DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level usually 5 cards: 717 HCP. 2 level constructive.
Responses: New suit constructive but NF
Cue bid shows 10+ HCP 3 cards support, or 13+HCP any
Jump shift to promises fit. Jump cue shows 6-9HCP w/support.
After 1M overcall: 2NT=4 card raise INV+,
Against 1C – transfer overcalls, X= balanced hand (Note 8)
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live: Recnances: Recnaning)

# 1NT OVERCALL (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Live; Responses; Reopening)

2<sup>nd</sup> 15-18, responses as for 1NT opening

Over 1C: 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-14 when non-vul (see note 8)

4<sup>th</sup> 13-16, responses as for 1NT opening

Passed hand 1NT shows the other 2 suits Meckwell if we are penalty doubled in NT – see note 4

JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

1 suit : weak 6-10 HCP (6-12 HCP opposite passed hand)

2 suiter: Cue=Higher suits, 2NT lower suits, 3C=extremes

Against 1C – 2D Multi and 2H/2S/2NT 55 2 suits (**Note 8**)

Reopening: Intermediate jumps (11-16), 2NT 19-21 HCP System on

## DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)

Cue Bid = higher two suits

Jump Cue asks stop, usually with source of tricks for 3NT

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

2♣ majors 4+ 4+, 2♦ single suited major, 2M 5M and 4+ minor, 2NT both minors at least 54, 3X Pre

Double of weak NT (13-15 HCP or less) is penalties

Double of strong NT (14-16 HCP or more) or of weak NT by an already passed hand shows one of:

(i) 10+ HCP (6+m or 5+m/4M) or (ii) 14-18 HCP with 5 card major or (iii) 19+ HCP balanced. Advancer's 2C is pass/correct, 2D is enquiry (can play at least 3 of partner's minor opp. weakest hand).

#### VS. PRE-EMPTS

Double T/O v weak 2M or 2 suiter with known anchor suit. (Over weak 2M) 4m shows 5OM+5 of bid m, 5- loser hand.

## VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 14 or 24

2C strong Jumps premptive, Double majors, NT minors

Then NT responses are UCB

X 1C strong - Keto defence Note 9

#### OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE

After 1♣ X, transfers from 2C upwards

Special developments after 1D(X) Note 10

After 1M(X), transfers up to 2M-1, and 2M is obstructive 4-7HCP

LEADS AND SIGNALS					
OPENING LE	ADS STYLE				
	Lead	In Partner's Suit			
Suit	3 <sup>rd</sup> /Low	Same			
NT	4 <sup>th</sup> from honour, 2 <sup>nd</sup> from 4+ without honour, top of xx/xxx	Same			
Subseq Remaining count (hi-lo even)					
Other: Ace Attitude King for count UDCA					

## NT King asks for unblock or count Queen (may have K) asks attitude

LEADS		
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT
Ace	AKx (+) Ax(+)	AKx(+) Ax(+)
King	AKx (+)AKQx(+) KQx(+) AK	AKJTx (+) KQT9(+)
Queen	QJx(+) QJ	KQx+ QJ(+)
Jack	JTx(+) or $JT$ or $KJTx(+)$	JTx(+) or $Jx$ or $AQJTx(+)$
10	T9x(+) or 10x	T9x(+) or $HHTx(+)$ or $Tx$
9	9, 9x, HT9(x+)	9, 9x, 9xx, HH9+, HT9+
Hi-X	xxSx, Sx, xxSxxx, HxSxxx	Sx, Sxx, xSxx+
Lo-X	HxS, HxSx, xxS, xxxxS, HxxxS	HxxS(+), HxS, xxxSx(+)

## SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	Hi=Disc, except on K lead (Hi=Odd)	Hi/Lo = Odd	Hi/Lo = Odd
Suit 2	Hi/Lo = Odd	S/P	
3	S/P		
1	Hi=Discrg, except on	Hi = Odd (but Smith at	Hi = Odd
	K lead (Hi=Odd)	trick 2, as below)	
NT 2	Hi/Lo = Odd	S/P	
3	S/P		

## Signals (including Trumps): UDCA, Discards Even=like, Odd=Suit Pref

Smith Signal v NT: At trick 2, lo=enc in our led suit.

If first play in suit has not shown count (e.g. ATT, or [tried to] win trick), next play shows remaining count: hi = even number of remaining cards

#### DOUBLES

May be light with perfect shape, equal level conversion up to 3D Cue bid forcing to suit agreement

Double in reopening position may be weak

### SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS

Negative DBL, Higher double = cards, co-op T/O

Responsive double through 4 . often game try when no UCB available

Higher double card showing (transferable values)

Most low level doubles = take out

#### EBL CONVENTION CARD

CATEGORY: Red 1 (multi-way 1C opening)

NCBO: CBAI

PLAYERS: David Dunne and Martin Brady

IBU Trials 2024

#### SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

5 card majors and Strong NT with 2/1 GF

Multi, Polish style 2M's and transfer pre-empts

14 similar to Polish club

Bal (10-13 NV or 11-14 Vul, 18-20, 23+ HCP) or 11-24 short • (4415 minus a card) or GF any suit(s) or 17-20 5♣+ clubs 4M

**1**♦ natural 4+♦s unbal, may have longer clubs

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> NT 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Suit UDCA

Discards Even=like Odd=Suit Pref

#### SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE

Transfer Pre-empts 3D through 3NT (3S shows unspecified solid minor, 3NT shows unspecified broken minor)

Transfer overalls of any 1C opening and weak 1NT overall of 1C when non-vul (see note 8)

Special defence to artificial 1D openings (note 9)

1S/1NT responses to 1H inverted (1S bal, 1NT shows 4+ S)

Special responses to 1C – see note 1

Fit-showing jump shifts in competition

Transfers after double of 1D/H/S opening

Multi 2D overcall of 1C opening (see BS form)

2NT opening pre-empt in either C or D (see BS form)

3C opening pre-empt both minors

## SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

If hand ownership is established and opps compete,

Pass is forcing and asks penalty double

Double looks to bid on, Pass and pull slam tries etc

**IMPORTANT NOTES** Point ranges are indicative only.

We evaluate flexibly based on trick-taking potential.

**PSYCHICS:** MB hasn't psyched since spring 2017

DD has never psyched in MB's experience in this partnership

Third hand openings may be light & lead-directing

NG	K IF	O. RDS	BL				
OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICI AL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1.	√ 	0	4.	Bal (11-14 Vul/10-13NV,18-20, 23+ HCP) 11-24 HCP, 4414/4405/(43)15 17-20 HCP 5 + clubs 4M Acol Two+ any suit(s)	Note 1 - 1 ◆ 0-6 HCP or no 4M 7+ HCP, 1M 6+HCP (may have 5+m), 1NT 8-11, 2C GF 5+4+ minors or bal 2D/2H transfers to 6+M 4-9HCP or GF 2+ top hons, 2S GF transfer to 2NT may have 6+m, 3any PRE, 3NT to play, 4c=4H,4d=4S	After 1 ♦: 1M 3+ cards weak bal or 4414 11- 16HCP,1NT 18-20, 2C ask controls, 2D 4414 17+, 2M Acol+,2NT 23-24, 3C 17-20 nat, 3D Acol+ After 1M: 1OM/1NT 11-14 HCP, 2D 18+ ask See Note 3 for further details	Transfers over intervention 2C+ Multi Landy over 1NT
1 ◆	No	4	4♥	Unbalanced 4 ◆ + 11-20 May have longer clubs	1NT 6-11 HCP, 2C GF clubs or bal, 2D 8-10 2M5♣+4♥+ 5-8/INV,2NT GF4♦+,3♣weak,3M spl	1 ◆ 1M – see <b>note 6</b> 1 ◆ 2NT GF4 ◆ +, <b>note 3</b> 1 ◆ 1M 1NT 15-17 unbal	Multi Landy over 1NT Passed hand – fit jumps
1♥	No	5	4•	11-20 1M responses <b>see Note 7</b>	1S (<4 spades) 6-11 HCP, 1NT 4+ spades 6+HCP, 2C GF 2♣+, 2D GF 5+ suit, 2H 3♥+ 8-10 HCP, 2S GF 5+♠3♥+, 2NT INV+3♥+ enquiry, 3m NAT 6-9, 3H Pre, 3S 9-11 min spl, 3NT 4+ hearts Void, 4X Spl, 4H to play	1S (<4 spades) 6-11 HCP, 1NT 4+ spades 6+HCP, 2C GF 2*+, 2D GF 5+ suit, 2H 3*+ 8-10 HCP, 2S GF 5+*3*+, 2NT INV+ 3*+ enquiry, 3m NAT 6-9, 3H Pre, 3S 9-11 min spl, 3NT 4+ hearts	
1 🛧	No	5	4♥	11-20	1NT 6-11 HCP, 2C GF 2+ clubs, 2D/2H GF 5+ suit, 2S 3+ spades 8-10 HCP, 2NT INV+ 3+ spades	1M-2NT Stenberg INV+ 3+ support <b>Note 3</b> 1H-1NT; 2C is artificial (15-17 unbal/6+M 11-14 HCP)	2♣ 3 card Rev. Drury
INT	No	1	4♥	15-17 Vul 14-17 NV 5M,6m or 54 possible	Note 2 - 2C 8+ HCP Enq, 2D/2H transfers,2S clubs or BAL INV, 2NT asks better minor, 3C asks 5cM, 3D shows 5+M5+M, 3M shows SPL with 5+4+ minors, 4C Gerber, 4R transfer to R+1		
2*	No	5	4♥	10-16 6 <b>*</b> + or 5 <b>*</b> 4M	2 ♦ ask, 2M natural INV but NF, 2NT INV+ raise, 3C barrage, 3R transf to 3R+1, 3S shows 5+ ♦  After 2 ♦ - 2M/3 ♣ min, 2NT/3D max, 3M 54 max, 3NT good suit : A GF 4C is RKC		
2 •	<b>√</b>	0		2M 6+ cards 6-10, bal 21-22, 6+ clubs 17-20 HCP, GF 5+5+ minors GF 3 losers			X asks for opener's suit
2♥	No	5		5+♥ 5+ any suit 6-10 HCP	2S/3C pass or correct , 3D INV hearts, 3H NF 2NT enquiry ask range/suit		X asks for opener's 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit
2♠	No	5		5+♠ 5+m 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry ask range/suit, 3C pass or correct , 3D INV hearts, 3S NF		X asks for opener's 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit
2NT	$\sqrt{}$	0		Pre-empt in either clubs or diamonds	3C P/C, 3D enquiry (may not be strong), 3M F1  Further details on supplementary Brown Sticker submission  X as		X asks for opener's suit
3♣	$\sqrt{}$	0		5 <b>♣</b> +5+ <b>♦</b> , 5-10 HCP	3H asking GF, others NAT		X penalties
3♦	V	0		6+♥ 5-10 HCP	3H NF, 4C trump ask, 3S F1		X penalties
3♥	V	0		6+♠ 5-10 HCP	3S NF, 4C trump ask		X penalties
3♠	V	0		Solid minor, max Q outside suit	4♣ pass or correct, 4♦ ask shortage		X penalties
3NT	V	0		4m opening (v long weak m)	4♣ pass or correct, 4♦ ask shortage		X penalties
4 <b>.</b>	$\sqrt{}$	0		4H opening with 3/5 aces	4♦ ask		
<b>4</b> ♦	$\sqrt{}$	0		4S opening with 3/5 aces	4♥ ask		
4♥/♠	No	7+		NAT opening with 0-2 of 5 aces		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4NT	<b>√</b>	8+		strong 5 minor c.10 tricks	5C/6C/7C pass or correct, 5D RKC	Cue: 1st or 2nd round equally. In cramped auctions, if the below game, cue may show general slam suitability with (Last Train).	ere is only one cuebid left thout control in that suit
5♣/♦	No	8+		5 minor with c.8/9 tricks	5m+1 is RKC, 6m to play	RKCB (1430) and Minorwood (1430) – see note 11.	

Note 1	Responses to 1♣	Note 2 Responses to 1NT	
1D 1H 1S 1NT 2C minors 55/2 2D 2H 2S 2NT 3C 3D 3M 3NT 4.4.4.4.4	F1 Any negative hand 0-6 points <b>or</b> any strength with no 4M F1 4+ hearts 7+ HCP (or a good 6 count) F1 4+ spades 7+ HCP (or a good 6 count) NF balanced 8-11 HCP, half stop in each major but no 4M GF 12+ HCP no 4 card major either balanced or unbalanced with both 54 F1 6 card hearts either weak 4 to 9 HCP or GF with 2+ of top 3 honours F1 6 card spades either weak 4 to 9 HCP or GF with 2+ of top 3 honours GF Transfer to 2NT, balanced OR unbalanced with 6+ card minor INV 12/13 HCP both majors stopped NF Natural 6+ cards good suit 10/11 HCP INV to 3NT opposite 11-14 HCP NF Natural 6+ cards good suit 10/11 HCP INV to 3NT opposite 11-14 HCP NF Natural pre-emptive to play opposite 11-14 HCP, GF opposite 18+ HCP To play 13-15 HCP both majors stopped Strong 4H opening with 2 of the 5 key cards, solid or semi solid suit Strong 4S opening with 2 of the 5 key cards, solid or semi solid suit To play assuming opener is 11-14	2C Stayman, non promissory invitational or better 8+HCP  • Minimum: 2D=5M, 2M=4 card major, 2NT no 4/5M  • Max: 2NT no 4/5M, 3C=4M, 3D no 4/5M, 3M=5M, 3NT no 4/5M 4333  2D 5♥+ transfer (transfer break allowed with 4 card support)  2H 5♠+ transfer (transfer break allowed with 4 card support)  2S Clubs or Balanced Asks for range - 2NT min / 3C max  Then 3D confit, 3M splinter with 6+ clubs  2NT Asks for better minor: weak with both minors OR 6♠+any strength  3C Puppet Stayman  • 3D no 5M now 3M shows 4 cards in OM, 4m natural 5332 slam try  • 3M 5 card major  3D 5♥+5♠+ INV+ now 3M (min), 4C (♥ slam INV), 4D (♠ slam INV), 4M (max  3M 54 or 55 Minors with major splinter now 4m is invitational RKC  3NT to play  4C Gerber for aces  4D Texas raise to 4H  4H Texas raise to 4S  4S RKCB 1430 in clubs  4NT RKCB 1430 in diamonds	

Note 3	1M 2NT INV+ Stenberg (3+ card support)	Note	4 Mecky	well defence to penalty double
1H 2NT Sten	berg INV+ with 3+ hearts (also on in competition)		After 1NT	opening/natural NT overcalls
3C	Min 1-14 HCP			
	• 3D asks (3H ♣spl, 3S ♦spl, 3NT OMspl and 4X cue no spl)	1X	1NT (us)	<b>Double for penalties</b>
	• 3H INV		Rdbl	Natural, penalty orientated
3D	Max 15+ no shortage: responder may now show a SPL		Pass	Puppet to 2C, either 5+m or both major suits, after
	• 3H (club spl), 3S (diam spl), 3NT (spl OM), 4x control			2C response responder rebids
3H	short club 15+			<ul><li>Pass Club suit, usually 5 cards, NF</li></ul>
3S	short diam 15+			<ul> <li>2D Diamond suit, usually 5 cards, NF</li> </ul>
3NT	short other major15+			■ 2H 4♥+/4♠+ NF
4C	void min or max		2C	4+/4+ in clubs and higher suit
4D	void min or max			<ul> <li>Now 2D (3+ cards) pass or correct</li> </ul>
4H	void other major min		2D	4+/4+ in diamonds and higher suit
4S	void and max			<ul> <li>Now 2H (3+ cards) is pass or correct.</li> </ul>
4NT	RKC		2M	Natural, sign-off
Variations afte	r 1D-2NT: 2NT is GF, and 3M shows singleton in relevant M.			
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**Developments after 2D Multi** Note 5 Note 6 Opener Rebids after 1 ♦ 1 ♥ **2H** to play in openers suit then openers bids **4 ♦** 11-14 HCP 4414 or 4?5+? weak 2 in hearts Pass 1NT unbalanced 15-17 without 4♥ - now 2C=8+ HCP asking weak 2 in spades now responders new suit is to play 2S4 ♦ + 4 ♣ + 11-15 balanced 21-22 HCP now 3C is puppet stayman 2NT 4 spades 4+ diamonds GF **3** strong 17-20 HCP 6+ clubs no 4 card major then 2NT 5+ diamonds and exactly 4 clubs • 3D by responder is a GF waiting bid asks stops 3C asks now 3D 6+ diamonds and 4 clubs,3H=1354 etc • 4C RKC clubs 1430 4+ diamonds 5 clubs – GF two good suits 16+ HCP **3**♦ strong 5+5+ minors GF 3D 6+ diamonds GF 2S to play opposite weak 2S, playable can play 3 level+ opposite a weak 2H 3H natural 15-17HCP INV 2NT balanced 21-22 HCP now 3C is puppet stayman spade splinter agreeing hearts 5+ diamonds 4 hearts 3S **3♣** strong 17-20 HCP 6+ clubs no 4 card major 6+ diamonds 0/2 hearts – strong preference to play 3NT 3H weak 2 in hearts club splinter agreeing hearts 5+ diamonds 4 hearts **3**♦ strong 5+5+ minors GF 6+ very good diamonds with 4 hearts 4D 4H maximum weak 2 in hearts with good shape 4 hearts 2452 or any splinter with singleton A **2NT asking**: responder is INV+ and asks for transfer to a weak 2 major Note 7 Responses to 1♥ 3C strong 6+ clubs no 4 major 17-20 HCP responses : 3D ask stops 6-11 HCP F1 0-3♠ > 2C Gazilli 15-17 unbal or 6♥+ 11-14 **1** 1 e.g. transfer to weak major 3D weak 2 in hearts 1NT 4 + 6 + HCP F1 > 2C Gazilli 15-17 HCP unbal or 6 + 11-143H INV 3S Stenberg Enq (3NT Min/4C max next suit ask SPL) 2/1 GF natural 5+ clubs or balanced 2+ clubs 2 ace / trump ask -4D=0 aces,4H 1-Q ,4S 1+Q ,4NT 2-Q 2 • natural 5+ cards GF 3H weak 2 in spades e.g. transfer to weak major 8 to 10 HCP 3 card support 2 invitational – opener can bid game with max **2**♠ Special raise: 5+S/3H, FG 4C ace / trump ask -4D=0 aces,4H 1-Q,4S 1+Q,4NT 2-Q Stenberg Enq (3NT Min/4C max next suit ask SPL) 2NT Invitational + enquiry with  $3 \vee +$  (also on in competition) 3S strong 5+5+ minors GF hand 5-8 HCP 6+ cards good suit 0/1 cards in partners major 3m strong balanced 21-22 HCP System ON 4C Puppet Stayman etc 4♥ + hearts 5-7 HCP **3**♥ 3C/3D/3H/3S Natural 6+ card suit F1 3S 4♥ + hearts GF any mini splinter 9-11 HCP (3NT asks) After 2D doubles of intervention are negative until openers suit is known 4♥ + hearts GF with unknown void (4C asks) 3NT

Note 8 Defence to 1C Opening (applies to both natural and artificial 1C openings) Transfer overcalls, Variable NT, Multi and 2M for 2 suiters

Action	Description	Continuations
1D	Heart Overcall 5+ hearts 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1H	Spade Overcall 5+ spades 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1S	Club Overcall 5+ clubs 10+ HCP NF	2D UCB 3D natural NF
2C	Diamond Overcall forcing - 5+ diamonds 10+ HCP	3C UCB
2D	6 card major 6-10 HCP, Bal 19-21 HCP, 6+ clubs 17-20HCP	2M pass or correct, 2NT enquiry, 3X natural forcing
2H	5+ hearts 5+ any suit 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
<b>2S</b>	5+ spades 5+ minor 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
2NT	55 minors 6-10 HCP	3/4/5m to play, 3M forcing
3X	6+ suit pre-emptive	As 3 openings
1NT	NV 11-14 HCP Vul 15-18 (no 5 card major). May be as short	11-14 > 2C Stayman, 15-18 > 2C 8 + HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT
	as singleton x in opener's suit.	
Double	NV 15-18 HCP , Vul 11-14 HCP. May be as short as	11-14 > 2C Stayman, 15-18 > 2C 8 + HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT
	singleton x in opener's suit.	
Pass then double	Good hand 15+ HCP with a good lead v NT	

# Note 9 Defence to any *artificial* 1D opening (i.e. where 1D does not promise 3+ diamonds) Transfer overcalls, Variable NT, Multi and 2M for 2 suiters

Action	Description	Continuations
X	Heart Overcall 5+ hearts 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1H	Spade Overcall 5+ spades 8+ HCP forcing	2C UCB 2NT INV+ enquiry 4+ card support
1S	Club Overcall 5+ clubs 10+ HCP NF	2D UCB 3D natural NF
2C	Diamond Overcall forcing - 5+ diamonds 10+ HCP	3C UCB
2D	6 card major 6-10 HCP, Bal 19-21 HCP, 6+ clubs 17-20HCP	2M pass or correct, 2NT enquiry, 3X natural forcing
2H	5+ hearts 5+ any suit 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
<b>2</b> S	5+ hearts 5+ minor 6-10 HCP	2NT enquiry, 3C pass or correct to second suit
2NT	55 minors 6-10 HCP	3/4/5m to play, 3M forcing
3X	6+ suit pre-emptive	As 3 openings
1NT	NV 11-14 HCP Vul 15-18 (no 5 card major). May be as short	11-14 > 2C Stayman, 15-18 > 2C 8+ HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT
	as singleton x in opener's suit.	
Pass then double	NV 15-18 HCP , Vul 11-14 HCP. May be as short as	11-14 > 2C Stayman, 15-18 > 2C 8 + HCP enquiry (Vul), others as 1NT
	singleton x in opener's suit.	

## **Note 10** Developments after 1D-(X)

- 4+ hearts (prioritise showing 4cM over a minor suit)Opener accepts xfer at 1 level with 3 hearts and 11-14 or 18-20 HCP.
- 1♥ 4+ spades (prioritise showing 4cM over a minor suit)
  Opener accepts xfer at 1 level with 3 spades and 11-14 or 18-20 HCP.
- transfer to 1NT, 8+HCP (usually BAL with 4+ clubs). Denies 4cM.
- 1NT 8+ HCP, 5+ clubs in an unbalanced hand. Denies 4cM. Forcing
- 2♣ 8-10HCP with 4+ diamonds.
- 2 \Delta 5+ Hs and 4 Ds (transfer fit showing jump), either 4-7 or GF
- 2♥ 5+ Ss and 4 Ds (transfer fit showing jump), either 4-7 or GF
- 2♠ INV+ with diamond support
- 2NT 8+HCP with 5 clubs and 4 diamonds (transfer fit showing jump)
- 3♣ natural invite 9-11HCP
- 3♦ 4-7HCP with support and good playing strength (pre-emptive)
- 3Maj 8-11HCP fit-showing jump 5Maj 4+ diamonds
- 3NT to play

#### Note 11 RKCB and Minorwood

4NT is key card ask, with 5 key cards (the four aces and the K of agreed trump suit) Responses:

- 5♣ 1 or 4 Key Cards
- 5♦ 0 or 3 Key Cards
- 5♥ 2 or 5 Key Cards without the Queen trumps
- 5♠ 2 or 5 Key Cards with Queen trumps or extra trump length

After the response, step 1 asks from trump Q (if not shown), =5NT asks for specific kings, and 6x asks for third round control of x. Any bid of 5NT or above implicitly promises that the partnership holds all the keycards.

If a minor suit is agreed as trumps, 4m asks for key cards, with 5 key cards (the four aces and the K of agreed trump suit).

4m is also keycard when we raise partner's minor in an already game forcing auction, or when we rebid our minor at 4 level opposite a hand that is balanced or has implied tolerance or better for our minor.

4m is not keycard if bid under pressure in competition, or if we jump raise partner's minor before a game force has been established.

- 4♣ Minorwood RKC in clubs responses
  - 4♦ 1 or 4 key cards
  - 4♥ 3 or 0 key cards
  - 4♠ 2 key cards No Queen trumps
    4NT 2 key cards with Queen trumps
- **4**♦ Minorwood RKC in diamonds responses
  - 4♥ 1 or 4 key cards
  - 4♠ 3 or 0 key cards
  - 4NT 2 key cards No Queen trumps
  - 5♣ 2 key cards with Queen trumps

After Minorwood, 4NT by asker is an attempted signoff. Next step asks for Q (if not shown) or for specific kings. Asking for kings implicitly promises that the partnership holds all the keycards.