

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty
 Negative thru 4H
 Responsive: thru 4H Maximal
 Support: Dbl thru 2H Rdbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 snapdragon

SIMPLE OVERCALL
 1-level 6+ to 16 HCP (usually)
 Often 4 cards Very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Jump Q=mixed; fit J/S, 2nt 4cd

JUMP OVERCALL
 Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS
 Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. 3c-4d; 4c

DIRECT CUEBID
 Over: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 leaping michaels; western Q

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 3014, exclusion keycard; GSF; 6 keycard; minorwood
 Grand slam force
 vs. Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 of our suit ROPI

LEADS (click card led, if not in bold)
 versus Suits versus Notrump

x x	x x x x	x x	x x x x
x x x	x x x x x	x x x	x x x x x
A K x	10 9 x	A K J x	A Q J x
K Q x	K J 10 x	A J 10 9	A 10 9 8
Q J x	K 10 9 x	K Q J x	K Q 10 9
J 10 x	Q 10 9 x	Q J 10 x	Q 10 9 8
K Q 10 9		J 10 9 x	10 9 8 x

Length Leads:
 4th Best vs Suits vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs Suits vs NT
 Rusinow Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit Preference

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS
 Direct: 14+ to 18 Systems on
 Conv.
 Balance: 10+ to 15-
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: strong weak
 2♣ C & higher H & lower
 2♦ D and higher S & lower
 2♥ H H
 2♠ S S
 Dbl puppet to 2C cards
 Other: 2NT: PRE xfer to 2C

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE
 New Suit Forcing: 1-level 2-level
 Redouble implies no fit
 2NT Over Limit + Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other: FJS by passed hand; Splinter

VS OPENING PREEMPT DOUBLE IS
 Takeout thru 4H Penalty
 Conv. Takeout:
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other:

DEFENSIVE CARDING
 Standard:
 Except
 Lavinthal vs. NT
 Upside-Down Count
 Upside-Down Attitude
FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even
OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

NAMES Joanne Merry and John Jefferson
GENERAL APPROACH
 Polish Club
 Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid
 VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts
 FORCING OPENING: 1♠ 2♣ Natural 2 Bids Other

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT	3♣ Puppet stayman	2NT 6 to 11
14+ to 17	3♦ Inv. mss	Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>
to	3♥ 3-1-4/5-5/4	Transfer Responses: Jacoby <input type="checkbox"/> Texas <input type="checkbox"/>
5-Card Major Common <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3♠ 1-3-4/5-5/4	3♠
System On Over Dbl/2C	4S minor slm try	3NT to
2♣ Stayman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>		Gambl 4d resp good hnd
2♦ Transfer to ♥ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4♦, 4♥ Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conventional NT Openings
Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>	Smolen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2♥ Transfer to ♠ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lebensohl <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (fast denies)	
2♠ -> 3C	Negative Double <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3H	
2NT -> 3D	extended Texas	

MAJOR OPENING
 Expected Min. Length 4 5
 1st/2nd
 3rd/4th
RESPONSES
 Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: Bergen raises

MINOR OPENING
 Expected Min. Length 4 3 NF 0-2 Conv.
 1♠
 1♦
RESPONSES
 Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other:
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♠: 8 to 10
 2NT: Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: Splinters; FJS BPH

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. to
 3NT: 12 to 15
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: Fitting J/S BPH

DESCRIBE

2♣ 11 to 14 HCP 6+ Clubs or 5+ w/ 4+M	2D asks; 2NT begins puppet sequence
Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2♦ Response: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	
2♦ 5 to 11 HCP Multi-weak 2 in H or S	2NT asks
Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ 5 to 11 HCP 5+H, 5+ S/C/D	2NT asks
Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/>	2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♠ 5 to 11 HCP 5+S, 5+ C/D	2 NT asks
Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/>	2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER CONV CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF
 Weak jump shifts: In Comp. Not In Comp. FJS in comp; 2H/S weak
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round To Game
 XYZ: Spiral, Unusual v unusual