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25 Conventions You Should Know

Chapter 9 Summary

- ✓ To use Jacoby 2NT over a 1♥ or 1♠ opener you must have:
 - 1) Game-forcing or better values

AND

 - 2) At least four-card support for partner's major

- ✓ After partner uses Jacoby 2NT, you can rebid as follows:
 - 1) bid a suit at the three-level in which you are singleton or void
 - 2) jump to the four-level with a strong two-suiter
 - 3) with no singleton or void:
 - bid game in the agreed major with a minimum
 - bid three of the agreed major with extra values and good trumps (two of the top three honors)
 - rebid 3NT with extra values but poor trumps

JACOBY 2NT FORCING MAJOR RAISE

Chapter 10 Summary

- ✓ A double jump in a new suit in response to partner's major-suit opening shows at least four-card support, 13-15 points, and at most a singleton in the bid suit.

- ✓ A double jump in a new suit by opener shows an excellent fit for responder's suit, a shortage in the bid suit, and the values for game opposite even a minimum response (18-19 points).

- ✓ Do not splinter into suits containing a singleton ace or king.

SPLINTERS



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Chapter 11 Summary

- ✓ When partner opens and RHO overcalls, a cuebid of the opponents' suit shows a limit raise or better.
- ✓ Partner bids over the cuebid as though you had made a limit raise. If you have more than that, you can decide whether to bid on depending on partner's actions.
- ✓ If RHO overcalls, all direct raises show less than a limit raise.
- ✓ A cuebid of the opponent's suit after partner has overcalled shows a limit raise or better. Partner bids as though you had shown a limit raise. If you have more than that, you can decide whether to bid on depending on partner's actions.
- ✓ All direct raises of partner's overcalled suit are preemptive, showing good trumps but weakish hands.

CUE BID RAISES

Chapter 12 Summary

- ✓ It is rarely right to sell out to a suit contract at the one-level. You should try to push the opponents higher, where they might go down, or find a makable contract yourself.
- ✓ After an opening bid is followed by two passes, you should add a king (or 3 points) to your actual point-count and then overcall, double or bid 1NT depending on your shape.
- ✓ When partner makes a balancing bid, remember to deduct a king from your values before responding.
- ✓ If the opponents stop at a low level having found a fit, feel free to overcall or make a takeout double with the right distribution even with fewer values that you normally need for that action.

BALANCING



25 Conventions You Should Know

Chapter 13 **Summary**

- ✓ After you raise an opening bid of one of a major to the two-level, a bid of a new suit by opener is a game try asking for help in the suit bid. The game-try suit will be one in which opener has at least two losers.
- ✓ Facing a help suit game try, you should bid game with a concentration of honors in the help suit.
- ✓ You should also accept the game try with shortness in the help suit if you have at least four-card trump support.
- ✓ Without help of either kind, you bid three of the agreed major, which partner must pass.

HELP SUIT GAME TRIES

Chapter 14 **Summary**

- ✓ Before cuebidding you must explicitly agree on a trump suit.
- ✓ Cuebidding expressly shows slam interest.
- ✓ If a major is agreed, bids of new suits above three of the agreed major are cuebids. New suits below this level are game tries.
- ✓ If a minor is agreed, bids of new suits above 3NT are cuebids.
- ✓ Cuebid your *lowest* first-round control (ace or void) at each opportunity.
- ✓ You can *never* cuebid in trumps.
- ✓ A cuebid in a suit you have already bypassed (i.e. a suit in which you have already denied a first-round control) shows a second-round control (the king or a singleton).

CONTROL-SHOWING CUEBIDS



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Chapter 15 **Summary**

- ✓ When a trump suit has been agreed, a bid of 5NT asks partner to bid a grand slam with two of the top three trump honors.
- ✓ If partner bids 5NT, you are required to jump to seven of your agreed suit with any two of the top three trump honors; with anything less, bid six of your agreed suit.
- ✓ If no suit has been agreed, the 5NT bid agrees partner's last-bid suit.
- ✓ You cannot use GSF after using Blackwood, since 5NT in those auctions asks for kings.
- ✓ You cannot use GSF directly over partner's notrump opening bid or rebid. 5NT in those auctions is quantitative.

G R A N D S L A M F O R C E



Chapter 16 Summary

When an opponent opens the bidding, a direct cuebid of the opponent's suit or an overcall of 2NT both show different two-suited hands.

- ✓ Cuebidding a minor shows both majors.
- ✓ Cuebidding a major shows the other major and an unknown minor.
- ✓ Overcalling 2NT over a major shows both minors.
- ✓ Overcalling 2NT over a minor shows hearts and the other minor.
- ✓ You must have at least five cards in each of your two suits.
- ✓ Both Michaels and UNT show either a weak hand (exactly how weak will depend on the vulnerability) or a very strong hand.
- ✓ If the Michaels bidder has an unknown suit then his partner can bid 2NT to ask him to bid his second suit.

M I C H A E L S A N D U N U S U A L N O T R U M P



Chapter 17 Summary

- ✓ A bid of 2♣ directly over the opponent's 1NT opening shows a hand with at least 5-4 in the majors but not strong enough to double (less than 16 points)
- ✓ You and your partner can agree to use 2♣ as Landy in the balancing seat over a 1NT opening bid also. We also recommend that you do.

After partner uses Landy 2♣

- ✓ if you are weak, bid your longer major. You may also pass (with long clubs) or bid 2♦ (with at least a six-card suit).
- ✓ 2NT and 3♦ are natural and invitational.
- ✓ jumps to 3♥ and 3♠ invite partner to game in that suit.
- ✓ 3♣ is an artificial bid and asks partner to describe his hand further, by bidding his longer major.

LANDY 2♣ OVERCALL OF A 1NT OPENING

