| 24 | 11+ any, shape-ask | 2NT | raise to $3 \downarrow+$ | 34 | mixed raise, 6-10 TP |
| 2 | $5+\star$, not forcing | $30 \%$ | 6+e, not forcing | 3NT | semi-gambling |
| $2 \downarrow$ | raise, 5-9 TP | 3 | $6+$, invitational | 4\% | spade fit + clubs |
| other | 4V/a wide-range |  |  |  |  |
| 1NT 3\% | to play | 34 | shortage | 4 | transfer, 6+4 |
| 3 | to play | 3NT |  | 4 | to play |
| $3 \checkmark$ | shortage | 4\% | transfer, 6+ ${ }^{+}$ | 44 |  |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 2 | 13+ any, shape-ask | 2NT | 11-13 | $3 \checkmark$ | $6+\downarrow$, invitational |
| 2 | $5+\boldsymbol{*}$, not forcing ** | $30 \%$ | raise, 9-12 pts | 34 | 6+4, invitational |
| 24 | 5+4, not-forcing | 3 | $6+\downarrow$, not forcing | 3NT |  |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |
| $2-2 \checkmark$ | 13+ any, shape ask | $30 \%$ | 5+e, not forcing | 3N | 6+1 \| invitational |
| 24 | 5+4, not forcing ** | 3 | raise, 9-12 pts | 3NT |  |
| 2NT | 11-13 | 31 | $6+\boldsymbol{*}$, not forcing ** | 4\% |  |
| other |  |  |  |  |  |


| 2-24 5+4, not forcing ** | 3 5+ , constructive | 3NT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT strong enquiry | 3) pre-emptive raise | 4\% fit-showing |
| 3\% 5+\%, constructive | 3) forcing | $4 V$ |
| other |  |  |
| 24 2NT strong enquiry | $3 \downarrow 5+\downarrow$, constructive ** | 4* fit-showing |
| 3\% 5+e, constructive | 3^ pre-emptive raise | 4 to play ** |
| 3 5+», constructive | 3NT | 44 |
| other |  |  |
| 2NT 3\% to play | 3^ could be a stopper ** | 4 invite |
| 3 to play | 3NT | 4 to play ** |
| 3v could be a stopper ** | 40\% invite | 4N to play ** |
| other |  |  |

## 9. CONVENTIONS

Unusual NT: lower unbid suits (if $3+$ )
4th Suit Forcing One round $\mathbf{X}$ Game force
NT Checkback $X$ Priorities: after $1 \checkmark: 1 v: 1 N T$
Defence to 3NT opening $4 \%=$ majors

## Defence to Opening Twos

Multi $2 \quad X=$ tko of spades, $2 \downarrow=$ tko of hearts
RCO style 2-s $X=$ length in bid suit plus its companion
Other 2-s $\quad X=$ tko of any weak 1-suited option
Defence Aspro: $\mathrm{X}=$ hearts $\&$ another, $1 \stackrel{=}{ }$ spades \& a minor, 1NT = minors
to
strong Also Aspro vs strong 2e
1\%/2\%
Over 1NT Interference suit transfers after 2V/s overcall, 2NT = natural
Lebensohl - other uses
Take out of 4 level pre-empts $4 \% / 4 \diamond X$
$4-\times$
4A $X$

## 10. OTHER NOTES

* 1 : $1 \vee=6-10$ with no clear action, or 10-12 any
** When not vulnerable, bids in opener's denied major are occasionally made on shortage

