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SCOTTISH BRIDGE UNION BASIC CONVENTION CARD					
Basic System:		Acol, 4 card suits			
Opening 1NT Range:		12 to 14			
Responses:		Stayman, Transfers (all 4 suits)			
Openin g Bids	Point Range	Minimum Length	Special Meaning and/or Responses		
1C	10 to 21	4	1NT (8-10), 4 clubs, no major, 2 level jumps (0-6) 6 card suit, splinters Baron 2NT (16+, 4+ supp) & 3NT (13-15, 4+ supp), 3C (10-12), 4+ supp		
			1NT (7-9), 2 level (10+), no major, 2 level jumps above, splinters Baron 2NT (16+, 4+ supp) & 3NT (13-15, 4+ supp), 3D (10-12), 4+ supp		
1D	10 to 21	4	1NT (6-9), 2 level (10+), jump 2S as above, splinters Jacoby 2NT (gf raise, 4+) & 3NT (13-15, 4+, bal), Bergen raises		
			1NT (6-9), 2 level (10+), splinters, with 3334 open 1C Jacoby 2NT (gf raise, 4+) & 3NT (13-15, 4+, bal), Bergen raises		
1H	10 to 21	5	Stayman (could be invitational raise) Transfers in all suits (2S to C, 2NT to D, break to 2NT/3C with Hxx or any 4), after transfer 4C is RCKB and 4NT quantitative 3-level response shows 6 card suit, gf, slam interest now 4 level bid is cue		
			GF or 23+ pts bal 2D 4-7 pts or waiting 2H 0-3 pts		
1S	12 to 14	balanced	Multi 2S shows raise to at least 3-level if H, invites 4H with upper range : 2H to play 2NT enquiry, then 3C/D= GOOD (8-10) weak 2 in H/S, 3NT is 19-20		
			2NT rebid, responses as per 2NT opener Dbl over all interference with strong, balanced hand		
2C	13 +	0	2NT enquiry, 3C/D= POOR (6-8) Lucas, 3H/S= GOOD Lucas with C/D New suit constructive but non-forcing		
			Puppet Stayman Major suit transfers 3S minor suit Stayman, 3NT response denies 4 card minor		
2D	5 to 10	6 (major)	Pre-empt (2 of top 3 in 1 st /2 nd & vul)		
			4C/5C Pass/convert 4D asks for singleton or void, 4H/S to play		
2H/2S	6 to 10	7+	To play		
2NT	21 to 22	balanced	Overcalls of Natural Opening Bids of One of a Suit		
			Simple 8 to 15, natural 1NT (2nd position) 15 to 17, balanced		
3 suit	9 to 12	Solid minor	Jump Weak 1NT (4th position) 10 to 14, balanced		
			Cue Bid Michaels 2NT Unusual		
3NT	7 to 13	7+			
4 suit					

Action over Other Opening Bids				
Strong 1C	Truscott (see supp)		Weak 2's	Double = takeout (+Lebensohl)
				2NT = 16/19, balanced (less in 4 th)
1NT	Multi-Lucas 2C 5/4+ in M: 2D Multi : 2HS Lucas: 2N 5/5m			Cue is GF with other major + no stop
				4C/D = 5m & 4M
Weak 3's	Double = t/o		Multi 2D	See supplementary section
	Cue m = M's			X = 13-16 or 20+ : 2NT = 17-20
	Cue M = M/m			2H/S = takeout of other major, 13-16
				Pass, then bid = strong hand
Action after Opponents Intervene with:-				
Simple Overcall		Negative double (to 4D), unassuming cue bids, Bergen responses to M opening		
Jump Overcall		Negative double (to 4D), unassuming cue bids, Bergen responses to M opening		
Double	Re-double shows 8+ (penalty orientated)			
	All suit raises are pre-emptive			
	2NT shows a good raise to the 3-level			
	New suit is 1 round force			
Slam Conventions	Roman Key Card Blackwood (14-30); after 5H/5S, 5N asks for lowest 2 nd Rnd control then new suit shows 2 nd Rnd control with Grand Slam interest			
	DOPI after suit interference & ROPI after dble			
	5NT Grand Slam Force			
	4NT opener asks for specific A's (5C=0, 5N=2, 6C=AC)			
Other Conventions	Lebensohl (X of intervention/support = good 10+, penalty orientated)			
	Fourth Suit Forcing			
	Long suit trial bids (3+, looking for help)			
	Checkback after 1NT, 2NT rebids			
	Over 1NT doubled (XX is wk with 5 card suit (2C relay), 2any is 44 with suit above)			
	Directional Asking Bids			
	Splinters			
	Cue Bids (first bids should show first round control)			
1 st round jump shifts – 2-level weak (also after interference, unless disturbed)				
Leads	4 th best from long suits		AK, AKx, AKxx(opt'l), AJTx, KQ, KQx, KQTx, KT9x, QJT, QJx(opt'l), QJxx, QT9x, JT9, JT8, JTx, T98, T97, T9x*, Txx*, Txxx*, Hx, Hxx, Hxxx, Hxxxx, Hxxxxx, xx, xxx, xxxx, xxxxx (suit) (* lead small if p's	
	2 nd top of poor suits			
	Generally top of sequence but some exceptions			
	Strong 10's, J highest			
Carding Methods				
On Partner's Lead	A & Q asks for reverse attitude			
	K asks for standard count			
	Otherwise standard count			
On Declarer's Lead	Standard count if helpful to partner			Occasional McKinney overtones
Discards	First = reverse attitude			Occasional McKinney overtones
	Other = standard count			

UCB after Opps overcall				Dixon defence to Multi 2D			
A lowest level cue bid shows 4+ card support, 10+ hcp, and asks about strength of opening.				2D	X	Bal 13-16 hcp or 20+ hcp	
With a min. opening, opener rebids suit (even if only 4 cards) at the lowest level.					2NT	Lebensohl responses, X again to show 20+	
Any other bid describes hand and is a 1 round force. 2NT is natural with stop.					2H/S	Bal 17-20 hcp	
Raises after overcall are preemptive - single is 6-9 hcp, double weaker and shaplier .					3 suit	Tkout of other major, 12-16 hcp, 4+ major, NF	
Other bids are forcing. Jump cue asks NT stop. Bergen after 1M opening					Game	12-16 hcp, 6 card suit, NF	
					Pass	To play	
						then bid shows str hand, 17+ hcp, not 100% F	
UBC after our overcall				2D P 2H/S	X	Bal 13-16 hcp or 20+ hcp	
A lowest level cue bid shows 3+ card support, 10+ hcp, and asks about strength of overcall.						Lebensohl responses, bypass 3C to show 20+	
With a min. overcall (< opening bid), opener rebids suit at the lowest level.					2NT	Bal 17-20 hcp	
Any other bid shows a feature and invites further competition.					2S	Take out of H, at least 4 card S suit, NF	
Raises of overcall are preemptive. Other bids are constructive but not forcing.					3 suit	12-16 hcp, 6 card suit, NF	
					Game	To play	
Trial Bids				Lebensohl situations			
After a minor suit raise, a new suit is cheapest honour feature aiming for 3NT.							
Without NT interest or with min. raise, responder returns to the minor suit				a		1NT	2any
After a major suit raise, a new suit bid asks for support (Hon or shortness).				b		P	Leb
With support (but not min) or a max. raise, responder should bid game.						Leb	X
				c		1HS	P
						P	2HS
				d		1HS	X
				e		1HS	Leb
						P	P
				f		1D	Leb
						X	P
Jump Overcalls				Lebensohl			
Weak	6-10 hcp, 6 card suit (like wk. 2 opener)			In any of the above situations:			
	Cue is only force			a two bid is competitive, a double shows values for 2NT and is penalty orientated. 2NT requires opener to bid 3C and responder can pass if that is his suit or corrects if not, NF.			
				a three bid is natural and forcing to game			
				a three bid in their suit, Stayman without stopper.			
				3NT, values with stopper but denies major.			
				2NT, then 3 of their suit, Staymanic + stopper.			
				2NT, then 3NT values but no stopper in their suit.			
Openers 1NT is doubled							
Pass	Content (8+ hcp) or nowhere to go.						
	Other bids are weak, 0-7 hcp						
XX	Wk, 5+card suit, opener must bid 2C and then pass						
2C,D,H	Wk, 44 take out in bid suit and higher suit						
Transfers							
	Over 1NT. 2D trans to 2H, 2H trans to 2S. 2S trans to 3C						
	and 2NT trans to 3D. 2NT over 2S and 3C over 2NT shows Ax, Kx or						
	Qxx or better in the suit being transferred to.						
Lucas 2H,S							
	5 card Major + 4+ card Minor, 6-10 pts, raises competitive,						
	2NT minor and range enquiry,3C pass or convert to minor suit,						
	over 2NT: 3C,D is 6-8 pts with minor, 3H,S is 8-10 pts with C,D						

Multi- Lucas	2C= 5/4+ in majors	2D= multi	2H/S= Lucas	2N= 5/5 minors			Stayman	2C over 1NT asks for 4 card major. 2D denies major.							
	After 2C, 2D asks 5 suit, 2HS to play, 2N asks 4+ suit and range							If responder then bids 2NT it shows 11-12 pts but may NOT							
	Pts range 11-15. Over 2N, 3C,D is 4h,s min, 3H,S is 4h,s max.							contain a four card major suit.							