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GENERAL APPROACH: Strong Club

HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE: ANY ACTION MAY BE LIGHTER THAN STANDARD

1M-2C ARTIFICIAL GF. Other 2/1 = Transfer

VERY LIGHT: OPENINGS ■ OVERCALLS ■ PREEMPTS ■

FORCING OPENING: 1♣ (16+ if Balanced)

NOTRUMP Freq 5-cd major, Maybe Offshape 2NT:5/5+ minors, 3-9; (9-13 UF); or GF 1NT: 10-12 NV 1st & 2nd; Any Vul 4th; Otherwise 13-15 (14-16 in 3rd)

3NT: 4m Preempt

After 10-12 NT: 2-way Stayman (2D Art GF), All Else = To Play

After 13-15 NT: 4♣/♦: SoAfr Texas st; 4-St Jacoby (♠); 2♠: ♣'s or Size Ask

3♠: minors, GF; 3♦ Puppet; 3♥/♠: short+3OM; **Lebensohl** FASS; Neg Dbls thru 3♠

Retransfers; Smolen (5422), System On over any 2♣ or Art. Dbl (except Landy);

2♠-2X-2M = signoff (scramble); 2♠-2X-2N: must have 4-cd major; Landy defense

MAJOR OPENINGS

1♥-1♠ Opening on 4 Cards

Often Seldom/Never

1st-2nd, 4th

3rd

RESPONSES

Double Raise ■ Weak (2M denies 4)

Double Raise in Comp: Preemptive

Conventional Raises:

Jacoby 2NT (Mixed+); 3NT: 4x3 COG

Reverse Drury: Fit (2c)

Fit-Showing JS by PH, nf (4+ supp)

Splinters

JS = To play; 4S always to play

2C Art GF -NF: Other 2/1 = Transfer

1M-2M = 8 losers, up to 12

3N = 4x3

JS = to play

MINOR OPENINGS

1♣ ■ 16+ 0+ cds

1♦ ■ 11-15 0+ cds

RESPONSES

1♦: Double Raise: To Play ■

1♦: Double Raise in Comp: To Play

1♦: Single Raise Forcing ■

1♠-1♦: 0-8, all else 9+ (artificial)

1D-2NT: Pick a minor

1D-3NT: 13-15

No Splinters in Majors: 3x=natural, to play

2M = 5S/4H; 2S inv, 2H less than inv.

FSJS by PH (nf)

1D-3C=to play

1♦-4M = Natural

1♦: JS in comp to play

1♦: 2NT = minors (in and out of comp)

1♠: Artificial responses & follow-ups

2♣ 10-15, Natural, 6+ clubs, any shape

Responses

2D: ask; 2M:F1; 2NT →3♣
3♣→3♦; 3D/H/S Inv; 4♦: RKC

2♦/2♥/2♠ 3 to 9 hcp N.V: Usually 5-card suit Vul: 6-cd suit Distribution and Suit Quality Irrelevant except at UF

Modified Ogust

NV: NSNF Vul: NSF at 3-leve 4♣/♦ Asking Bid: Many Asking Bids 2x-2N; 3D all minimums; 3C some short, 3M other major, 3N natural.

Fit-Showing JS by PH (NF), Many Fit-Showing Bids 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round ■ (GF if 3-level) Many Asking Bids 2-way CB ■ XYZ ■ Trans vs 1NT O/C ■ After 1M: Good/Bad 2NT ■ Unusual v. Unusual MOD CRASH vs Strong Club or 2C; PIWA in a force 2NT in competition never natural;

Occasional tactical psyches – no specific agreements

SPECIAL DOUBLES

Negative X ⇒4♦

Responsive ⇒4♦

Support X: ⇒3-Cue

Snapdragon

Anti-Lead X;

Equal Lev Conversion X: ♠'s to ♦'s only

SIMPLE OVERCALL

6+ hcp (v light ■) NSNF (usually)

Responses: Transfer Advances.

Otherwise 3♥+ OR 3/3 = force

Cue-bid Step: Limit+(2-lev) OR Force (3-lev+)

Jump Raise: Preemptive

JS=F1 (Fit in Comp); Many Fit Bids

Jump Cue: Mixed Raise

WIDE RANGE JUMP OVERCALL

Weak ■ Sound at UF ■ 0-15

Tactical (may be heavy or v light)

NSNF except 3H+ = F and 3/3 = F

OPENING PREEMPTS

Light ■ Sound (Vul) ■

4C/D Namyats: 3-4½ losers

NSNF (NV)

3♠-3♦: asks for 3-cd major

4♠ = Preempt RKC (or 3C-4D)

DIRECT CUEBID

Two Suits ■ Michaels

Michaels vs. Precision 2C & Fantunes 2x

Otherwise 3X asks stopper

Leaping Michaels: Direct Seat Only

Vs. Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout Lebensohl

Weak 2's ■ FADS

3-Bids ■

Takeout thru 4♦, 4♥:T/O, 4♠:Penaltyish

(3C)X (P)3M: Constructive (3D: wk art,F1)

Mod.Transfers after 2NT O/C

SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Roman Keycard ■ 1430 4T+1 RKC Sliding RKC

Interference over 4NT ■ R2D2; DEPO 5T

Preempt RKC:0,1,1wQ,2,2wQ Specific Ace Blackwood

Many Asking Bids; Trump & Control Asks after 1C

LEADS

Vs. Suits
⊗x xx⊗x
⊗x⊗ xxxx⊗
AKx 109⊗
KQx KJ⊗x
QJx K10⊗x
J109 Q10⊗x
KQ109

Vs. NT

⊗x x⊗x⊗
x⊗⊗ x⊗xx⊗
AKJx AQJx
AJT9 A109⊗
KQJx KQ109
KJTx K109⊗
QJ10x Q109⊗
JT9x 109x⊗

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT

Standard:
Count ■ ■
Attitude ■ ■
Suit Pref ■ ■

Primary Signal: SP, Att
SP signals at T1 & 1st discard
Very few count signals
Suit Preference in Trumps

No signals vs. slams

Rusinow
Strong King
A or Q for Att
K for Unblock or
Count

No Rusinow:

Partner's Suit
Dummy's suit
Preemptor's Side
Suit

After Trick 1:
Attitude
J,T or 9 maybe
0 or 2 higher

Length Lead Vs. SUITS: 3rd Best from Even, 5th from Odd

Length Lead Vs. NOTRUMP: Attitude

LEADS & SIGNALS MAY BE DECEPTIVE