

#### 4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - minors	weak	Other: jump other minor is limit raise
Jump raises - Majors	weak	Other: jump shifts NAT NF about 9-11
Jump shifts after minor opening	2♥/♠ NAT NF about 5-8, JS into minor is limit raise	
Jump shifts after Major opening	NAT lim 6+ suit	
Responses to strong 2 suit open.	2♥ double neg, 2♦ neutral likely not 3 controls. Other NAT 3+ controls	
Responses to 2NT opening	simple stayman. 3♠ minor suit stayman. 3M smolen after 3♣	

#### 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS Show priorities

	Versus Suit (or both)	Versus NoTrump (if different)
<b>Leads</b> Sequences:	Overlead All	
Four or more with an honour	reverse count	
From 4 small	4th highest	
From 3 cards (no honour)	Middle or top	
In partner's suit	Middle or top	
<b>Discards</b>	reverse attitude	
<b>Count</b>	reverse	
<b>Signal</b> on partner's lead:	reverse attitude, reverse count	
<b>Signal</b> on declarer's lead:	reverse count if needed - some mckenny	
<b>Notes</b>	count cards are reverse original count	

#### 6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RKCB 1430	4♣ Gerber <input type="checkbox"/> when?
<b>Slam Notes</b>	after Q ask, cheapest trump bid if no, else spec K. 5NT ask spec K	
Cue Bids <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	first or second with discretion	
Asking Bids <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-serious 3NT when major set.	

#### 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

inverted minors - step responses	fit jumps in competition and by PH; only for M
1M 2NT Jacoby then step range, step shortage	4th suit GF, incl 1♣, 1♦, 1♥, 1♠
after 1m, 1M, 2M 2NT checkback not GF	1m-(1H)-1S = 4+, X=T/O not 4♠
2-way checkback after 1x-1y-1NT	1M-2♣ = ♣ GF, or BAL GF, or 3-card limit raise
all system off by passed hands	blackout after a reverse

over opponents 1♣ opening, 2♣ NAT 2♦ michaels  
 after our michaels over 1M 2NT asks minor, minor bids NAT  
 If we have shown 5/5 X = PEN

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#### STANDARD SYSTEM CARD

ABF Nos.	45632	Bruce Neill
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Basic System:	2 over 1 game force (but 2♣ over 1M includes limit raise not GF)	
Brown Sticker <input type="checkbox"/>	Classification:	Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/>

#### 1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning		Canape <input type="checkbox"/>
1♣ 3+, 11+	1♥ 5+, 11+	
1♦ 4(3)+, 11+	1♠ 5+, 11+	
1NT 15-17, may up or downgrade, may be off shape	may contain 5 card Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>1NT Responses</b> 2♣ Simple Stayman Other: then smolen, 3m forcing		
2♦ transfer to ♥ then 2♠ ART, 3bids GF	2♠ transfer to ♣, (2N likes ♣) then spl	
2♥ transfer to ♠ then 3bids GF	2NT transfer to ♦, (3♣ likes ♦) then spl	
other 3♣ puppet stayman others short in suit bid, GF, 3+ cards in other suits, not 5M		
2♣ Game Force		
2♦ weak 2♦ about 6-10 then 2NT asks range, singleton		
2♥ weak 2♥ about 6-10 then 2NT asks range, singleton		
2♠ weak 2♠ about 6-10 then 2NT asks range, singleton		
2NT BAL 20-22 stayman smolen 3♠ minors	3NT good 4 major, like acol 2	
other 4NT specific ace ask		

#### 2. PRE-ALERTS

support X, XX	scramblesohl not lebensohl
1M-2♣ multi-meaning GF or limit raise of M	3NT opening strong 4M
over 1♣ opening, 2♦ is michaels, 2♣ nat	

#### 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through	4♠	Jump overcalls	intermediate - 11-15, good suit
Responsive doubles through	4♠	Unusual NT	lower 2 suits, 5+/5+, wide range
1NT overcall - immediate	15+-18	Immediate cue of minor	both majors, 5+/5+, wide range
1NT overcall - re-opening	14-17	Immediate cue of Major	other major/minor, 5+/5+, wide
Over weak twos X = T/O, or 13-15 BAL if multi	Over opening threes		X = T/O
Over opponent's 1NT	2♣ both majors X ♥ & m 2♦ ♠ & m others nat		
After INT overcall of our 1m, X = PEN 2♣ both M others NAT NF			

## 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

1♣ 1♦ 4+, no 4M unless inv+	2♦ limit raise, 5+♣, no 4M	3♦ NAT PRE
1♥ 4+, may have longer m	2♥ NAT NF, 6+, 5-8	3♥ NAT PRE
1♠ 4+, may have longer m	2♠ NAT NF, 6+, 5-8	3♠ NAT PRE
1NT 5-11, usually 4+♣	2NT 11-12 Bal no major	3NT 13-15 BAL
2♣ inverted, 4+, step resps	3♣ PRE, 5+	4♣ PRE
other after inverted minor openers shows range by steps, then step asks shortage		
1♦ 1♥ 4+, may have longer m	2♥ NAT NF, 6+, 5-8	3♥ NAT PRE
1♠ 4+, may have longer m	2♠ NAT NF, 6+, 5-8	3♠ NAT PRE
1NT 5-11 semi-forcing	2NT 11-12 Bal no major	3NT 13-15 BAL
2♣ NAT GF	3♣ limit raise, 5+, no 4M	4♣ splinter
2♦ inverted, 4+, step resps	3♦ PRE, 5+	4♦ PRE
other after inverted minor openers shows range by steps, then step asks shortage		
1♥ 1♠ 4+, may have longer m	2♥ NAT 3-4H about 6-8	3♦ NAT abt 9-11 NF
1NT 5-11 semi-forcing	2♠ NAT NF, 6+, 5-8	3♥ weak
2♣ ♥ inv or GF, ♣ or bal	2NT GF, 4+♥ then step resp	3♠ splinter GF
2♦ NAT GF	3♣ NAT abt 9-11 NF	3NT ♦ splinter, abt 10-13
other after 2♣ 2♦ accepts inv(GF) now new suits confirm GF ♣ and that suit, 2NT bal GF		
1♠ 1NT 5-11 semi-forcing	2♠ NAT 3♠ about 6-8	3♥ NAT abt 9-11 NF
2♣ ♠ inv or GF, ♣/bal	2NT GF, 4+♠ then step resp	3♠ weak
2♦ NAT GF	3♣ NAT abt 9-11 NF	3NT ♥ spl abt 10-13
2♥ NAT GF	3♦ NAT abt 9-11 NF	4♣ splinter GF
other after 2♣ 2♦ accepts inv(GF) now new suits confirm GF ♣ and that suit, 2NT bal GF		
1NT 3♣ puppet stayman	3♠ 0/1S, GF, 3+ other suits	4♦ forces 4♠
3♦ 0/1 D, GF, 3+ other suits	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3♥ 0/1H, GF, 3+ other suits	4♣ forces 4♥	4♠ to play
other		
2♣ 2♦ ART at least some values	2NT semi BAL 3+ controls	3♥ NAT 6+ 3+ controls
2♥ ART double neg	3♣ NAT 3+ controls	3♠ NAT 6+ but < 3 control
2♠ NAT 3+ controls	3♦ NAT 3+ controls	3NT
other		
2♦ 2♥ NAT F1	3♣ NAT F1	3♠ splinter
2♠ NAT F1	3♦ NAT not encouraging	3NT to play
2NT ask, bid singleton if max	3♥ splinter	4♣ splinter
other		

**Notes** after 1M-2♣-2M declines invite, bids by responder NAT GF (promise ♣ except 2NT)

after 1M-2♣-2♦ (GF) 3M shows inv hand, others NAT ori GF (promise ♣ except 2NT). Subsequent bidding all natural at 3 level (new suit fragments), cues at 4 level. 1M 2♣ jumps weak, but shapely

2♥ 2♠ NAT F1	3♦ NAT F1	3NT to play
2NT ask, bid singleton if max	3♥ to play	4♣ splinter
3♣ NAT F1	3♠ splinter	4♥
other		
2♠ 2NT ask, bid singleton if max	3♥ NAT F1	4♣ splinter
3♣ NAT F1	3♠ to play	4♥
3♦ NAT F1	3NT to play	4♠
other		
2NT 3♣ stayman then smolen	3♠ 4+/4+ minors	4♦ NAT slammish
3♦ transfer to H	3NT to play	4♥ to play
3♥ transfer to S	4♣ NAT slammish	4♠ to play
other		

## 9. CONVENTIONS

**Unusual NT:** Lower 2 unbid suits wide range

**4th Suit Forcing** One round  1C-1D-1H-1S ambiguous Game force

**NT Checkback**  Priorities: after 1NT rebid, 2C art inv, 2D art GF, 3bid = slam interest

**Defence to 3NT opening**

**Defence to Opening Twos** X = T/O if bid suit is natural, otherwise

Multi 2♦ X= 13-15 quasi BAL or 18+ any

RCO style 2-s X= 13-15 quasi BAL or 18+ any

Other 2-s X= 13-15 quasi BAL or 18+ any

**Defence** 1♣ : X=both majors, 1NT both minors

**to** 1♦, 1♥, 1♠ NAT, then 1NT like cue raise

**strong**

♣

**Over 1NT Interference** 2NT scramble after scramblesohl (2NT asks minor)

**Lebensohl - other uses** after scramblesohl, removal to other suit is weaker than direct bid

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

4♥ X convertible values mostly t/o 4♠ X convertible values

## 10. OTHER NOTES

scramblesohl : after X of 2M (or equivalent) 2NT requests better minor. If 2NT bidder removes to a suit below the doubled suit, that is weak. 2NT then 3NT shows both OM and stopper, 2NT then cue bid show OM but no stopper. Immediate cue bid denies 4OM, denies stopper. Jump 3♠ GF. Same after natural interference over our 1NT

1M-1NT-2NT GF (except now 3M shows weak, 3 card support,F) then 3♣ checkback others NAT after major response to stayman, other major at 3 level (or 4-level over 2NT) agrees major, slam int