# **Defensive and Competitive Bidding**

Overcalls (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Style: Light

Responses: F1 at 1- and 3-level

New suit at 1 or 2 level NF, Jump shift INV

### 1 NT overcall (2ND/4TH; Responses; Reopening)

2<sup>nd</sup> Position: 15-17

Responses: As over 1NT OPENING

4<sup>th</sup> Position: same Responses: same

#### Jump Overcalls (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

Style: Weak

Unusual NT: 2N=lower 2 unbid suits

#### Direct and Jump Cue Bids (Style; Responses)

Style: 2-suited

(1m)-2m=Both Majors; (1M)-2M=highest and lowest

Responses: Jump cuebid asks for stopper

#### VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopen: PH)

DBL=pen

2♣=Both Majors

2+= vs or (+s and a minor)

2♥=♥s and a minor Reopening: Same

#### VS. Preempts (Doubles; Cue bids; Jumps; NT bids)

T/O doubles

#### **VS. Artificial Strong Openings**

DBL=Both majors NT=Both minors

#### Over Opponents' take out double

RDBL=9+ HCP 2NT=9+ HCP with support 1♠-(Dbl)-2♥=good ♠ raise

| L | eads and Signals    |
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|   | Opening Leads Style |
|   | Lead                |

|        | Lead                                   | In Partner's Suit         |  |
|--------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Suit   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>       | same                      |  |
| NT     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>       | same                      |  |
| Subseq | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> , ATT | same                      |  |
| Leads  |  |                           |  |
| Lead   | Vs. Suit                               | Vs. NT                    |  |
| Ace    | AKx(+)                                 | AK(x)                     |  |
| King   | AK, KQx(+)                             | KQ(x), AKQ(x)             |  |
| Queen  | QJ(x)                                  | QJ(x), HQJx(x)            |  |
| Jack   | J10(x), KJ10(x)                        | J10(x), AJ10(x), K 10(x)  |  |
| 10     | 109x, H109(x)                          | 109(x), H109(x), AQ109(x) |  |
| 9      | 9x                                     | HT9xx, T9xx, 9xx          |  |
| Hi-X   | Even                                   | Even                      |  |

### Signals in order of priority

|                 | Partners lead | Declarer      | Discarding |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Suit:           | Low = E       | Low = E Count |            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | S/P           | S/P           | S/P        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Count         |               | Count      |
| NT:             | Same          | Same          | Same       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Same          | same          | Same       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Same          |               | Same       |

### Signals (including Trump's):

Smith vs NT, Hi-low=even number, Low=encouraging

#### **Doubles**

### **Takeout Doubles (Style; Responses;**

Reopening)

Style: Light, Responses: Cuebid only force

Reopening: Light

### Special, Art and Comp Dbl/Rdbl's

NEG/ RESP DBL thru 4♦, Support DBL through 2♥, Competitive Doubles

Some neg. DBLs:

1♣-(1♦)-Dbl shows 4 cards in both Majors

1m-(1♥)-Dbl denies 4 ♠s

1m-(1♠)-Dbl strongly suggests at least 4 ♥s



# **System** Card

**WBF** 

### Category:

NCBO/team: **Monaco Open** 

> Event: **Dublin** 2012



Green



Players:

**Geir Helgemo** 

**Tor Helness** 

# **System Summary**

### **General Approach and Style**

Natural

Normally open lowest 4-card suit 1 normally 5-card

1NT Opening: 15-17 HCP

2 over 1 RESP:

# Special bids that may require defence

2♦ vul=Multi, 6+ ♥s or ♠s, 3-10 HCP, non vul=4+4+ majors, 2-9 HCP.

2H/S=5-5 M+m 2-10 HCP

### Special forcing pass sequences

Pass then pull is stronger than taking initial action

### Important notes that don't fit

# **Psychics**

Rare but possible

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| Opening | Art      | Min. # | Neg. D.<br>thru | Description   | Responses  | Subsequent Auction                                     | Passed Hand<br>Bidding                        |
|---------|----------|--------|-----------------|---|--|--|---|
| 1*      |          | 3      | 4•              | 10-23 HCP, NAT 3+ ♣s  | Inverted raises<br>1♣-3♣ PRE   | 1♣-2♣-4♠ RKC   | No inverted raises                            |
| 1♦      |          | 4      | 4♣              | 10-23 HCP; NAT 4+ ◆s  | Inverted raises<br>3♣=NAT, 3♦=PRE  | 1 <b>-</b> -2 <b>-</b> 4+ RKC                          | No inverted raises                            |
| 1♥      |          | 4      | 4◆              | 10-23 HCP, NAT 4+ <b>▼</b> s                                | 2NT = FG raise (4+ ♥s) 3♣ and 3♦ responses NAT, INV Double jump shift = void | 1♥-2N-3♣=NAT, not minimum<br>1♥-2N-4x=void and minimum | DRURY FIT<br>Minisplinters                    |
| 1♠      |          | 5      | 4◆              | 10-23 HCP, NAT 5+ <b>♠</b> s                                | 2NT=FG (4+ ♠s)<br>3x=NAT, INV<br>Double jump shift = void                    | 1♣-2N-3♣=NAT, not minimum<br>1♣-2N-4x=void and minimum | DRURY FIT Jumps BPH in comp=fit Minisplinters |
| 1NT     |          |        | 3♠              | 15-17 HCP<br>May have 5-card Major<br>May have 6-card minor | STAY, 2♦♥ JTB 2♠=minor suit Stayman 3-level shows singleton 4m=Texas         |  |   |
| 2*      | 1        | 0      | 4♠              | STR, ART, F 2NT or 3M                                       | 2+=negative or BAL<br>2NT=minors (at least 5-5)                              | 2♣-2♦-2M through 3♣=2 <sup>nd</sup> negative           |   |
| 2∳      | 1        |        |                 | Weak 2 in a Major, 3-10 HCP vul. Non vul=4+4+majors,2-9     | 2M and 3M P/C 2NT=relay  |  |   |
| 2♥      | X        | 5      |                 | 5H+5m 2-10 HCP  | 2♠ NF, 2NT=relay   |  |   |
| 2♠      | X        | 5      |                 | 5S+5m 2-10 HCP  | 2NT=relay  |  |   |
| 2NT     |          |        | 3♠              | 20-21 BAL<br>May have 5-card Major<br>May have 6-card minor | Puppet STAY, JTB<br>3♣=minor suit Stayman<br>4x=slam try                     | High Level Bidding                                     |   |
| 3x      |          | 6      |                 | PRE   | New suit F1  | RKCB   |   |
| 3NT     | <b>V</b> |        |                 | Solid minor, gambling                                       |  | Splinters  |   |
| 4♣      | 1        |        |                 | 8 tricks with solid ♥s 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 4•=relay   | Cuebids  |   |
| 4♣      |          |        |                 | NAT, PRE 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                    |  | Void showing jumps                                     |   |
| 4♦      | <b>V</b> |        |                 | 8 tricks with solid ♠s 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 4 <b>v</b> =relay  |  |   |
| 4♦      |          |        |                 | NAT, PRE 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                    |  |  |   |