



SOPHISTICATED STUFF



Chapter 18 Summary

- ✓ When your partner's 1NT opening is overcalled at the two-level, a Lebensohl relay bid of 2NT forces him to bid 3♣. An immediate double of the overcall is for penalties.
- ✓ Cuebidding the opponents' suit is Stayman. Bidding 3NT or cuebidding after first bidding the 2NT relay *shows* a stopper in the opponent's suit. Bidding 3NT or cuebidding directly over the overcall *denies* a stopper in the opponents' suit.
- ✓ With a five-card or longer major suit and a *game-forcing* hand, bid your suit at the three-level immediately. With a six-card minor and an *invitational* hand, bid your suit at the three-level immediately.
- ✓ Bidding your own suit at the two-level is competitive. If you could have done this, but instead use the 2NT relay and then bid your suit, you are showing an invitational hand. If you have no room to bid your suit at the two-level, bid 2NT. Then if your suit is clubs, pass, otherwise bid your suit, and opener must pass.

L E B E N S O H L



Chapter 19 Summary

- ✓ Drury only applies when partner opens 1♥ or 1♠ in third or fourth seat and your RHO passes. In this situation, a response of 2♣ is artificial, and shows a limit raise in the major.
- ✓ The Drury 2♣ bidder promises a maximum pass (10+ points) with at least three-card support for opener's major and preferably four-card support.
- ✓ Playing Reverse Drury responses, opener rebids his major to show a sub-minimum opening bid.
- ✓ All other responses, including the artificial 2♦, show a sound opening bid.
- ✓ A jump raise to three of partner's major is weak and preemptive, since this bid is no longer needed to show a limit raise.
- ✓ You need to agree with your partner on how to handle hands that would have made a natural 2♣ response.

REVERSE DRURY



Chapter 20 Summary

- ✓ All the rules that applied to using Blackwood in Chapter 6 still apply.
- ✓ There are five key cards — the four aces plus the king of the agreed trump suit.
- ✓ If there is *any* doubt which suit is agreed, the last-bid suit should be considered the key suit for purposes of counting key cards.
- ✓ Responder bids 5♣ with 1 or 4 key cards, 5♦ with 0 or 3 key cards, 5♥ with 2 (or 5) key cards but no queen of trumps, 5♠ with 2 (or 5) key cards and the queen of trumps.
- ✓ 5NT by the RKC bidder asks how many of the three non-trump kings partner has (use regular Blackwood responses).
- ✓ The next non-trump step after a 5♣/5♦ response asks about the queen of trumps. Responder signs off at the lowest level in the trump suit if he does not have it. Holding the trump queen, responder cuebids his lowest-ranking outside king, or jumps in the trump suit with no outside kings, or bids 5NT if cuebidding his lowest outside king would mean going past six of your agreed trump suit.

ROMAN KEY CARD BLACKWOOD



25 Conventions You Should Know

Chapter 21 Summary

- ✓ A bid of the fourth suit at responder's second turn is artificial (FSF) and establishes a game-forcing situation.
- ✓ After 1♣-1♦-1♥-? a bid of 1♠ is natural and forcing only one round, while a bid of 2♠ is game-forcing and artificial.
- ✓ In all other situations, a jump in the fourth suit at responder's second turn shows a game-going two-suited hand, at least 5-5.
- ✓ In response to FSF, opener describes his hand by supporting responder's first suit (with three cards in that suit), bidding no-trump with a stopper in the fourth suit or, lacking the ability to do either of the above, rebids one of his own suits.

FOURTH-SUIT FORCING



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25 Conventions You Should Know

Chapter 22 Summary

- ✓ A bid of an unbid minor after a 1NT rebid is artificial and guarantees at least the values to invite game. Opener describes his hand in terms of shape and strength.
- ✓ When both minors are unbid, bid your stronger minor as NMF.
- ✓ A jump by responder in an unbid minor after a 1NT rebid is weak and to play.
- ✓ Over NMF opener must show an unbid heart suit if he has four of them.
- ✓ Failing that, opener must show three-card support for responder's suit if he can.
- ✓ Opener bids notrump, rebids his suit or shows stoppers (with a maximum) when he can fulfill neither of the first two priorities.

NEW MINOR FORCING

Chapter 23 Summary

- ✓ After opening a Weak Two-Bid and hearing a strong 2NT enquiry, opener uses artificial step responses to show two things: minimum or maximum hand, and a bad or good suit.
- ✓ What your partnership decides to define as a 'good' suit will depend on the latitude you are going to allow for a Weak Two.
- ✓ Since immediate bids of new suits are forcing, if responder bids 2NT first and then introduces a new suit over opener's rebid, that bid is a cuebid agreeing opener's suit and suggesting slam.

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Chapter 24 Summary

- ✓ A double is responsive when partner doubles a opening bid of a minor and RHO raises opener's suit to the two- or three-level. Your double shows four cards in each major and enough points to compete at the appropriate level (6+ points at the two-level and 9+ points at the three-level)
- ✓ A double is responsive when partner doubles an opening bid of a major and RHO raises opener's suit to the two- or three-level. Your double shows 9+ points and asks partner to choose between the minors.
- ✓ After partner doubles an opening 1♠ bid and RHO raises to 2♠, an immediate 3♥ is invitational. If you make a responsive double and then remove partner's minor-suit preference to 3♥ this is strictly competitive — partner is not being asked to bid again.
- ✓ After partner makes a non-jump overcall in a suit and RHO raises his partner's suit up to and including the level of 3♠, a double is responsive showing support for both unbid suits and a tolerance for partner's suit.
- ✓ After partner makes any preemptive jump overcall, any double by you is for penalties. Responsive doubles do not apply once partner has preempted.

RESPONSIVE DOUBLES



25 Conventions You Should Know

Chapter 25 Summary

- ✓ A double of a freely-bid slam asks partner to make an unusual lead. This is commonly the lead of dummy's first-bid suit. The double specifically forbids the lead of any suit your side has bid or a trump lead.
- ✓ A double of 3NT asks partner to lead your suit if you have bid one, or to lead his own suit if he has bid one.
- ✓ Doubles of artificial bids show a desire for partner to lead the bid suit if he is ever on lead.

LEAD-DIRECTING DOUBLES



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