| DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING  |
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| OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)   |
| 6 – 16 natural- possible 4 card suit   |
| New Suit F1  |
| Jumpshift = fit and good suit after pass, else Inv.  |
| Direct jump raise = Inv on min / wk on Maj.  |
| Jump cue-bid = 4 card fit and good hand  |
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| 1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live, Responses, Reopening)  |
| In 2 <sup>nd</sup> strong, balanced or semi-balanced   |
| Responses: after minor opening- stayman, transfers   |
| After major – <b>stayman</b> - transfers   |
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| In 4 <sup>th</sup> : 10 – 13 Responses same as above   |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style, Responses, Unusual NT)  |
| weak   |
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| Reopen natural 2nt = 1nt opening 17-19   |
| DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style, Respones, Reopen)   |
| $1 \text{ m} - 2 \blacklozenge$ = majors $1 \text{ M} - 2 \text{ M}$ other M + 1min                      |
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| Impossible trsft asks for stopper  |
| Reopening cue= 2suiter   |
| VS. NT (vs. Strong / Weak, Reopening, PH)  |
| X = 5 min + 4 Maj // 2♣ = Maj 5/4+ // 2♦ = 6♥ or ♠ //  |
| 2♥/♠ = 5♥/♠ and 4+ min // 2NT = min  |
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| VS PREEMPTS (Doubles, Cue-bids, Jumps, NT bids)  |
| Takeout X natural cuebid = asks for stopper, may be  |
| Minors   |
| Leaping michaels   |
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| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS   |
| 1♣ strong: Red : double = both majors 1nt = both minors  |
| Other Natural  |
| Green : Nat or the 2 upper suits(at all levels)  |
| $Double = \bullet \text{ or } \bullet + \forall / 1NT = \bullet + \bullet \text{ or } \forall + \bullet$ |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE   |
| New suit F1 (trsft) 1 over 1 , 2 over 1 (Trsft) nf   |
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## LEADS AND SIGNALS OPENING LEADS STYLE Lead In Partner's Suit 3rd – 5th 3rd – 5th Suit NT 4th best 3rd – 5th Subseq Other: LEADS Lead Vs. NT Vs. Suit Ace AKx AKx KQx KQJx, KQ10x King Queen QJx QJ10x or KQx Jack J10x or HonorJ10x J10x or Honor J10x 10 10 9 x or Honor 109 10 9 x or Honor 109 9 9x 9xx or Honor 98x Hi-x even number9 Bad suit 4<sup>th</sup> best odd number Lo-x SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY Partner's Lead Declarer's Lead Discarding 1 low enc high=odd Small enc 2 count Suit pref. Suit count 3 Suit pref 1 low = encour. high=odd Small enc NT 2 count Suit pref Small=even 3 Suit pref Signals (including Trumps): UDCA, DOUBLES TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style, Responses, Reopening) 3 suiter or 16+ HCP any distribution Responses natural – only cuebid F Reopening either 3 suiter or 14+HCP Suit at lowest level ambiguous SPECIAL; ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE (RE-)DOUBLES 1minor 1 $\forall$ x = 4+ cards in $\bigstar$ 1♠ = trsft for 1NT $2 \neq 4 \neq 7$ = trsft wk // $2 \neq 7$ = 7-9 in the min, // 3min = Inv. 1♥ /▲ double 2♥ /▲ double is a preference for minors Openers X show either 3 cards in partners M or a strong hand

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| NCBO: Switzerland EVENT:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PLAYERS: Jean-Jacques Dousse   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Catzeflis  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NATURAL, 5 CARD MAJOR<br>1♦ could be 4 cards in 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4th      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 = both Maj WK, min 5/4   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1NT Opening: (14+)15 – 17(18-) balanced or semi-balanced                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 over 1 Responses: Game Forcing Kickback ??                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2♣ Roudi   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2♣ drury fit (10-11)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3NT: solid minor no outside A 7cds AKQ ??                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frequent light opening in 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat according to vulnerability. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In 3 <sup>rd</sup> seat, preempts are often weak                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PSYCHICS: rarely   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| OPENING     | TICK IFA RT | MIN No.OF C | NEG X THRU | DESCRIPTION                     | RESPONSES   | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION   | PASSED HAND BIDDING   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 🌲         |             | 3           | 4•         | Nat 11 – 22HCP                  | 2♣ Inv; // 2♦/2♥ /2♣ = trsf WK ; 3♣ = Pre   | 1♣/♦ 1NT 2♣ = both Maj / other trsf // 2NT = both min  | Inverted Truscott   |
|             |             |             |            |                                 | 1♣ 1Maj does not exclude long ♦   | 1  | Jumps with fit  |
|             |             |             |            |                                 |   | 1  |   |
| 1 ♦         |             | 3           |            | Nat 11 – 22 HCP                 | 2♠ Inv ♣ or ♦ 2♦/2♥ /2♠ = trsf WK ; 3♣/♦ = Pre.   | 1 × XX/1/2   |   |
| 1 🔻         |             | 5           | 4♦         | Nat 11 – 22 HCP                 | Rev bergen  | 1♥ /♠ - 2x - 2♥ /♠ - 3♥ /♠ : FORCING! 3♠/NT = WK   | Jump = fit natural ,  |
|             |             |             |            |                                 | 1NT F1 / 2NT GF + fit 4 cards //3NT Sign off //<br>1Maj X 1NT = Nat / 2♣ = trsft ♦, or lead ♦ + fit 7/9<br>// 2♦ = trsft ♥ 7/9 // 2♥ = 3+cards 4/7  | 1♥ 1♠/NT 2NT = 5/4 18-19 or 6♥+ -> 3♣ = Relay<br>3♣/♦ =5/5 / 3NT = 18-19 5/3/3/2                                     | Drury2 <b>♣</b> (10-11),  |
| 1 🛦         |             | 5(4)        | 4♥         | Nat 11 – 22HCP                  | Rev bergen  | Same   | See above   |
|             |             |             |            |                                 | 1NT F1 / 2NT GF + fit 4 cards<br>3NT Sign off   | 1▲ 1NT 2♣ (2+ cards), 2♦♥ (4+ cards) (1 <sup>st</sup> /2nd seat)<br>1▲ 1NT 2♣ 2♦ = 5♥ + 2♠ NF / 2♥ = 5♥+ & max 1♠ NF | Jump in new suit is 5 cards + 4 cards in<br>opening suit after pass |
| 1 NT        |             |             |            | 15 – 17 balanced or             | 2♣ =stayman 2NT = Nat, NF   | SMOLEN (4♣ = 6♥ + 4♠ / 4♦ = 6♠ + 4♥ )  | Rebensohl/,2nt with stopper   |
|             |             |             |            | Semi-balanced                   | 2♦ /2♥ /2♠ /3♣ =transfer 3♦ = Both min. strong  |  |   |
|             |             |             |            | Possible 5Maj or 6minor         | 3♥/♠ = Nat, slam try<br>4 ♣/♦ =majors GF  |  |   |
| 2 🌲         | Х           | 0           |            | Both Maj WK, min 5/4            | 2NT Relay -> 3♣ = 5/4 max / 3♦ = 5/5 min / 3♥ = min<br>5♥ / 3♣ = min 5♣ / 3NT = 5/5 max   |  |   |
| 2 🔶         | X           | 0           |            | Gf (except on the answer of 2♥) | Steps (Italian controls)  | 2  |   |
| 2 🔻         |             | 6           |            | 6 (5) ♥ + WK                    | 2NT relay   |  |   |
| 2 🌢         |             | 6           |            | 6 (5) <b>≜</b> + WK             | 2NT relay   |  |   |
| 2 NT        |             |             |            | 20/22 balanced                  | Puppet / 4 = majors with ambition, 4 + majors no<br>ambition / 4 $\checkmark$ 5 5 minors short $\checkmark$ , 4 $\pm$ 5 5 minors short<br>sp, / 3 $\pm$ -3nt-4 $\checkmark$ = 5 $\pm$ +4 $\leftrightarrow$ slammish, 3 $\pm$ -3nt-4 $\pm$ 5 $\leftrightarrow$ + 4<br>$\Rightarrow$ slammish, 3 $\pm$ -3nt-4 $\pm$ = $\leftrightarrow$ slammish, 3 $\pm$ -3nt-4 $\leftrightarrow$ =<br>$\Rightarrow$ slammish / 3/4NT 5 $\pm$ + 4 $\checkmark$ |  |   |
| 3<br>ANV    |             |             |            | PREEMPT                         | 3H/S = nat or relay   |  |   |
| ANY<br>3 NT | +           |             |            | Solid Minor, Min 1K, no Ace     | 4♣ = correct in minor 4♦ = asking singleton,  | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING   | 1i  |
|             | 1           |             |            |                                 |   | kickback 4130 After Blackwood, next step asks for Queen of   | trumps  |
| 4 🍝         |             |             |            | NAMYATS                         | STRONG HEART SUIT   | JOSEPHINE  |   |
| 4 🔶         |             |             |            | NAMYATS                         | STRONG SPADE SUIT   | LIGHTNER DOUBLES   |   |
| 4 NT        |             |             |            | BOTH MINORS                     |   |  |   |