

System Summary Form

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We play the following methods that may require advance preparation:

Strong club, canape opening bids

1C=16+ HCP, artificial, forcing

1D=10-15 HCP, single-suited in one minor or the other, or 4+D and 5+major

1H/S=10-15 HCP, 6+ suit, or 4+suit w longer 2nd suit, or (10)11-12 bal w 4 or 5 suit, or 5/5 majors (with this hand type we usually open 1S and rebid 2H)

2C=(10)11-15 HCP, three suited, any 4441 or 5440 with a five card minor

2D=13-15, 5+/4+ minors

2H/S=10-15, 5+major, 4+C

2NT=10-12 HCP 5+/4+ minors

If you open a standard or “could be short” 1C, we play transfer overcalls on the one-level (1D=hearts, 1H=spades, 1S=diamonds)

Our general bidding style is:

4 card Majors, 12-15 NT (can include a five card major or a six card minor)

2/1 is NOT Forcing to game (responder may stop short of game).

We open light on distributional hands, especially when non-vul. Opening one-bids on less than 10 HCP are possible if proper suit quality and control requirements are met.

We DO NOT play weak-two bids. Our two level openings (except 2C) show two-suiters. Thus, if we open 2C/D/H/S and then double your overcall, it's often for **PENALTY** – this normally requires an **ALERT**, but it is a grey area in some cases.

One-level overcalls on four-baggers are possible.

We play negative free bids on the two-level, so our negative doubles also include the possibility of game-going one-suited hands. Additionally, as our one-bids can contain a longer (5+) 2nd suit, our negative doubles only promise a three-card holding in the unbid major(s).

Our defensive signaling philosophy is:

Our signaling is “standard”. Low discourage, high encourage. Count, when given, is high-low to show an even number. We tend more towards suit preference signals than count, however.

Our leads are:

Vs. NT: 4th best, but often lead high or second high from bad 4 card suits.

Vs. suits, 3rd from even, low from odd, may lead high from xxx in partner's raised suit.

After the opening lead, we lead 4th best; often lead high without interest in having suit returned.

Vs Both: A from AK except at the 5 level or higher; K from AK with side stiff; Q asks unblock of J;