

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 Level; Reopening)
Mainly natural and non-forcing, change of suit by partner is forcing. Weak jump overcalls at 2 and 3 level. Ghestem (see special bids).
Re-opening does not promise 5 suit, otherwise almost all overcalls are 5+ cards.
2NT (as a jump) = lowest two suits
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2nd 15-17; responses as opener
4th 11-13; responses as opener
4th seat in sandwich position 18-20 balanced; responses as opener
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Weak 2s and 3s
DIRECT AND JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)
Direct - Ghestem
Jump asks for stop for 3NT
VS. NT (vs. Strong/ Weak; Reopening; PH)
Reverse Capelletti: 2♣ is majors with (2♦ ask); 2♦ single suiter (with 2♥ relay)
2M = that M and a minor (2NT strong ask, 3♣C pass or correct)
2NT = strong 2-suiter
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)
Double takeout, with common sense applied
NT natural
Cue - Michaels
Leaping Michaels over Weak Two Major - 4m = that minor and other major
Non-leaping Michaels over 3s
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS
Over strong 1♣; simple overcalls suit and suit above; double is ♣&♥;
1NT is ♦&♠; weak jumps otherwise
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
Redouble 9+, no fit, suits forcing, but Bergen and inverted minor raises remain.
2NT sound raise to 3/4.

WBF Convention Card


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♥
♦
♣

Category: Open

NCBO: _____

PLAYERS: Ian Hamilton
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EVENT: Camrose Trials



SYSTEM SUMMARY
GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Standard American style
Five card majors
Strong no trump
Minors may be as few as three
Weak twos and threes
Sound 2 over 1s, but not game forcing
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE
Bergen 3♣♦ over 1M by partner (and mini-Bergen by passed hand)
Ghestem -- over 1♣♦/♠ - 2NT = lowest; cue = highest and lowest; 3♣ = highest -- over 1♠ - 2NT = red suits; 2♣ = ♦ + ♠; 3♣ = majors
Helvic if our 1NT is doubled (with mandatory redouble) - xx= single suiter 2 any = suit and suit above equal length
If we double a weak NT and 3rd hand bids pass is sound and forcing
over Multi - 2NT= 15-17 System on; 2M is takeout of other M. 3m natural NF
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
When we have bid constructively to game
When 1NT is doubled and 3rd hand bids
IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE
Bergen is "off" in competition
Inverted minors are "off" in competition
Weak jumps over oppo double
PSYCHICS: Rare

OPENING	TICKET	ARTIFICIAL MINORS	NEG. DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		3		basically natural	Inverted raises nGF; jump shift forcing; double jump splinter	feature/suit shown after inverted raise, 2NT = 12-14	
					After inverted raise 2♦♥/♠ do not promise extra values		
1♦		3		basically natural, only 3 if 4432	As 1♣	as 1♣	
				outside NT range			
1♥		5		may be balanced	3♣, 9-11 3-card support; 3♦ 8-10 4-card support;	Over Bergen next suit asks for clarification	Mini-Bergen by passed hand,
					3M 4-7 4-card support ; 2NT 4-card support game forcing	Over 2NT 3 bids are singleton, 4 bids void 4M weakest action, 3NT int, 3M strong	using 2m to replace 3m
					Splinters; 3NT 5-card support, some defence; 4M 5-card		
1♠		5		may be balanced	minimal defence		
1 NT				15-17 balanced	2♣, 5-card Stayman, forcing to 2NT, 2♦♥ transfers	Transfer breaks; 2NT, max 4333; 3 suit max and the suit is a source of tricks;	
				frequently contains 5 Major	2♠/NT minor suit transfers	3M any 5332 or max 4432 with the second four card suit being weak	
					3m; 6 in this minor plus a 4cM (so opener bids a 4cM if held)	Minor suit transfers accepted (by bidding the suit) if Qxx, Kx, Ax or better	
2♣		0		GF unless 2NT rebid	2♦, 0-7 or waiting; 2NT 8-10 bal; suits 5c 8+	Rebid 2NT is 23-24 (system on)	
						Rebid of 2♥ is Kokish, showing hearts or 25-27 bal; responder bids 2♠, then	
						2NT rebid is 25-27 (system on), and any suit bid is a feature and 5+ hearts.	
2♦		6		5-9	Raises preemptive; new suit forcing, 2NT nat and forcing		
2♥		6		5-9	As 2♦, but to 2NT any suit bid, shows extras and a fragment		
2♠		6		5-9	As 2♥		
2 NT				20-22 balanced	3♣ puppet stayman, 3♦♥ transfer; 3♠ minor suit stayman	Over 3♣, 3♦ promises a 4cM, and responder bids first major he does not have.	
3 bids		7		may be 6 card suit if clubs		Over 4m, 4NT weakest bid.	
3NT				solid 7 card minor; little else	4/5♣, pass or convert		
4♣				7+ hearts, decent suit (8 trick hand)			
4♦				7+ spades, decent suit (8 trick hand)			
4♥/♠				Weaker than 4♣/4♦ (7 trick hand)		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4NT				Specific ace ask	5♣ none, 5 suit that ace, 5NT 2	DOPI and ROPI after intervention of our RKCB	