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Blue Club

General Approach

Forcing Openings

1 Club & 2 Diamonds

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

- 1NT** **EITHER** 16-17 HCP with **any** balanced pattern
OR 13-15 HCP with **exactly** 3-3-2-5 or 3-3-3-4 pattern
 2C & 2D responses = artificial relays
 3 any suit = invitational
- 2NT** 23-24 HCP 3 suit Jacoby; 3S=MSS
 Texas Transfers/1N, 2N & club auctions
- 3NT** Gambling solid minor; 4D asks shortness

SMOLEN; Gladiator over 1C-1H-1NT; Jacoby xfers otherwise

MAJOR OPENINGS

- 11-16 HCP length = 4+
 may have longer suit
 limit jump raise
 preemptive in comp
 Rev. Drury 2 tier splinters
 Three-way game tries
 2NT response = Jacoby

MINOR OPENINGS

- 1C = artificial & forcing
 18+HCP balanced
 17+HCP unbalanced
 control showing responses
 1D = 3+ length
 limit jump raise in diamonds
 2NT/1D = GF OR Preemptive

- 2C** 11-16 HCP 5 or more clubs; may have another suit
 2D response = artificial relay asking for further description

- 2D** 17-24 HCP any 4-4-4-1 pattern
 2H response = artificial relay asking for further description
 2NT & 3 any suit = invitational

- 2H & 2S** 5-11 HCP generally 6 card suit but maybe only 5
 Raise only non-force by unpassed hand
 Ogust responses to 2NT ask; Control Asking Bids

- Canapé by opener and unpassed responder
 4th suit artificial one round force @ 2 level only
 weak jump shifts in competition; Control Asking bids

Special Doubles

- Negative Doubles ==> 3S
 ==> 2S/2C opening
 Responsive Dbles ==> 3S

NT Overcalls

- 1NT 16 - 18 HCP
 3 suit XFERs
 SASS Lebensohl

2NT = 2 lowest unbid

vs Strong NT

- Direct & Balancing Seats
 DBL==>2C = either Clubs or
 2 suiter not C+H; 2C = C+H

vs Weak NT

- Cappelletti; Dbl = Penalty
 2C => 2D any one suiter
 2D=majors; 2H=H+minor
 2S=S+minor

Over Takeout DBL

- New suit forcing @ 1 level, &
 @ 2 level BUPH

2NT = limit raise

Over Opening Preempts

- DBL = Takeout
 2NT response => 3C
 Western Q/ weak 2 openings
 XFERs over 2NT overcalls

Direct Cuebid

- highest unbid + another

Simple Overall

- 7+ HCP
 New suit forcing BUPH
 Transfer advances

Jump Overcalls

Weak

Opening Preempts

- Light
 Trump & Control Ask. Bids
 Control Asking Bids

Psychics

Rare

Gerber where obvious

1430 RKC
 D1P2 DEP0

Leads vs suits

- 3rd even/low from odd
 lower from touching honors
 later leads tend to be attitude
 attitude spot cards
 J, 10 or 9 = 0 or 2 higher

Leads vs NT



- A asks unblock or count
 K asks attitude; Q asks J
 Upside-down count and attitude