

Laura & Gerry						12th November 2000
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			
1D	10 to 21	4	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			
1H	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			
1S	10 to 21	5	1NT (6-9), 2 level (10+), splinters, with 3334 open 1C			
			Jacoby 2NT (gf raise, 4+) & 3NT (13-15, 4+, bal), Bergen raises			
1NT	12 to 14	balanced	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			
2C	13 +	0	GF or 23+ pts bal 2D 4-7 pts or waiting 2H 0-3 pts			
2D	6 to 10	6	Change of suit is one round force. 2NT ask for range - Min rebid suit, max bid feature.			
2H/2S	6 to 10	6				
2NT	20 to 22	balanced	Puppet Stayman			
			Major suit transfers			
			3S minor suit Stayman, 3NT response denies 4 card minor			
3 suit	6 to 10	7+	Pre-empt (2 of top 3 in 1 st /2 nd & vul)			
3NT	9 to 12	Solid minor	4C/5C Pass/convert			
			4D asks for singleton or void major, 4H/S to play			
4 suit	7 to 13	7+	To play			
Overcalls of Natural Opening Bids of One of a Suit						
Simple	8 to 15, natural		1NT (2 nd position)		15 to 17, balanced	
Jump	Weak		1NT (4 th position)		10 to 14, balanced	
Cue Bid	Michaels		2NT		Unusual	

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, Hxxx, Hxxxx, xx, xxx, xxxx, xxxxx (* lead small if p's suit)		
	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 Leb
After a major suit raise, a new suit bid asks for support (Hon or shortness).				b		P	2any X P
With support (but not min) or a max. raise, responder should bid game.						Leb	
				c		1HS	P 2HS X
						P	Leb
Jump Overcalls				d		1HS	X 2HS Leb
Weak	6-10 hcp, 6 card suit (like wk. 2 opener)			e		1HS	P 2HS P
	Cue is only force					P	X P Leb
				f		1D	2HS P P
						X	P Leb
Openers 1NT is doubled							
Pass	Content (8+ hcp) or nowhere to go.			Lebensohl			
	Other bids are weak, 0-7 hcp			In any of the above situations:			
XX	Wk, 5+card suit, opener must bid 2C and then pass			a two bid is competitive, a double shows values for 2NT and			
2C,D,H	Wk, 44 take out in bid suit and higher suit			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			
Transfers				a three bid in their suit, Stayman without stopper.			
	Over 1NT. 2D trans to 2H, 2H trans to 2S. 2S trans to 3C			3NT, values with stopper but denies major.			
	and 2NT trans to 3D. 2NT over 2S and 3C over 2NT shows Ax, Kx or			2NT, then 3 of their suit, Staymanic + stopper.			
	Qxx or better in the suit being transferred to.			2NT, then 3NT values but no stopper in their suit.			

Bergen Raises					
I H/S	3C	7-9 hcp, 4-card support			
	3D	10-poor12 hcp, 4-card support			
	2H/S	5-9 hcp, 3+ card, support			
	3H	weak, 5+ support			
	4H	weaker, long support			
System on in competition (but Acol 10- 12 2NT over X)					
Next suit bid after 3C/D before anchor is trial bid					
Jacoby 2NT over 1HS		Shows g.f. with 4+ support			
Responses	3 new suit	Singleton or void			
	3 agr maj	16+ hcp			
	3NT	14-15 hcp			
	4 new suit	5+ card suit			
	4 agr maj	Min hand			
Other game force supporting responses over 1HS					
3NT	13-15 hcp, balanced, 4 card support				
4 level	13-15 hcp, singleton (splinter), 4+ card support				
Checkback over NT rebids					
2/3 Clubs rebid shows 9+ pts and asks opener to (in order):					
	show other 4 card major				
	rebid 5+ card major suit				
	show 3 card support for responders major				
	bid D with none of above and 15 hcp				
	bid NT with none of above and 16 hcp				
RKCB		After 5C,D response:			
	* 5 agreed suit assumes lower response, now new bid shows 2nd rnd control and higher holding, after which 5NT asks for Q trumps or extra unbid length, 6C shows - agreed suit denies				
	* Next suit up asks Q trumps, anchor denies, cue K or 5NT shows				
	* 5 unbid suit assumes lower response and ask to stop in 5NT				
	* 5NT follow up asks for lowest outside 2nd rnd control				
	After 5H,S response				
	* 5NT follow up asks for lowest outside 2nd rnd control				
	New suit is 2nd rnd cue and grand slam interest				

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.							