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- 166 Don't draw trumps if you need ruffs.
The Dummy Reversal.
Talking Garbage – the sequence 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥/♠ is not alertable.
Sandwich NoTrump – 1NT can be the UNT if between two bidding opponents.
What's alertable? Some club rules and what's alertable at this club.
A nice pre-empt – take suit 'body' and vulnerability into account.
An Inverted Minor – with ♠953 ♥104 ♦A98 ♣QJ1098 raise 1♣ to 3♣.
Garbage Stayman – with ♠A982 ♥Q108 ♦76432 ♣7 bid 2♣ over partner's 1NT.
A nice negative double sequence – ♠A ♥J85432 ♦987 ♣653: 1♦ 2♠(overcall) dbl.
Passed out twice – ♠75 ♥AJ86 ♦Q105 ♣AQ97 (5NT is making).
A forcing pass – if your side open 2♣ and the opponents intervene, then pass is forcing.
Not a 2♣ opener? ♠K ♥AJ7653 ♦AK10 ♣AQ7 is not worth 2♣ followed by a ♥ bid.
- 167 Adjusted scores – if you play a hand with 14 cards you will score zero
A 'Short' ♣ – or a psyche? Don't open 1♣ with ♠K1062 ♥AJ5 ♦AJ984 ♣10
'Afraid' of the 'short' ♣? In response to 4th suit show a stopper with NT rather than ♣ length.
Can I rebid a 5 card major? – sometimes.
1♣ - 1♠ - 3♥, 3♥ is a splinter agreeing ♠'s, is it game forcing or not?
Total Garbage – don't bid Stayman with ♠Q9 ♥AJ32 ♦10652 ♣962
2♣ - 2♦ - 3♠, 3♠ is a solid suit. It sets trumps and asks partner to cue bid.
Partner opens 1♣ and RHO overcalls 1♠. You have ♠AQJ84 ♥1054 ♦852 ♣32 – pass!
- 168 With a stop in the opponent's suit, bid No Trump!
Balancing. 1♣ pass pass to you with – ♠Q64 ♥J964 ♦AQ10 ♣1076
- 169 Obey the Law – raise partner's 2♥ opening to 4♥ with ♠J64 ♥10873 ♦A432 ♣Q4
Who should bid 4♠? 1♠ - 1NT - 3♠ - ? with ♠A5 ♥9732 ♦J54 ♣A543
Pass partner's 1♠ with a singleton? – ♠5 ♥97532 ♦1093 ♣A762
The problems with the sequence 1♠ - 1NT - 2NT (and how to avoid them).
RONF – A raise to the three level of partner's weak 2♥/♠ is weak.
Overcall a 1♥ opening with 1NT holding ♠KQ54 ♥QJ5 ♦AQJ73 ♣3 – I like it.
'Afraid' of partner's 'short' ♣? ♠K6 ♥98 ♦AQ843 ♣10984 – p, p, 1♠, 2♥, ?
Rebid a 5 card suit? ♠AKQJ8 is certainly rebidable.
- 170 Go for the penalty - playing negative doubles pass and partner will double.
Don't bid your hand 3 times – with ♠95 ♥AJ652 ♦84 ♣AK94 overcall 1♥ then pass.
Double of 1♠ shows ♥'s. Do not double 1♠ with ♠42 ♥5 ♦AK652 ♣AKQ95
Hold up – three examples of hold up play (by declarer and defender).
When partner does not re-open with a double – 1♠ dbl pass pass 3♠ is a very big hand.
Respond up-the-line or Walsh? 1♣ - 1♦ - 2NT may be a problem if you don't play Walsh.
Which slam – with 30 points and a 5-4 ♦ fit, think about 6♦ (not 6NT).
Which slam – 1♥ - 1♠ - 4♥ is a huge hand. It is not shut-out or fast arrival.
No need to think – if you have a signalling system. HELD or upside down attitude.
- 171 Open 1NT with a 5 card major? pt 1 – ♠AK954 ♥K43 ♦AQ6 ♣J3
Which slam? pt 1 – with just 30 pts a 5-4 ♦ fit is better than 6NT.
Which slam? pt 2 – 1♥ - 1♠ - 4♥ shows a huge hand.
With a long minor – ♣ AQJ109763 – think (or get partner to think) 3NT.
The automatic re-opening double - 1♠ 2♥ pass pass ? with ♠Q109853 ♥42 ♦J10 ♣AKQ.
A 2♣ opener? With ♠AQ10965 ♥- ♦- ♣KQ109873 what do you open?
Respond to 2NT? Partner opens 2NT and you have ♠983 ♥J1075 ♦Q9874 ♣5.
Open 1NT with a 5 card major? pt 2 – ♠J8 ♥AQJ53 ♦QJ4 ♣A83.
- 172 What sort of jump shift? – ♠A7 ♥K104 ♦KJ654Q6 ♣K92 is not worth 2♦ opposite 1♣.

- Bid 3NT opposite a (1♥) 1NT overcall with ♠Q98 ♥7 ♦107 ♣AQJ964.
 What's Standard? – Look it up at www.audreygrant.com.
 Spot the sensible bidder – two players bidding 3 card ♦ suits!
 The sequence 1♣ - 1♦. Can 1♦ be 3 card? Is it alertable?
 A splinter? Part 1 – 1NT - 2♥ - 2♠ - 4♦?
 A splinter? Part 2 – 1♣ - 1♥ - 3♠ with ♠4 ♥AKQ2 ♦J52 ♣AKQ109.
 A Competitive double – 1♥ 2♦(overcall) 2♥ dbl with ♠AQ104 ♥5 ♦6 ♣AQJ9763.
 A Negative double – 1♠ 2♣(overcall) dbl with ♠873 ♥KQJ8 ♦A873 ♣97.
 My treatment for negative doubles – promise the unbid major and values to compete.
 What is 4♣? 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♣ is Gerber.
- 173 A safety play – how to play ♠AK873 opposite ♠J7 for four tricks.
 Bidding opener's ♣ suit. A 1♣ opening may be short, but it is unwise to assume that it is.
 Stay low on misfits – don't go slamming with ♠A9853 ♥7 ♦AK9742 ♣7 opposite 1♥.
 Redouble = the balance of power – don't bid unnecessarily if LHO has redoubled you.
 A splinter? – part 1. 1♠ - 3♥ is a splinter.
 A splinter? – part 2. 1♥ - 1NT - 3♠ is a splinter?
 A splinter? – part 3. With ♠KQ10982 ♥- ♦J10752 ♣73 simply bid 4♠ opposite 1♠.
 Gambling 3NT? ♠A9 ♥5 ♦K52 ♣AKQ10942 is too strong in most people's style.
 Worth a reverse? With ♠K4 ♥A7 ♦QJ42 ♣AJ1043 I would open 1NT and not reverse.
 4NT quantitative? 1♦ - 4NT is (RKC)Blackwood unless you have agreed something else.
- 174 The devil's Advocate. Chuck says that you don't need Ogust if you are disciplined.
 (Penalty) double with the unexpected, with an ace and J1098 of trumps, double a slam.
 Don't double with flat hands. RHO opens 1♠ and you have ♠J109 ♥A764 ♦KJ2 ♣AJ2.
 A reverse guarantees 4-5 or better shape, even if playing 4-card majors.
 A bit pathetic? ♠9 ♥A3 ♦J762 ♣K98632 is worth 3NT opposite 1NT.
 Like a bull in a china shop? 1♦ - 2♣ - 2♥ - 6NT, down 1 with 7♣ making.
 A 2♣ opener? ♠6 ♥AK87543 ♦AQJ76 ♣- , I prefer 1♥.
- 175 The Blackwood bidder is in charge.
 Blackwood (or RKCB) when a minor suit is trumps.
 John Gavens has excelled himself in rudeness and is thrown out for good.
 4 card majors? – with ♠J ♥AQ42 ♦AJ1042 ♣Q64 open 1♦ playing Acol.
 3NT missed. ♠AJ108 ♥Q964 ♦3 ♣10986 is worth an invite (or game) opposite 1NT.
 Mention the minor opposite 1NT? ♠AJ4 ♥543 ♦6 ♣KJ10872
 Mention the minor opposite 1NT? ♠10 ♥AQ1063 ♦5 ♣K109862
 Is 26 points enough for game? – you need more for 5♣/♦
- 176 Bidding Sequences – A negative double summary.
 The direct jump to game (4♥/♠) is weak.
 Another 'Negative Double' penalty missed.
 When you do not re-open with a double playing negative doubles.
 Just pushin' 'em up part 1 – in a competitive auction, 3 of your suit is not a game try.
 Just pushin' 'em up part 2 – when partner balances, he is bidding your hand.
- 177 No psyches please. Psyching against less experienced players is unsportsmanlike.
 12 off the top – ♠AJ8 ♥KJ4 ♦AKJ105 ♣Q9 is worth a 2NT opener.
 Don't deny a 4 card major – with ♠A964 ♥643 ♦AKQ6 ♣Q2 respond 1♠ to 1♥.
 A splinter – generally one above the (natural) forcing bid.
 4th suit forcing part 1 – If you have the 4th suit, then bid NoTrump.
 4th suit forcing part 2 – If you weak jump shifts then use 4th suit to force to game.
 Would you open? – ♠KQJ32 ♥43 ♦Q75 ♣K94.
- 178 No psyches please – you cannot overcall 2♥ over 1♠ with ♠7 ♥K98632 ♦32 ♣Q642
 Zero Tolerance – Bad language and behaviour will not be tolerated at this club.
 A high reverse? – part 1 – 1♥ 1♠ 1NT 2♦ 3♣
 A high reverse? – part 2 – 1♠ p 1NT 2♥ 3♦
 A reverse guarantees 5+ in the first suit bid.
 Raising the 4th suit – if it's a major then it's natural.
 A penalty missed again – the sequence 1♥ dbl redbl pass 1NT is nonsense.

- Editorial – check out the guest map on the web site.
6-2 better than 4-4? – No!
Balancing – Partner is bidding your hand, so don't raise him.
- 179 Hanging partner – partner is bidding your hand when he balances.
A 4♥ opener, but what if you play Namyats? – ♠- ♥Q10876542 ♦109 ♣AK9
Negative double – or you're fixed! – 1♥ 2♦? with ♠A532 ♥9 ♦9863 ♣QJ65
A 2NT opener? – ♠AQ8 ♥AK1032 ♦A102 ♣Q3
A long pause and pass fixes partner.
A 3♠ opener? – ♠KQJ10953 ♥Q98 ♦8 ♣K5.
A 2♥ opener? – ♠Q ♥AQ8743 ♦J65 ♣Q76.
An easy slam missed by most – ♠AKJ109832 ♥3 ♦9 ♣AK6 is a moose.
Don't splinter with a singleton ace – 1♥ - 1♠ - 4♠ is a strong bid.
Pass out or try for game. After 1♠ - 2♠ ♠KJ985 ♥K4 ♦J ♣KJ1097 is worth 3♣.
Partscore or slam? – ♠QJ9 ♥- ♦AK9542 ♣AK42 is not a 2♣ opener.
Too high – open 1NT with ♠K4 ♥Q76 ♦AKJ103 ♣Q54.
- 180 Open 1NT with a 5 card major/ With a weak doubleton? With both?
A grand slam bid missing to aces. A RKCB cock-up?
Unauthorised information – don't bid an unusual lead when partner has paused.
More problems – it's usually best to make a bid if you have paused for a while.
Splinter or reverse? A reverse denies 4 card support for partner's major.
With a good holding in RHO's suit – pass.
Open 2NT with a singleton ace? OK, but not with ♠AK ♥KQ964 ♦A ♣KJ976
2320 is too much. Don't pass after 1♣dbl redbl pass pass ?
A perfect 'negative double' penalty pass – pass and await partner's re-opening double
Support with support. A new suit opposite partner's overcall is not forcing.
- 181 Values for 3NT, so bid it? Not if you have a more descriptive bid.
A grand slam bid missing to aces. A RKCB cock-up?
A Psyche? p p p 1NT p 2♣ 2♦ with ♠73 ♥1076 ♦QJ1098 ♣1052.
Can 5NT be a sensible contract? – protect the AQ of LHO's suit.
How do you reach 4♠? 1♣ 1♦(LHO) 1♠(partner) is forcing.
Don't pre-empt with a 4 card major. 2♦ is bad holding ♠3 ♥10753 ♦KQ9742 ♣J3
- 182 RHO opens 1♣, so overcall 1♦ or 1NT holding ♠A7 ♥AK10 ♦KQ432 ♣852 ?
What do you lead against 3NT from ♠952 ♥K109 ♦102 ♣AK1075 ?
What do you respond to partner's 1NT holding ♠A109 ♥73 ♦10765 ♣A973 ?
Don't bid your hand twice – A Cappelletti 2♠ already shows 5 ♠'s and 5 of a minor.
Too high – what do you open with ♠AQ4 ♥KJ4 ♦642 ♣AKJ4 ?
Open 1NT or get in a mess – do not reverse with ♠A94 ♥AK52 ♦10985 ♣A4
Too high – 1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♥ is a weak sequence and opener should usually pass.
- 183 In a mess? ♠108 ♥10985 ♦KQ8 ♣QJ87 is easily enough to respond to 1NT.
Missing slam. Do not pass after 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♠ holding ♠985 ♥Q1094 ♦Q10742 ♣5
There's no such thing as a pre-empt over a pre-empt, any jump is strong.
Deny a 4-card major? Holding ♠J952 ♥Q ♦AKJ103 ♣Q103 respond 2♦ to 1♥.
Unlucky? With ♠KQ97 sitting over a 2♠ opener it's reasonable to go for the penalty.
How many points is 2NT. In a sequence like 1♦ - 2♦ - 2NT, 2NT shows about 18-19.
- 184 Weak or strong jump shift? – Strong jump shifts make life easy.
Redouble is for blood – and a subsequent double is for penalties.
What does a 2♣ Stayman bid promise?
A jump in partner's overcalled suit is best played as weak.
A cuebid of opener's suit shows a sound 3-level raise of partner's overcall.
Grumpy at it again. Do not criticise partner and opponents, especially if you are wrong.
Raising opener to 3 of his suit is not forcing – dig up a minor if necessary.
- 185 It's not unusual – 2NT is not unusual in the 4th seat (it's natural and strong)
7 ♥'s and 9 pts so open 3♥? I would open 4♥ with ♠Q ♥AQJ10632 ♦7 ♣8653
A 2NT overcall over a weak two (or Multi 2♦) is 15-18.
Slow arrival? After 1♠ - 2♣ - 3♥ then 3♠ is strong and 4♠ shows a minimal 11 pts.

- The 'automatic' re-opening double when playing negative doubles.
 A negative double by opener? 1♣ p 1♦ 1♠ dbl? does dbl here show 4♥'s?
 The 2NT rebid shows a big hand - 1♦ p 1♠ 2♣ 2NT is a big hand (not 12-14).
- 186 Try for game or bid it? After 1♠ - 2♠, ♠AQJ97 ♥Q ♦AQ764 ♣94 bid 4♠ or a try?
 Is it forcing? 1♠ - 2NT. If you don't play Jacoby or similar, then 2NT is 11-12. nf
 When responder should bid 2NT - ♠AQ ♥Q1062 ♦J53 ♣Q1086 after RHO overcalls 1♥.
 Does a negative double show the 2 unbid suits? I play that it just shows the unbid major
- 187 A 1-level penalty. A favourable vul, go for the penalty rather than 3NT.
 A poor bid that turned out lucky? With Axx over a pre-empt, think 3NT.
 Play Benjamin two's or Multi - a simple slam missed because of a big 3NT bid.
 The Kokish relay - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ - 2♠ - 2NT = a balanced 25+
 The Gambling 3NT and responses.
 Don't double with a flat hand - with ♠542 ♥Q1053 ♦KQ5 ♣AK3 pass if RHO opens 1♦.
 When your hand improved - pt 1, ♠K1084 ♥K75 ♦64 ♣AJ87 when RHO bids ♣'s.
 When your hand improved - pt 2, ♠9 ♥Q10842 ♦J9842 ♣65 when partner opens 1♦.
 Open 1NT and partner is the captain - do not remove his penalty double.
 The play's the thing - AK9 opposite 10842, play A and then K when all follow.
- 188 Editorial: Rudeness will not be tolerated at this club, expect to be expelled.
 Never deny a 4 card major. With ♠10962 ♥A106 ♦J9 ♣K1072 respond 1♠, not 1NT to 1♣
 The Law of total tricks: you can sacrifice above the law, especially at favourable vul.
 Walsh finds the 4-4 fit. 1♠ - 1♦ - 2NT - pass may miss a 4-4 major fit not playing Walsh.
 Applying the Law. With ♠Q98652 ♥- ♦76 ♣K1054 opposite partner's 1♠ overcall.
 Worth a jump invite? ♠A6542 ♥32 ♦A4 ♣AK73, 1♠ - 2♠ - ? Make a noise or pass?
 A dummy reversal. ♠642 ♥Q75 ♦QJ8 ♣K985 opposite ♠- ♥AKJ106 ♦10965 ♣AJ72
 The 4♥/♠ rebid is a big hand. 1♠ - 2♠ - 4♠ shows 18+
 When your 1NT opening is interfered with - play Lebensohl.
 Slow arrival: 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♠ - 2NT - 3♦ - 4♦, 4♦ is interested in slam.
- 189 Editorial: The short ♣ (if mat be 2 cards) needs alerting.
 Why bid past game? - Do not call the director just because the opponents have bid badly.
 Deduct a point for 4333 shape - open 1NT with ♠KJ63 ♥K72 ♦A106 ♣AK4
 Who's the joker - it's Chuck psyching a cue bid.
 Garbage Stayman - 2♣ opposite 1NT with ♠J762 ♥KJ102 ♦873 ♣Q9 is simply gambling.
 Psyching at our club - it is not allowed, including psychic cue bids or controls.
 Never deny a 4 card major - with ♠8532 ♥A103 ♦A87 ♣QJ6 respond 1♠ (not 2NT) to 1♦.
 It's not forcing: 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 3♥ is not forcing in Standard American (it is in Acol).
 It's not forcing: 1♥ - 1♠ - 3♥ is not forcing in either system.
 Balancing - after pass, pass, pass, 1♣, pass, 1♥, pass, pass - then bid!
- 190 Don't bid Blackwood with a void - splinter or Exclusion RKCB.
 2/1 makes slam bidding a cinch - 1♥ - 2♦ - 2♥ - 3♥ is looking for slam.
 A jump raise promises 4 card support - 1♠ - 3♠ should show 4♠'s.
 Namyats does not leave partner guessing - open 4♦ with ♠KQJ10973 ♥- ♦Q109 ♣AK8
 Double is playable in the unbid suits - both if opponents have bid two suits.
 Don't ask unless you need to know - leave questions to the end of the auction.
 An 'impossible' response? You hold ♠AQ2 ♥Q94 ♦92 ♣AKQ94 and partner opens 1♣.
 Splinter - with ♠6 ♥Q1062 ♦K96 ♣AK1074 bid 3♠ when partner opens 1♥.
 Who underbid? 1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ is not forcing, so jump with 20 points.
 Worth a raise to 3♥? Vulnerable, raise 1♥ to 2♥ with ♠964 ♥Q9854 ♦KQ3 ♣43.
 Do not open 1NT with a singleton - even a singleton ace. It is not allowed.
 What is 4♣ after a transfer. It's ace ask but is a cue bid if partner super-accepts.
- 191 Take-out double with 5 points? - maybe when balancing!
 Negative double to show the other major - or you'll have problems later.
 A 5-3 fit ♥/♠ is not always better than 3NT - especially with 28-30 combined points.
 Don't pull partner's run out - when being doubled, don't bid a new suit at the 3 level.
 You don't miss the penalty when playing negative doubles.
- 192 KJxxxx is not 4 points when partner bids the suit!

- A mini splinter – 1♥ - 3♦ is a mini splinter if you play them.
 A weak jump shift – 1♦ - 2♠ is a weak jump shift if you agree to play them.
 Passed out – ♠AQ108 ♥Q7653 ♦J53 ♣Q is a clear opener.
 The most abused convention out there – Unusual NoTrump/Michaels.
 Intermediated count – K432 is 3 points, K1098 is 4+ points, especially in No Trumps.
 A comedy of errors – a new (minor) suit at the 4 level is forcing!
- 193 An ‘impossible’ bid – after 1♣ dbl redbl 1♦ then a 1NT bid by you is nonsense. Pass!
 The three level is too high - 1♣ dbl 3♣ then don’t dbl (Responsive) with a flat 9 points.
 Don’t open a vulnerable 4♥ in 1st seat with ♥J1086543 unless you play Namyats.
 It’s not forcing – 1♠ - 2♦ - 3♦ - 3♠ is not forcing, it shows 11-12 points and 3 ♠’s.
 Slam missing two aces – don’t mix up Normal and Roman Keycard Blackwood.
 Go for the penalty? – partner opens 1♥, RHo bids 1♠, you have ♠KJ42 ♥6 ♦A87 ♣KJ982
 Muiderberg – A weak 2♥/♠ opening showing 5 of the major bid and a 4+ card minor.
 With ♠A10 ♥J8532 ♦K87 ♣752 transfer and pass opposite partner’s 1NT opening.
 Don’t pass partner’s take-out double of a pre-empt just because you have no points.
- 194 A two-level bid after RHO has doubled is weak.
 Rudeness and bad behaviour at our club will not be tolerated – 4 players are now warned.
 Don’t make gestures or talk during the auction/play.
 When RHO doubles – a summary of the options for declarer.
 How to find a specific king using Roman Keycard Blackwood.
 A Lay-down 7NT? – a set play problem.
 Defence to weak twos – parts 1,2,3
 Go for the vulnerable penalty – 2♣ 2♠ dbl is penalties, so pass with a flat 2♣ opener.
- 195 Not suitable for 1NT – ♠A10754 ♥A2 ♦AK102 ♣K10 is far too good for 1NT.
 Suitable for 1NT? – ♠K5 ♥KJ1052 ♦KJ52 ♣K10 – I opened a strong 1NT.
 Restricted choice – a complex subject but there are a couple of simple ‘rules’
 8 ever, 9 never – but not when restricted Choice applies.
 An interesting mis-fit – a bid in the ‘sandwich seat’ is a very good long suit.
 What’s a jump to 2NT after partner has passed? – 1♣ pass pass 1♣ 2NT?
 Super accept! When you open 2NT and partner transfers into your 4 card major.
 No Trump promises a stop after 4th suit forcing
 An overbid – with ♠95 ♥A832 ♦Q2 ♣KJ1085 bid 3♥ opposite a 1♥ opening.
 An underbid – with ♠J8 ♥Q53 ♦KQJ53 ♣K93, 2NT is not enough after 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥.
- 196 The Unassuming Cue bid – 4 examples in one week!
 Hanging partner – Don’t jump to 3NT with a flat 13 when partner balances with dbl.
 The jump to 3NT when partner reverses – shows about 8-11 points.
 Double followed by a raise shows a good hand.
 Forced to pass after partner’s hesitation? No! You simply need a clear bid.
- 197 Behavior at our club – Chuck is finally chucked out for good.
 Negative Doubles part 1 – 1♦ - 2♣(overcall) 2♥ promises 10+ points.
 Negative Doubles part 2 – 1♦ - 2♣(overcall) pass pass 2♦ is long ♦’s and weak.
 Some people play that a 2♣ opening is either the traditional strong hand or a weak 2♦.
 Lead partner’s suit against No trump – especially if he has bid it twice and doubled!
 Raising a 1NT response to 2NT shows about 17 points.
 Raising a 1NT rebid (12-14) to 2NT shows about 11-12 points even in competition.
 That abused Michaels again - ♠Q1086 ♥AK643 ♦63 ♣AJ don’t bid 2♣ over 1♣.
- 198 Double and bid shows a big hand
 Do not bid when partner redoubles – partner is often looking for a penalty.
 Do not double (take-out) with unsuitable hands.
- 199 Change of suit over partner’s overcall is non-forcing.
 Overcall with a 2-suiter? – only double with a strong hand.
 Don’t double to show an opening hand, and a double of 2♠ usually shows 4 ♥’s.
 Don’t be bullied into bidding 2NT but prefer to defend.
- 200 “The definitive guide to (strong) **No Trump Bidding, Stayman and Transfers**” is published
 Sacrifice in No Trumps? – it’s possible if you have a long suit.

- Hand Evaluation part 1 – Beware of quacks and a poor trump suit.
Hand Evaluation part 2 – ♠K5 ♥7432 ♦A52 ♣J854 is not worth a noise opposite 1NT.
The play's the thing – 3 examples of basic play technique.
You hold ♠AQ94 ♥AQ83 ♦J832 ♣10 opposite a 1NT opener – splinter!
The sequence 1NT - 2♥ - dbl is penalties and it's best to play Lebensohl.
Summary after partner's 1NT opening is overcalled.
Pass partner's weak jump shift unless you have good support for his suit.
After 1♣/♦/♥/♠ - dbl – redbl all subsequent doubles by opener or responder are penalties.
Do not bid Blackwood with a void – Use Josaphine GSF if only top trumps are missing.
A double of Stayman means ♣'s.
- 201 Don't double with length in the suit opened.
What do you bid with ♠62 ♥9 ♦1072 ♣KJ98742 opposite a 1NT opener?
Over a 2♠ opener, consider 3NT rather than double if you have a ♠ stop.
What do you bid with ♠10♥76 ♦AJ1075 ♣K10532 opposite a 1NT opener?
- 202 The Unassuming Cue Bid keeps you low opposite a weakfish overcall.
A two-level overcall promises opening values.
Pre-empt to the limit at once – three separate articles from one week!
What is a 2♥/♠ opening in 4th seat?
A note on 1430 – it is only applicable to the response to 4NT and not to the king ask.
Don't bid your hand twice – a double of 1NT already shows 15-18 points.
A bid when RHO overcalls 1NT is weak (double with a good hand).
Open 1NT with a balanced 15-17 – ♠AJ8 ♥Q876 ♦AQ86 ♣QJ.
Balancing. If partner passes an opening bid from LHO he may have 14 or so points.
- 203 It's simply bad manners – continually arrive late and you won't get a game.
That 4333 type shape again – part 1. ♠K74 ♥A85 ♦AJ76 ♣QJ3 is not worth a strong 1NT.
That 4333 type shape again – part 2. ♠KJ64 ♥QJ10 ♦A85 ♣742 is not worth a 4th seat opener.
Worth a limit raise or game? ♠AJ10 ♥1075 ♦AK852 ♣106 opposite a 1♥ opening.
Don't bid again having pre-empted ♠J10 ♥KQ9543 ♦10876 ♣K is a 2♥ opener, that's all.
What to do opposite a weak 2♠? Is ♠106 ♥AQJ7 ♦AQ97 ♣Q42 worth an effort?
What to do opposite a weak 3♥? Is ♠A104 ♥2 ♦KQJ32 ♣KJ63 worth 3NT or 4♥?
Bid both suits when 5-4. ♠AK987 ♥J ♦8762 ♣A85 – open 1♠ and rebid 2♦ over 1NT.
Don't bid you hand 3 times. ♠A8 ♥AKJ1097 ♦KQ3 ♣A8 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥ - 2♠ - 3♥ - 3♠ bid 4♠.
- 204 It's rarely correct to transfer to a minor – with ♠AJ7 ♥K92 ♦3 ♣Q107652 raise 1NT to 3NT
Raising partner directly to game is weak. 1♦ dbl 5♦ is a pre-emptive raise.
Play in a Moysian fit? After 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ bid 2♥ with ♠86 ♥A98 ♦Q532 ♣A1054
3♦ on a 3-1 fit. If you really want to play Bergen raises, then remember them.
A jump raise is pre-emptive after a double.
A take-out double is short in the suits bid – with length/strength in their suits bid NoTrump
Don't double at the 3♠ level without shape - ♠K7 ♥A86 ♦A8542 ♣AJ6 is not good enough.
Look for the 4-4 fit. With ♠J9 ♥K852 ♦J982 ♣642 opposite 2NT bid 3♣ Stayman.
- 205 I have finally decided to get a mobile phone - 0867445386.
Raising partner's 1NT response to 2NT - ♠AQJ64 ♥106 ♦AJ3 ♣QJ5 is not enough.
Confused by "The Law". Raising 1♠ to 3♠ is 11-12 points, not pre-emptive.
You need shape to overcall a string NT. Not ♠QJ932 ♥AJ9 ♦J2 ♣Q73 when vulnerable.
It's often good to pre-empt 3♣/♦ with a **good** 6-card suit - ♠QJ4 ♥J ♦1092 ♣AQJ874.
The Championship Races. Provisional positions have been calculated.
You need 12+ points (or shape) to raise partner's 1♥/♠ to game.
A strong Michaels Cue Bid – with ♠AQJ876 ♥KQJ865 ♦- ♣A3 bid 2♣ over RHO's 1♣.
A double fit is good – try Stayman Super Accepts.
- 206 Obey the Law. With ♠Q1082 ♥842 ♦A1062 ♣A75 compete to 3♠ opposite a 1♠ overcall.
Upgrade hands with good suits. ♠A3 ♥K6 ♦J874 ♣AKQ109 is too good for 1NT.
Support partner. With ♠3 ♥K94 ♦AQ1095 ♣KJ43 raise partner's ♥ response.
Don't double ♠'s holding 5+ ♥'s – with ♠- ♥AKQJ1075 ♦KQ83 ♣A3 overcall 4♥ over 3♠.
Be wary when the opponents play negative doubles – you may get clobbered one higher.
The take-out double – do not double 1♦ holding ♠9543 ♥Q42 ♦AKQ97 ♣K.

- A new suit opposite partner's pre-empt is forcing.
 An unnecessary jump is a splinter. 1♥ - 2♣ - 3♠ is a splinter agreeing ♠'s.
 Don't lead what declarer leads, even if it was partner's initial lead.
 Open a hand with a 6-card major. ♠QJ10642 ♥- ♦KQ107 ♣982 is a 2♠ opener.
 A raise by opener only guarantees 3 cards. 1♣ - 1♥ - 2♥ may be 3 card support.
 Don't automatically "cover an honour with an honour".
- 207 How to play in a 4-1 fit missing KQJxxx.
 Keep quiet with an 18 count? 1♦ pass 2♦ 2♠ dbl shows a good hand with 4 good ♠'s.
 Finding a 4-4 ♠ fit after partner's 1NT opening as been overcalled wit 2♥. – Lebensohl.
- 208 Don't double when you can overcall. Over 1♥ bid 2♦ with ♠KQ♥108♦AKJ1042♣QJ5
 Don't double when you can overcall. Over 1♥ bid 2♣ with ♠J73♥Q107♦1032♣AKQ65
 A simple play problem.
 Open 1NT with a balanced 15-17, ♠AJ72 ♥932 ♦KQ6 ♣AQ6
 Giving count (2 examples), especially with a long suit in dummy.
 Redouble! Pard opens 1♣, RHO doubles, redouble with ♠A1096 ♥A98 ♦K7543 ♣10
 4NT having bid 4♣ Gerber is to play.
 Don't pass when 5-6 in the majors. 1♦ p 2NT bid 3♦ with ♠K10643 ♥986542 ♦4 ♣7
 Minor suit slams (1). You hold ♠AJ109♥K84♦KQJ2♣Q2 and partner opens 1NT.
 Minor suit slams (2). 2/1 really makes life easy.
 Too strong for a pre-empt. Open 1♣ with ♠A ♥K6 ♦A76 ♣J1087543.
- 209 If RHO opens and LHO bids 1NT over your 1♠ overcall, don't come in later with 3♠.
 Strange results: eight articles on silly contracts at just one table.
 Negative doubles and the 'automatic' re-opening double – 3 articles.
- 210 You can underlead an ace against 3NT.
 Transfer and then bid another suit – ♠QJ1062 ♥A7 ♦Q854 ♣98 opposite 1NT.
 Systems on / systems off. When a 1NT opening or overcall is interfered with.
 Alert conventional bids. Multi Landy, Cappelletti etc. need alerting.
- 211 Bid that 7 card major – ♠AQJ10865 ♥53 ♦J7 ♣84 is far too good to pass as dealer.
 A great 18 opposite a 1NT response is worth game – ♠A86543 ♥A10 ♦K86 ♣AK
 Don't bid again having pre-empted – ♠J75 ♥KQ9864 ♦AJ4 ♣2 is too strong for 2♥.
 When your hand improves – don't open 2♠ with ♠QJ7654 ♥63 ♦- ♣QJ1074.
 Another slam, 3 more slam deals.
 Play Multi Landy. 2♦ Cappelletti with 5-4 in the majors sucks when pard is 2-2 or 3-3.
 4♣ after a transfer (1NT - 2♦ - 2♥ - 4♣) asks for keycards.
 Agree DOPI after Blackwood is interfered with.
- 212 A good hand for 2/1 – playing constructive raises keeps you low with a poor dummy.
 Big balanced hands – A comparison between Benjamin and Multi 2♦ with 25+.
 A basic end-play.
 Missing the 4-4 major suit fit. Four (!) examples from one day's play.
 Giving a lesson during the play – and then going down in a cold contract!
 Double having overcalled with 1NT is penalties.
 Responding to take-out doubles – a non-jump is 0-8
 With ♠A108 ♥AKQJ10653 ♦83 ♣- open 4♥ (or 4♣ playing Namyats)
 With ♠AK7 ♥J1098 ♦J1063 ♣AQ overcall 1NT rather than double over RHO's 3♣.
 With ♠AKJ ♥Q8 ♦KJ6 ♣AKJ86 open 2♣ rather than 2NT. That ♣ suit is great.
 A new suit opposite a pre-empt is forcing. RONF (raise only non-forcing).
- 213 A double of 1NT is for penalties
 Balancing with 1NT. – a scheme for No Trump bids in the balancing seat.
 Be wary of raising a minor past 3NT. 1♦ - 1♥ - 3♣, 3♣ may be 'dug up'.
 5-6 in the majors is a great hand. Don't defend 3NT with ♠KQJ106 ♥QJ7542 ♦- ♣74
 3NT or bid the ♠'s? When there's no room bid 3NT with a stop in opponent's suit.
- 214 That dreaded 4333 type shape yet again.
 An awkward overcall? RHO opens 1♥ and you have ♠A6542 ♥A1054 ♦A ♣AK7
 Protect that Kx – bid the opponent's suit to ask for a stop.
 The problem with Jacoby 2NT – Jacoby 2NT as 12+ and unlimited is unsatisfactory.

- A 3-level weak jump overcall has to be a good suit if vulnerable.
 Bid 3NT or look for a 4-4 major fit?
 The help-suit game try can also be a slam try.
 Be wary of a vulnerable pre-empt over a strong NoTrump.
- 215 Moving yet again? We will be moving as soon as we find a suitable venue.
 The Unassuming Cue bid – two examples
 1NT in the Sandwich seat – don't play it as 15-18 balanced.
 The Gambling 3NT scores a top - ♠8 ♥Q108 ♦AKQ10832 ♣J9
 3NT missed – 1 - ♠9 ♥A43 ♦AKQ864 ♣AJ10 is too good for 2NT after 1♦ - 1♠
 Respond 3♦ with a 3 card suit? If you don't play Jacoby 2NT you may have to.
 3NT missed – 2 – convert partner's double of 3♦ or bid 3NT?
 A comfortable slam – ♠AKQ104 ♥A2 ♦KJ754 ♣K is too good for 3NT after 1♠ - 2♦
- 216 The Unassuming Cue yet again
 Bid 3NT or double with a 4-card major over their pre-empt?
 The hold-up. Sometimes you have to disregard the rule of 7 and hold up twice.
 If you show both majors over opponent's strong NT and bid again it's a huge hand.
 Balancing – a double in the pass out seat may be as few as 8 points.
 A good or bad 4♠ opening? - ♠102 ♥K652 ♦AQ83 ♣A52 is not enough for slam.
 How do you play your negative doubles? – does 1♥ 2♦ dbl show both majors or just ♠'s?
- 217 It's rarely correct to raise partner's minor past 3NT
 3NT or 4♥/♠ with a 5-3 fit – two articles
 Overcall 1NT over 1♠ with two Kx's – ♠K2 ♥KJ ♦A10843 ♣AK96 or bid 2♦?
 Too good for 4♠. ♠AJ1098543 ♥K3 ♦A ♣73 is too good unless you play 4♦ Namyats.
 When your Stayman 2♣ bid gets doubled.