#### 4. BASIC RESPONSES Jump raises - minors Other PRE PRE Jump raises - majors Other Jump shifts after minor opening PRE Jump shifts after major opening PRE Responses to strong 2 suit open Responses to 2NT opening 3♣ to play; others nat F (non-forcing after X) **Show priorities** 5. PLAY CONVENTIONS Suit (or both) Versus No Trump (if different) Versus Leads Sequence Top Four or more with an honour 3 3 From 4 small From 3 cards (no honour) 3 In partner's suit 1/3/5 Discards Roman – see notes Count Rev Signal on partner's lead: Roman – see notes Signal on declarer's lead: Roman – see notes Notes Attitude: Odd=Encourage; Even=Discourage; (low Even=Encourage if no odd cards) Even cards can be suit preference. Count: Reverse count; Suit Preference: Reverse suit preference; On partners lead give most appropriate signal (most commonly Attitude but can be Count or SP) **6. SLAM CONVENTIONS** X When? RKCB 1430 Gerber Rare, over 1NT 4NT: Blackwood Slam Notes Often use relays/spiral scans Cue Bids X 1st or 2nd round controls Asking Bids X Rare 7. OTHER CONVENTIONS www.nzbridge.co.nz MyRev.

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| Basic S  | System:   | Stron  | g Club with Tra                           | ansfer Ope  | enings                                   |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| Brown  | Sticker   |  | lassification:                            | Green       |  | Blue R            | ted X                 | Yellow                              |   |  |
|  | 1. OPENING BIDS   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| Describ  |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     | Χ |  |
| 1.   |   |  | 6+ ART(3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> ) |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 1♦   | 4+♥(9-  | ·13, 1st/2nd) 9                                  | )-15 (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> )  | 1♠          | 4+ •                                     | no 4M (9-13, 1st/ | <sup>2nd</sup> ) 9-15 | (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> ) |   |  |
| 1NT  | 11-14,  | 12-14, 12-15                                     | , 13-15 depend                            | ls on vul + | seat                                     | may c             | ontain 5 ca           | rd Major                            |   |  |
| 11   | IT Respo  | onses 2.   | Stayman or                                | Relay       | Othe                                     | er                |                       |                                     |   |  |
|  | 2♦ TRF ♥  |  |   | 2♠          | 2♠ Weak minor or both minors weak/strong |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
|  | 2♥  | TRF ♠  |   |             |  | Nat INV           |                       |                                     |   |  |
|  | Other 3 minor INV; 3 major PRE; 4♣ Gerber; 4♦ TRF ♥; 4♥TRF♠; 4S Nat PRE |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 2*   | 2-8. ₩-   | +minor (4+4+                                     | NVul; 9+cards                             | : Vul\      |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 2 •  |   | ,  | NVul; 9+cards                             | ,           |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 2♥   |   | + • Weak Two (Aggressive)                        |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 2♠   |   | • Weak Two (Aggressive)  • Weak Two (Aggressive) |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 2NT  |   | Preempt (Aggressive) 3NT Gambling (rare)         |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| Other  | 3 <b>.</b> 10-  | 10-12(13) 6+ <b>.</b>                            |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
|  | 2. PRE-ALERTS   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| All opening bids 1♣ thru 1♠; 2♣ thru 3♣  |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 1NT Overcall is strong (15-17(18)) or Comic Comic = Weak 1 or 2 or 3 suited              |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| All Michaels cue bids are Weak or Very Strong  Leaping Michaels (always Strong)          |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS  |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| Negative doubles through 4♥ Jui  |   |  |   | Jump ove    | ercalls                                  | NVul Weak; Vu     | ul Intermed           | iate                                |   |  |
|  |   |  | Unusual                                   | NT          | Weak or Very S                           | Strong            |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 1NT overcall - immediate Strong or Con   |   |  | omic Ir                                   | nmediat     | e cue of minor                           | Majors            |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 1NT overcall - re-opening 12-15  |   |  | lr  | nmediat     | e cue of major                           | OtherM-           | +minor                |                                     |   |  |
| Over weak twos X=T/O; 2NT=Strong NT Over opening threes                                  |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| Over opponents 1NT X=PEN; 2♣ = Single suited any suit; 2♦=Majors; 2♥ =♥+minor;           |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |
| 2♠=♠+minor; 2NT=ART Strong 2-suited unsuitable for X; 3any = NVul Weak; Vul Intermediate |   |  |   |             |  |                   |                       |                                     |   |  |

### 8. RESPONSES TO OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

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|-----|----------------------------------|---|-----|---|------------|----------------|--|
| 1.  | 1♦                               | ART Neg (Note 1)  | 2♦  | GF 6+ ◆   |            |                |  |
|     | 1♥                               | GF 4+♠ (Note 2) 2♥  |     | GF minors   |            |                |  |
|     | 1♠                               | GF BAL or ♥   |     |   |            |                |  |
|     | 1NT                              | GF ♥+minor  |     |   |            |                |  |
|     | 2*                               | GF ♣  |     |   |            |                |  |
|     | Notes                            |   |     | =2;K=1) 2: Relay over all GF resps                              |            |                |  |
|     |                                  |   | _   | with 9-11 BAL or 6-9 t  |            |                |  |
| 1♦  | 1♥                               | GF Relay  | 2♥  | Weak 3+♥  | 3♥         | PRE            |  |
|     | 1♠                               | NAT F1 <gf 3+♠<="" th=""><th>2♠</th><th>6-9 6+♠</th><th>3♠</th><th>PRE</th><th></th></gf> | 2♠  | 6-9 6+♠   | 3♠         | PRE            |  |
|     | 1NT                              | TRF *   | 2NT | SPL <gf< th=""><th>3NT</th><th>NAT (v.rare)</th><th></th></gf<> | 3NT        | NAT (v.rare)   |  |
|     | 2♣                               | TRF ◆   | 3♣  | 12-13 BAL 4+♥   | 4♣         | (4)5+♥ and 5+♣ |  |
|     | 2♦                               | 8-14 3+ <b>y</b>  | 3♦  | 10-11 BAL 4+♥   | 4 ♦        | (4)5+♥ and 5+◆ |  |
|     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> | Resps: 1 ♥ = 9-11 BA  |     | NT/2 <b>♣</b> =6-8 NAT;2 <b>♦</b> =                             |            |                |  |
| 1♥  | 1♠                               |   | 2♥  | 8-14 3+♠  | 3♦         | 10-11 BAL 4+♠  |  |
|     | 1NT                              | GF Relay  | 2♠  | Weak 3+♠  | 3♥         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♣                               | TRF ◆   | 2NT | SPL <gf< th=""><th>3♠</th><th>PRE</th><th></th></gf<>           | 3♠         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♦                               | TRF ♥   | 3♣  | 12-13 BAL 4+ <b>♠</b>   | 3NT        | NAT (v.rare)   |  |
|     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> | Resps: 1♣=9-11 BAL; 1NT/2♣/2 ♦=6-8 NAT;2 ♥=Weak 3♠; 2♠=Weak 4♠                            |     |   |            |                |  |
| 1♠  | 1NT                              | GF Relay  | 2♠  | Weak 5+♣  | 3♥         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♣                               | P/C <inv< th=""><th>2NT</th><th>9-11 4+ ◆</th><th>3♠</th><th>PRE</th><th></th></inv<>     | 2NT | 9-11 4+ ◆   | 3♠         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♦                               | TRF ♥ (usually 6)   | 3♣  | P/C Weak  | 3NT        | NAT (v.rare)   |  |
|     | 2♥                               | TRF ♥ (usually 6)   | 3♦  | PRE   | 4 <b>.</b> | P/C Weak       |  |
|     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> | Resps: 1NT=9-11 BAL   |     |   |            |                |  |
| 1NT | 3♣                               | NAT INV   | 3♠  | NAT PRE   | 4◆         | TRF ♥          |  |
|     | 3♦                               | NAT INV   | 3NT | To Play   | 4♥         | TRF ♠          |  |
|     | 3♥                               | NAT PRE   | 4.  | Gerber (rate)   | 4♠         | PRE            |  |
|     | Other                            |   |     |   |            |                |  |
| 2.  | 2♦                               | Relay (GF v Max)  | 2NT | Semi-bal 14-18  | 3♥         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♥                               | To play   | 3♣  | P/C   | 3♠         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♠                               | NAT NF  | 3♦  | PC  | 3NT        | To Play        |  |
|     | Other                            |   |     |   |            |                |  |
| 2♦  | 2♥                               | Relay (GF v Max   | 3♣  | PRE   | 3♠         | PRE            |  |
|     | 2♠                               | To Play   | 3♦  | PRE   | 3NT        | To Play        |  |
|     | 2NT                              | Semi-bal 14-18  | 3♥  | PRE   | <b>4♣</b>  | P/C            |  |
|     | Other                            |   |     |   |            |                |  |
|     |                                  |   |     |   |            |                |  |

| 2♥             | 2♠                   | NAT F1           | 3♦  | NAT F1  | 3NT | To Play |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-----|---------|-----|---------|
|                | 2NT Relay (GF v Max) |                  | 3♥  | PRE     | 4.  | PRE     |
|                | 3♣                   | NAT F1           | 3♠  | PRE     | 4♥  | PRE     |
|                | Other                |                  |     |         |     |         |
| 2♠             | 2NT                  | Relay (GF v Max) | 3♥  | NAT F1  | 4*  | PRE     |
|                | 3♣                   | NAT F1           | 3♠  | PRE     | 4♥  | To Play |
|                | 3♦                   | NAT F1           | 3NT | To Play | 4♠  | To Play |
|                | Other                |                  |     |         |     |         |
| 2NT            | 3♣                   | To Play          | 3♠  | NAT F1  | 4♦  | PRE     |
|                | 3♦                   | NAT F1           | 3NT | To Play | 4♥  | To Play |
|                | 3♥                   | NAT F1           | 4.  | PRE     | 4♠  | To Play |
|                | Other                |                  |     |         |     |         |
| 9. CONVENTIONS |                      |                  |     |         |     |         |

# Unusual NT Weak or Very Strong 4th Suit Forcing One round X Game force NT Checkback Priorities Defence to 3NT opening Y = Strong RAL (ich): 4 a = Reth M: 4 a = 1M: 4 a (4 a = M) minor

Defence to 3NT opening X = Strong BAL(ish); 4 = Both M; 4 = 1M; 4 = M+minorDefence to Opening Twos X = T/O; 2NT = 15-18; Lebensohl after X

Multi 2♦

RCO style 2-s X = T/O; 2NT = 15-18; Lebensohl after X Other 2-s X = T/O; 2NT = 15-18; Lebensohl after X

| Defence | 1. | X = Colour; 1 ◆ = Rank; 2♣ = Shape; 1NT = COMIC (any 1/2/3 suiter) |
|---------|----|--|
| to      |    | 1 ♥ /♠ = NAT lead directing; All other bids NAT PRE                |
| strong  | 2* | Bids are natural lead directing; Jumps PRE                         |
| *       |    |  |

Over 1NT Interference Lebensohl

Lebensohl - other uses After opps open 1NT; or opps open 2X; or opps bid (1X) X (2X)

Take out of 4 level pre-empts 4♣/4♦ X T/O; 4♦ Majors

4 ▼ X T/O; 4NT 2-suited 4 ★ X T/O; 4NT 2-suited

#### 10. OTHER NOTES

After our 1NT (X): P = To Play; XX = Single Suit; Suits=Suit + Higher; 2NT = Strong Unbal Short suit trials after we have agreed 8+card trump suit