

PARTNERSHIP UNDERSTANDINGS

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INTRODUCTION

My ex-partner and present teammate Mike Lawrence is actually a very clever fellow. (I should have paid more attention to his bids.)

His latest Book-of-the-Month-Club entry (he writes them faster than most people can read them) is a rather nifty book dealing with partnership understandings, probably better entitled "Partnership Misunderstandings."

The reason I consider Mike so clever is that this book will sell in pairs rather than singly. (Why didn't I ever think of that?) This is a book designed for partnerships. If you either have a partner or are thinking of forming a partnership, sprint, don't run to your nearest bookstore, and pick up not one, but two, of these books.

Now once each of you has one of these books safely in hand, you can begin to answer the questions by filling in the little multiple choice boxes with what you think is the right answer in your partnership. For example, in the section that deals with responding to two notrump we have this question:

Opener	Responder	How do you ask	4NT	<input type="checkbox"/>
2NT	3♠	for aces?	4♠	<input type="checkbox"/>
3♥	?		5♠	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain _____

Mike never tells you how he plays or what he thinks is the right answer. The reason is that this book is not intended to show you how he plays. It is intended to make sure you and your partner are on the same wave-length.

This book can save you and your partner hours and hours of work. Almost every conceivable practical sequence that causes trouble because of a possible misunderstanding is covered.

How much did I like this book? Well, in payment for this introduction all I want is two copies of the book. The moment they arrive, one goes to my partner, Billy Eisenberg, so we can start filling in the little boxes. Good work, Michael.

—Edwin B. Kantar

General Approach _____

NOTRUMP OPENINGS

After a 1NT opening bid

One notrump shows

Range _____ to _____

Variations

If it varies according to vulnerability or seat, specify

Vulnerable

1st or 2nd Seat 3rd or 4th Seat

_____ to _____ to _____

Not Vulnerable

_____ to _____ to _____

Will you open 1 NT on all hands which fall into your point range? For example, if you play 15 to 17, how many 15's will you open?

- 100%
 75%
 50%
 Other

Explain _____

Playing 15 to 17, do you open 1 NT on?

- ♠ K 8 6 2
 ♥ K J 3
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ Q J 9 6

- Yes
 No

Do you open 1 NT with five hearts or five spades? SPADES HEARTS

Always Occasionally Never

If you do open 1 NT with a five card major, how good can your suit be? Very Good AKJ84
Good KQ753
Fair QJ862
Poor J7543

If you do open 1 NT with a five card major, will you have all side suits stopped? Yes
No

If you do open 1 NT with a five card major, does your point count affect your decision? If yes, explain _____
Yes
No

If you do open 1 NT with a five card major, which of these hands would qualify (assuming 15 to 17)?

- ♠ AQ1087 ♠ Q10864 ♠ J7542 ♠ K7
- ♥ KQ7 ♥ 42 ♥ KQ9 ♥ KJ965
- ♦ 1054 ♦ AKJ ♦ AJ ♦ AQ10
- ♣ AJ ♣ AQ10 ♣ KQ8 ♣ K85
- 1NT 1NT 1NT 1NT
- 1♦ 1♦ 1♦ 1♥

If you do open 1 NT with a five card major, do you intend to show it or to ignore it? Show it
Ignore it

1NT 2♣ 3♦ shows 5 Spades
2♦ 3♦ Does not exist
3♦ Other

1NT 2♣ 3♦ shows 5 Spades
2♦ 3♦ Cue bid for diamonds
3♦ Other

Do you open 1 NT with a small doubleton? Yes
No

- ♠ 82 ♠ AQ97 ♠ AQ9
- ♥ AQ97 ♥ 82 ♥ 82
- ♦ KQJ4 ♦ KQJ4 ♦ KQJ42
- ♣ KJ7 ♣ KJ7 ♣ KJ7
- 1NT 1NT 1NT
- Other _____ Other _____

Stayman 2♣ non forcing
2♦ forcing
Two-way with

What kind of Stayman do you use? 2♣ non forcing and 2♦ forcing

If you play Nonforcing 2♣

1NT 2♣ Do you ever answer with anything other than 2♦, 2♥, or 2♠? Yes
No

If yes, explain _____

1NT 2♣ If opener has two four card majors, what does he bid? 2♦
2♥
The better suit
Other

1NT 2♣ 2♥ is Signoff
Invitational

Scrambling from 1 NT. It shows a weak hand with 4♦ + 5♥, 4♦ + 4♥, or 5♦ + 4♥ Other

1NT 2♣ 2♥ is Signoff
Invitational
Forcing
Other

Explain _____

How do you escape to clubs with a weak hand?

Can't do it

1NT - 3♣

1NT - 2♣

2x - 3♣

1NT - 2♣ (Transfer)

1NT - 2NT (Transfer)

Other

1NT 2♣
?

If opener has two 2♣ four card majors, 2♥ what does he bid? The better suit Other

Explain _____

1NT 2♣
2♦ 2♥

2♥ is Signoff Invitational

If you play 2♣ Forcing Stayman

1NT 2♣ ?

Do you ever answer anything other than 2♦, 2♥, or 2♣ Yes No

If yes, explain _____

1NT 2♣
2♦ 3♥

3♥ is Scrambling from Invitational. It shows a weak hand with 4♦ + 5♥, 4♦ + 4♥, or 5♦ + 4♥ Other Forcing Invitational Other

1NT 2♣ ?

If opener has two 2♣ four card majors, 2♥ what does he bid? The better suit Other

Explain _____

1NT 2♦
?

If opener has two 2♥ four card majors, 2♣ what does he bid? The better suit Other

How do you escape to clubs with a weak hand?

Can't do it

1NT - 3♣

1NT - 2♣

2x - 3♣

1NT - 2♣ (Transfer)

1NT - 2NT (Transfer)

Other

1NT 2♦
3♣ or 3♥

This shows A good five card suit Any five card suit Good four card suit Other

Explain _____

1NT 2♦
3♥

3♥ shows A five card suit Other

If you play Two-Way Stayman

1NT 2♣ ?

Do you ever answer anything other than 2♦, 2♥, or 2♣? Yes No

If yes, explain _____

Explain _____

If two clubs is doubled

Does pass by opener deny a major suit? Yes No

If opener passes, how good are his clubs? _____

If opener redoubles, how good are his clubs? _____

1NT Pass 2♣ Dbl Redouble is SOS
 Pass Pass Rdbl Let's play 2♣ redoubled

If one notrump is doubled

YOU LHO PARTNER
 1NT Dbl* 2♣ *Penalty double

- Natural
- Stayman
- Transfer

Is 2♣ *A one suited hand

- Natural
- Stayman
- Transfer

YOU LHO PARTNER
 1NT Dbl* Redbl Is Redbl *Penalty double

- Business
- SOS
- Other

Explain _____

YOU LHO PARTNER
 1NT Dbl* Redbl Is Redbl *A one suited hand

- Business
- SOS
- Other

Explain _____

If the opening notrump bidder doubles without hearing from partner

YOU LHO PART. RHO
 1NT 2♣ Pass Pass Double is Takeout
 Dbl Penalty

YOU LHO PART. RHO
 1NT Pass Pass 2♣ Double is Takeout
 Dbl Penalty

If you play Jacoby Transfers

1NT 2♦ 3♥ is A maximum with 4 hearts
 3♥ Does not exist
 Other

1NT 2♦ 2NT is A maximum with 3 hearts
 2NT Does not exist
 Other

1NT 2♦ 2♣, 3♣, or 3♦ Explain _____
 These bids Do not exist
 Show five card suits
 Show a maximum and a heart fit
 Other

1NT 2♦ 3♣ is Explain _____
 3♣ is Natural, game forcing
 Natural, invitational
 Other

1NT 2♦ 2♥ ? Can you ask for aces? Yes
 2♥ ? No

Explain _____

I recommend that if you use Jacoby Transfers, you also use Texas. This permits:

- 1NT 2♦ 1NT 4♦
- 2♦ 4NT Quantitative 4♥ 4NT Blackwood

If your Jacoby Transfer is doubled

YOU LHO PART. RHO
 1NT Pass 2♥* Db1** * Jacoby for Spades
 ** Penalty double

- If opener passes
- He shows two spades
 - He is willing to play in 2♥ doubled
 - Other

- If opener redoubles
- He wants to play in 2♥ redoubled
 - Other

- 1NT 2♦ 4♣ is
- 2♥ 4♣ Gerber
 - A club void
 - A club singleton
 - A five card suit
 - Other

How do you get to play 3♣ or 3♦ Explain _____
 if responder has a hopeless _____
 hand with a long minor? _____

If one notrump is doubled

- 1NT Db1* 2♦ * Penalty double
- Is 2♦ Natural
 - Jacoby
- 1NT Db1* 2♦ * A one suited hand
- Is 2♦ Natural
 - Jacoby

If you use Texas Transfers

- Do you use normal Texas
- 4♦ = Hearts
 - 4♥ = Spades
- or

- Do you use the South African version?
- 4♣ = Hearts
 - 4♦ = Spades
- Normal Texas
- South African Texas

- If there is competition, is Texas still on? Yes
- No
- If yes, explain when Texas no longer applies _____

If 1 NT is doubled, Texas is _____ On

 Off

If you play 1NT - Pass - 3♣/3♦ is invitational, how good is your suit? 6 cards with two of the three top honors

 Other

YOU PARTNER Explain _____

1NT 3♥ 3♥ is Invitational

 Game force only

 Slamish

 Other

- YOU PARTNER
 1NT 3♥
 3NT 4♥
 YOU PARTNER
 1♠ 1♥
 2NT 3♥
 3NT 4♥
 YOU PARTNER
 1♠ 1♥
 2NT 4♥
- 4♥ is Sign off
 Slamish
- 4♥ is Sign off
 Slamish
- 4♥ is Sign off
 Slamish

Explain the difference between the last two sequences? _____

What do these sequences mean?

- YOU LHO PARTNER
 1NT 2♥ 3♠/3♦
- 3♠/3♦ is Forcing
 Invitational
 Competitive only
 Other

Explain _____

- YOU LHO PARTNER
 1NT 2♠ 3♥
- 3♥ is Forcing
 Invitational
 Competitive only
 Other

Explain _____

After a 2NT opening bid

What is your 2NT range? _____ to _____

Can you have a five card major? Yes No

Can you have a small doubleton? Yes No

In response to Stayman, what does opener bid with two four card majors?
 3♥
 3♠ The better suit
 Other

Explain _____

QUESTIONS

2NT 3♠ How do you ask 4NT
 3♥ for aces? 4♠
 5♠
 Other

Explain _____

2NT 3♠ 4NT is Quantitative
 3♥ 4NT is For aces

2NT 3♠ 4♠ is A suit
 For aces
 Cue bid
 A suit
 For aces
 Other

2NT 3♠ 5♠ is A suit
 For aces
 Other

If you use Jacoby Transfers over 2NT

(Recommend that if you use Jacoby, you also use Texas.)

What do these sequences mean?

2NT 3♦ 4♥ is Excellent hand for hearts
 Other

Explain _____

2NT 3♦ 3♠ is Cue bid for hearts
 3♦ Five spades and bad hearts
 Other

2NT 3♦ Explain _____
 3NT is Excellent hand for hearts, 3 card support
 Terrible hand for hearts. Prefer notrump

2NT 3♦ 4♣ is Singleton club
 3♥ 4♣ Club suit
 Cue bid for hearts
 Gerber
 Other

2NT 3♦ Explain _____
 3♥ 4NT is Quantitative
 For aces

Explain any other understandings you have regarding Jacoby transfers.

If you play Texas over 2 NT

Which version do you play?

- Normal
- South African

If you use natural responses

YOU PARTNER
 2NT 3♥*
 3NT 4♥
 YOU PARTNER
 2NT 4♥*

* Natural 4♥ is sign off
 Slammish

* Natural 4♥ is sign off
 Slammish

What is the difference between the last two sequences?

3 NT Openings
An opening 3NT is

- Gambling
- ACOL
- 25-27 HCP
- Other

Explain _____

If 3 NT is gambling, how many outside stoppers can you have? Check all boxes that apply.

- 2 stoppers
- 1 1/2 stoppers
- 1 stopper
- 1/2 stopper
- 0 stopper

Can you have a singleton?

- Yes
- No

If your gambling 3NT is doubled, is the opener supposed to run out or should he leave that decision to partner?

- Opener
- Responder

If 3NT is ACOL

How many side stoppers are required? Check appropriate boxes.

- 2 1/2 stoppers
- 2 stoppers
- 1 1/2 stoppers
- 1 stopper

Can opener have a singleton?

- Yes
- No

Is a 4♣ response

- For aces
- To escape

If 3NT is a big balanced hand

How do you ask for a major?

- 4♣
- 4♦
- Can't

How do you ask for aces?

- 4♣
- 4♦
- 4NT
- 5♣

MAJOR SUIT OPENINGS

If you play 4-card majors

What you do open with (generally speaking)?

4 Spades + 4 Hearts

4 Spades + 5 Hearts

4 Hearts + 5 Diamonds

4 Diamonds + 4 Clubs

4 Diamonds + 5 Clubs

3 Diamonds + 3 Clubs
(Assuming no biddable major)

5 Spades + 5 Clubs

If partner opens one diamond, would you respond 1♥ on ♠9762

♠K1073

♥6542

If partner opens one diamond, would you ever respond 1♥ with only three hearts?

Does a two over one promise another bid?
i.e. 1♠ 2♣

- 1 Spade
- 1 Heart
- 1 Spade
- 1 Heart
- Flannery 2 Diamonds
- 1 Heart
- 1 Diamond
- 1 Diamond
- 1 Club
- 1 Diamond
- 1 Club
- 1 Diamond
- 1 Club
- 1 Diamond
- 1 Club
- 1 Spade
- 1 Club
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No

Explain _____

What do these sequences show?

- 1♠ 2♣ Range for 2NT is _____ to _____
- 2NT It is forcing non forcing
- 1♠ 2♣ Range for 3NT is _____ to _____
- 3NT Range for 3♣ is _____ to _____
- 1♠ 2♣ 3♣ 3♣ is forcing non forcing

If you play five card majors

What do you open with (generally speaking)?

- 4 Diamonds + 4 Clubs 1 Diamond
- 4 Diamonds + 5 Clubs 1 Club
- 3 Diamonds + 3 Clubs 1 Diamond
- 5 Spades + 5 Clubs 1 Club
- 1 Spade
- 1 Club
- Depends on the hand

Explain _____

Does a two over one response guarantee another bid?

- Yes
- No

Is a two over one response

- 100% game forcing
- 90% game forcing
- Other

Explain _____

If a two over one response is not 100% game forcing, which of these sequences can be passed by opener? If necessary, explain responder's last bid.

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2 ♠ 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2 ♠ 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2NT 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2 ♠ 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2 ♠ 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2 ♠ 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

1 ♠ 2 ♣
2 ♠ 3 ♣
Forcing
Not Forcing

Regardless of whether you play four or five card majors

If you play limit raises

How many trump do you promise
Three
Four

Do you promise a singleton
Yes
No

If you play Drury

Is Drury on after
Pass Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠
2 ♠
Is 2 ♠ Drury?
Yes
No

Is Drury on after
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Dbl
2 ♠
Is 2 ♠ Drury?
Yes
No

Is Drury on after
Pass Pass 1 ♠
1NT* 2 ♠
Is 2 ♠ Drury?
Yes
No

* Unusual because it is by a passed hand.
After

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ ?

How does opener show
a weak hand?
Two hearts
Two diamonds

Does the Drury response absolutely
promise three trump or can responder
do it with two?
Promises three
No promise

QUESTIONS

- 1. Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♦ Pass 4♠
- 2. Pass 1♥ Pass 3♣ Pass 1♦ Pass 2♠
- 3. Pass 1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass 1♦ Pass 2♠

Opener's rebids show

A slamish hand with a second suit

Just an opening bid with a second suit

A singleton with a good hand

Other

1 2 3

Explain _____

- 4. Pass 1♥ Pass 3♣ Pass 2♦
- 5. Pass 1♥ Pass 4♣ Pass 2♦
- 6. Pass 1♥ Pass 4♦ Pass 2♠

Opener's rebids show

A slamish hand with a void

A slamish hand with a singleton

A slamish hand with either a void or a singleton

A slamish hand with a second suit

Other

4 5 6

Explain _____

- What does this mean?
- Pass 1♥ Pass 3♦
 - Pass 1♥ Pass 3♥
 - Pass 1♥ Pass 4♥

3♥ is Slamish

Other

4♥ is Slamish

Sign off

Other

Explain _____

Game tries after a major raise

- LHO PART.
- 1♦ 2♠
 - 3♣

What kind of holding does 3♣ show? Check appropriate boxes.

A K Q 9

A Q 9 7

A 10 7 5

K J 5 2

K 7 6 5

Q 7 5 4

J 10 4 3

10 6 3 2

9 4 3 2

A singleton

Other

- For example:
- YOU PART.
- 1♦ 2♠
 - ?

- ♦ A J 9 7 6 3♣
- ♥ 2 3♦
- ♦ Q 8 6 3♥
- ♠ A K J 5 3♠
- 2NT

Explain _____

If you choose to make a game try, which would it be?

What kind of game tries do you play after a major raise?

- Short suit
- Long suit
- Help suit
- Other

Explain _____

TWO BIDS

After a strong Two Club opening

Is 2♦

- Game Force
Other

Explain _____

What does partner need to respond

2♥ or 2♦

Explain _____

3♠ or 3♦

Explain _____

2NT

- Does not exist
Balanced _____ to _____ HCP
Other

Explain _____

3NT

- Does not exist
Balanced _____ to _____ HCP
Other

Explain _____

After 2♦ 2♦

2♥ ?

What is responder's second negative?

- Two spades
Two notrump
Three clubs
None

After 2♠ 2♦

3♦ ?

Do you have a second negative?

- Yes
No

Explain _____

If an opponent overcalls, what does double mean?

2♦ 2♠ Dbl

Explain _____

- Dbl = Penalty
Negative
Positive
Other

If an opponent overcalls, do partner's bids mean the same as if there were no overcall?

- The same
Same values, but the suit may be shaded
Less values
More values
Other

Explain _____

♦ K 8 4

♥ 9 7

♦ K 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6 3

PART. RHO YOU
2♠ Pass ?

- Two diamonds
Three clubs
Other

Explain _____

♦ K 8 4

♥ 9 7

♦ K 5 3

♦ Q 10 9 6 3

PART. RHO YOU
2♠ 2♥ ?

- Pass
Double
Three clubs
Other

Explain _____

If you play Flannery

- 2 ♠ Pass 2NT Game Forcing
 Forcing to 3♥ or 3♠
 Other

- ♠ KQ72 YOU
 ♥ A Q J 8 5 2 ♠ Pass 2NT Pass
 ♦ Q 8 7
 ♣ 2

Opener rebids —

- 3 ♦ showing
 three
 3 ♠ showing
 a singleton
 Forcing
 Invitational
 Other
 Forcing
 Invitational
 Other

- 2 ♦ Pass 3♥ or 3♠

- Forcing
 Invitational
 Sign off
 Other

- 2 ♦ Pass 3♠

- Forcing
 Invitational
 Sign off
 Other

Do you have any special treatment regarding Flannery such as:

- Can you have a void?
 Can you have 4 spades + 6 hearts?

Explain _____

If you play weak two bids

- What is your range?
 Not vulnerable _____ to _____ to _____ to _____
 Vulnerable _____ to _____ to _____ to _____

In first or second seat

What is your worst suit?

Explain _____

Can you have a void?

- Yes
 Unlikely
 No

Can you have a side four card major?

- Yes
 Unlikely
 No

Can you have two aces?

- Yes
 Unlikely
 No

Would you describe your weak twos as

- Classical
 You like to mix it up a little
 You like to push the opponents around
 Anything goes

In third seat

Can you have a five card suit?

- Yes
 Likely
 Unlikely
 No

How do your third seat weak twos compare to your first seat two bids?

- Same
 A bit more aggressive
 A lot more aggressive
 aggressive

In fourth seat
Your weak twos are

Solid ten to
twelve point
hand with
good six
card suit
Other

Explain _____

If you play O just, are you sure
you know the responses?

Yes
No

YOU LHO PART. RHO

2♦ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ * Pass 3♠ Pass

Can opener bid
again?

Yes
No

* Feature with extra values

After 2♦ by you and 2NT by partner what do the following
mean?

3♠ Outside feature
Other

Explain _____

3♦ Outside feature
Other

Explain _____

3♥ Outside feature
Other

Explain _____

3♠ Minimum with no
outside feature
Other

Explain _____

3NT Solid suit
Other

Explain _____

DOUBLES

If you play negative doubles

1♠ 1♥ Dbl Double shows

Three spades
Four spades

1♠ 1♦ Dbl

Double promises four
cards in both majors

Yes
No

1♠ 1♠ Dbl

Does double also promise diamond support?

Yes
No

Explain _____

What would you do with each of
these hands?

PART. RHO YOU
1♠ 1♥ ?

Pass
Dbl
Other

Explain _____

One spade
Dbl
Other

Explain _____

Pass
Dbl
One spade
Other

Explain _____

One spade
Two diamonds
Two hearts
Dbl
Other

Explain _____

♦ J865
♥ A2
♦ AKJ93
♦ Q10

PART. RHO YOU
 1♠ 1♠ ?

What would you do with each of these hands?

♠ K 8 7
 ♠ Q 10 8 3
 ♠ 4 2
 ♠ K 7 5 3

- INT
- Dbl
- 2 clubs
- Pass
- Other

Explain

♠ J 9 7
 ♠ Q J 9 6 5
 ♠ K 4 2
 ♠ Q 3

- Pass
- 2 hearts
- Dbl
- Other

Explain

♠ 8 6 2
 ♠ A Q 5
 ♠ Q 10 8 6 4
 ♠ J 3

- Dbl
- 2 diamonds
- Pass
- Other

Explain

♠ K 5
 ♠ A K 10 6 4
 ♠ A 10 7 3 2
 ♠ 9

- Dbl
- 2 hearts
- 2 diamonds
- 2 spades
- Other

Explain

If you play responsive doubles

Do you play them after partner makes a takeout double? Yes No

Do you play them after partner overcalls? Yes No

Do you play them if partner makes a weak jump overcall? Yes No

Do you play them after three-suited auctions? For example:

LHO PART. RHO YOU
 1♠ 1♦ 1♠ 1♠ ?

Is a double by you responsive? Yes No

If you play Maximal game try doubles

Do you use them only when the opponents have a fit, or all the time?

For example:

- 1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♥ They have a fit. Responsive Penalty
- 1♠ Dbl 2♠ 3♥ They have a fit. Responsive Penalty
- 1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♥ No fit. Responsive Penalty

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

When you overcall 1NT

What is your range?

_____ to _____

When you overcall 1NT, what is your response structure? (Do you play 2♣ or a cue bid as Stayman? Do you play transfers?)

Explain _____

1♠ Pass 1♥ 1NT

1NT is

A strong NT
Unusual

When you overcall

How aggressive are you at the one level? Does the vulnerability make any difference?

Explain _____

How aggressive are you at the two level? Does the vulnerability make any difference?

Explain _____

Can you ever have a four card suit?

Explain _____

Is a new suit by responder ever forcing?

Explain _____

A jump shift after an overcall is

1♠ 1♥ Pass 2♣

or

1♠ 1♥ Pass 3♦

Forcing
Invitational
Pre-emptive
Depends on the opponents' bidding
Other

Explain _____

What does a cue bid mean in response to an overcall?

1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♦

Explain _____

What does a jump cue bid mean?

1♠ 1♥ Pass 3♣

Explain _____

1♥ 2♣ Pass 3♥

Explain _____

If you use weak jump overcalls

How pushy do you get?

Give examples of the best and worst hands you might have.

RHO YOU

1♠ 2♣

You are _____ The best hand you can have. _____ The worst hand you can have.

Vul. vs. Vul.

--	--

Vul. vs. Not Vul.

--	--

No One Vul.

--	--

Not Vul. vs Vul.

--	--

RHO YOU
1♠ 3♠

You are

The best hand
you can have.

The worst hand
you can have.

Vul. vs Vul.

Vul. vs. Not Vul.

Not Vul. vs. Vul.

No One Vul.

Can you have a five card suit?

- Frequently
- Seldom
- No

What is your system
of responses?

- New suit forcing
- Lead directing
- Non forcing
- Other

Explain _____

RHO YOU LHO PART.
1♠ 2♠ Pass 2NT

2 NT is

Explain _____

After an opponent's takeout double

What does a jump shift to the
two level look like?
1♠ Dbl 2♠

- Preemptive
- Like a weak two
- Forcing
- Other

Explain _____

What does a jump shift to the
three level look like?
1♠ Dbl 3♠

- Preemptive
- Like a weak two
- Forcing
- Other

Explain _____

If 2NT is a limit raise, does it show three or
four trump?

- Three
- Four

Do you use the 2NT limit raise
the same way in the minors as in
the majors?

- Yes
- No
- Don't use
- Other

Explain _____

AFTER THE OPONENTS OPEN

When the opponents open a weak two

A 2NT overcall is

- 12 to 15
 15 to 19
 Unusual
 Other

Explain _____

What is your response structure?

Explain _____

A cue bid is

- The majors if the opening bid was 2 \diamond
 Unusual if the opening bid was 2 \heartsuit or 2 \spadesuit
 Asking for a stopper for 3NT
 High-low cue bid
 A huge two-suited hand
 A huge three-suited hand
 Other

Explain _____

When the opponents open with a three bid

A cue bid is

- The majors if the opening bid was 3 \spadesuit or 3 \diamond
 The minors if the opening bid was 3 \heartsuit or 3 \clubsuit
 A huge unspecified two suiter
 Other

Explain _____

What is your response structure if partner overcalls with a 3NT bid?

Explain _____

When the opponents open 4 \spadesuit , 4 \heartsuit , or 4 \heartsuit

Is double takeout?

- Yes
 No

When the opponents open 4 \spadesuit

Is double takeout or business?

- Penalty
 Takeout
 Minors
 Three suits
 An unknown two suiter
 Other

Explain _____

What is 4NT?

If you play Michaels or the unusual notrump

Do you show

- Any point range
- Either 9 to 12 or 16+
- Other

Explain _____

Over one club, do you bid Michaels on any of these hands? Both Vulnerable.

1♠ ?

- ♠ K10865 Yes Yes
- ♥ QJ842 No No
- ♦ K3 No
- ♣ 7

- ♠ AJ1087 Yes Yes
- ♥ KQ1095 No No
- ♦ 3
- ♣ K8

- ♠ AKJ72 Yes Yes
- ♥ AQ1095 No No
- ♦ K5
- ♣ J

- ♠ KQ975 Yes Yes
- ♥ AQJ2 No No
- ♦ 8
- ♣ 975

- ♠ AQJ2 Yes Yes
- ♥ KQ975 No No
- ♦ 3
- ♣ 864

Over one spade, would you bid any unusual 2NT with any of these? No one vulnerable. Both vulnerable.

- ♠ 2 Yes Yes
- ♥ 85 No No
- ♦ K10875
- ♠ A10742

- ♠ K3 Yes Yes
- ♥ 2 No No
- ♦ AJ987
- ♠ KQ1074

- ♠ AQ Yes Yes
- ♥ 2 No No
- ♦ KQJ97
- ♠ AQ1064

- ♠ J54 Yes Yes
- ♥ 8 No No
- ♦ AQ108
- ♠ KQ1064

Do you have any agreements on Michaels or unusual notrump? Explain _____

If the opponents bid two suits, what does a cue bid mean?

1♠ Pass 1♦ 2♠ Natural

1♠ Pass 1♦ 2♠ Takeout

1♠ Pass 1♦ 2♠ Other

Explain _____

- Natural
- Takeout
- Other

YOUR BIDDING STYLE

In general, are your opening bids

- Aggressive
 Normal
 Ultra sound

How many balanced twelve counts do you open?

- 100% N.V.
 75%
 50%
 Other

In first seat, would you open these hands?

- | | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ♠ K 8 7 6 5 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Not <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ A 6 2 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Not <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ A J 9 7 4 | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Vul. <input type="checkbox"/> | ♥ 6 5 4 | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Vul. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♦ Q 9 | | | ♦ 9 5 3 2 | | |
| ♣ 5 | | | ♣ A K 8 | | |
| ♠ 8 4 2 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Not <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ K 10 8 5 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Not <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ K Q | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Vul. <input type="checkbox"/> | ♥ A J 5 4 | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Vul. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♦ Q J 2 | | | ♦ 8 6 3 | | |
| ♣ K Q 6 3 2 | | | ♣ A J | | |
| ♠ A Q 2 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Not <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ A 10 8 2 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Not <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ K J 5 | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Vul. <input type="checkbox"/> | ♥ K J 5 3 | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Vul. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♦ 10 9 4 | | | ♦ 4 | | |
| ♣ Q 10 9 7 | | | ♣ K 9 7 4 | | |

Are you apt to psyche in third seat?

- Yes
 No

If yes, what would it look like?

Do you use the principle of fast or slow arrival?

- 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 3 ♠
 2 ♦ Pass ? 4 ♣

Reason _____

Would you raise partner's one level response with three trump or do you require four?

- Three
 Four
 Yes
 No

Do you raise with three trump in competition?

After the given sequence, would you raise with the example hand?

No competition

In competition

- | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| YOU | PART. | YOU | PART. |
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass |
| ? | Pass | 1 ♦ | Pass |
| ♠ 8 2 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ 8 2 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ K J 7 | Other _____ | ♥ K J 7 | Other _____ |
| ♦ A Q J 8 6 | | ♦ A Q J 8 6 | |
| ♣ K 9 5 | | ♣ K 9 5 | |
| ♠ 7 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ 7 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ J 9 5 | Other _____ | ♥ J 9 5 | Other _____ |
| ♦ K Q 10 8 7 | | ♦ K Q 10 8 7 | |
| ♠ A Q 7 5 | | ♠ A Q 7 5 | |
| ♠ 8 6 4 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ 8 6 4 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ A Q 2 | Other _____ | ♥ A Q 2 | Other _____ |
| ♦ A K J 3 | | ♦ A K J 3 | |
| ♣ 9 5 2 | | ♣ 9 5 2 | |
| ♠ A 9 4 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ A 9 4 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ K J 8 | Other _____ | ♥ K J 8 | Other _____ |
| ♦ J 8 6 5 | | ♦ J 8 6 5 | |
| ♣ K Q 2 | | ♣ K Q 2 | |
| ♠ K 9 7 5 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> | ♠ K 9 7 5 | 2 ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ♥ A J 4 | Other _____ | ♥ A J 4 | Other _____ |
| ♦ K Q 7 5 | | ♦ K Q 7 5 | |
| ♣ 9 2 | | ♣ 9 2 | |

Secondary jumps

How do you play secondary jumps?

- Forcing
- Invitational
- Depends on the sequence

Identify these sequences.

- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1♠ Pass 3♣ Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1♠ Pass 3♥ Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1♠ Pass 3♣ Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1♠ Pass 2NT Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♦ Pass Forcing
- 1♠ Pass 3♣ Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1NT Pass 3♣ Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1NT Pass Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Forcing
- 1NT Pass 3♥ Invitational
- 1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass Forcing
- 1NT Pass 3♦ Invitational
- 1NT Pass Weak

If you play fourth suit forcing

- 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass Is 2♦
- 1♠ Pass 2♦

- Game forcing
- Forcing to 2NT
- One round force only
- Other

Explain _____

Reverses

- 1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass Is 2♥
- 2♥

- Game forcing
- One round force only
- Other

Explain _____

- 1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass Explain 2♥ _____
- 2♦ Pass ? 2♠ _____

- 2NT _____
- 3♣ _____
- 3♦ _____
- 3NT _____

Do you have any general rules concerning reverses?

BALANCING

Partner opens, RHO overcalls

What does a cue bid mean?

- 1♥ 2♣ 3♣ 3♠ is
- Game forcing raise
 - Limit raise
 - Looking for NT
 - Other

Explain _____

- 1♠ 1♥ 2♥ 2♥ is
- Game forcing raise
 - Limit raise
 - Looking for NT
 - Other

Explain _____

What does a jump cue bid mean?

- 1♣ 1♥ 3♥ 3♥ is
- Forcing club raise with a stiff heart
 - Asking bid
 - Other

Explain _____

- 1♥ 2♦ 4♦ 4♦ is
- Forcing heart raise with a stiff diamond
 - Forcing heart raise with a diamond void
 - Forcing heart raise with either a stiff or a void in diamonds
 - Other

Explain _____

- 1♠ Pass Pass 1NT 1NT = _____ to _____
- 1♥ Pass Pass 1NT 1NT = _____ to _____
- 1♦ Pass Pass 1NT 1NT = _____ to _____
- 1♣ Pass Pass 1NT 1NT = _____ to _____

Do you promise a stopper in opener's suit?

- Yes
- No

Explain _____

What is your response structure over a balancing 1NT bid?

- 1♥ Pass Pass 2NT 2NT is 19 to 21 balanced points with a heart stopper
- Unusual
- Other

Explain _____

- 1♠ Pass Pass 2NT 2NT is 19 to 21 balanced points with a club stopper
- Unusual (lower two suits)
- Other

Explain _____

- 1♣ Pass Pass 2♣ 2♣ is Michaels
- Strong one suiter
- Strong two suiter
- Any strong hand
- Asking for a club stopper
- Other

Explain _____

JUMP SHIFTS

If you play strong jump shifts

Do you always require 19 or more points?

Yes
No

What is the least you could have for a jump shift?

Explain _____

After 1♣ from partner, would you jump shift with

1♣ Pass ?

Do you have any system agreements?

♠ A Q J 8 7 Yes
♥ — No Explain _____

♦ 8 6 5
♣ K 9 6 4 2

♠ A Q 10 6 3 2 Yes
♥ A K 7 No Explain _____

♦ 6 4
♠ A Q

♠ A K Q 10 8 6 4 2 Yes
♥ K 3 No Explain _____

♦ 8 5
♦ 3

♠ A K Q J 8 6 3 2 Yes
♥ A 3 No Explain _____

♦ K 5
♦ 4

♠ K Q J 7 6 5 Yes
♥ A Q 2 No Explain _____

♦ A J
♦ Q 4

♠ A Q J 6 4 2 Yes
♥ A K J 8 5 No Explain _____

♦ K 2
♦ —

LHO 1♥ Pass Pass 2♥ = _____

RHO 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass Dbl = Takeout Penalty

LHO

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass Dbl = Takeout Penalty

LHO

1NT Pass 1♥ Pass 2♥ = Natural Takeout over dead notrump

LHO

1♠ Pass Pass 2♣ = 2♣ = Strong Intermediate Weak

RHO

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass Dbl = Penalty Takeout

2♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

Pass Dbl

If 1NT = 15 to 17,

Double = _____ to _____

If 1NT = 12 to 14,

Double = _____ to _____

ODD DOUBLES

RHO

1♥ Pass 1♥ Pass Dbl = Takeout Penalty

2♥ Dbl

RHO 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass Dbl = Takeout Penalty

2♥ Dbl

When the passer is over the spade bidder, does his pass mean

We're going to beat 1♥
I don't know what to do

DEFENDING AGAINST VARIOUS CONVENTIONS

- ♠ A K J 4 2
- ♥ 3
- ♦ K 4 3
- ♣ K J 4 3

Yes
No

Explain _____

If you are a passed hand

A jump shift shows

- A maximum original
- Pass
- A good suit with a fit for partner
- A good suit with a fit for partner and a singleton
- A singleton plus trump support
- A long suit and a weak hand
- Other

Explain _____

Against 1♠ forcing

Do you use

- Double shows the majors
- 1NT shows the minors
- Other

Explain _____

After

1♠ Pass 1♦ (negative) ?

- Double shows the majors
- 1NT shows the minors
- Other

Explain _____

After

1♠ Pass 1♥ (natural) ?

- Double is takeout with shortness in hearts
- Other

Explain _____

If you pass first and bid later, you are showing

- A very good hand
- Just being a nuisance

1♠ Pass 1♦ Pass
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠

Against 2♣ forcing

Double shows

- Clubs only
- Other

Explain _____

If you overcall, do you have a decent suit or are you trying to be obstructive? Decent suit Obstructive

Not Vulnerable vs. Vulnerable

2♣ ?

♠ K Q J 8 7 2♣

♥ 4 2 Pass

♦ K 7 5 Other

♣ 8 6 2

♠ K 10 9 7 5 2 2♣

♥ — 3♦

♦ J 7 6 4 Pass

♠ 8 5 3 Other

If they open Flannery

There are a variety of defenses you can use against Flannery. One possible defense is this:

2♦ ?

Double = Minors

2♥ = Takeout double

2♣ = Natural

2NT = 15 to 19 balanced with the majors stopped.

3♣ or 3♦ = Natural

Do you use As above
 Nothing
 Other

Explain _____

If they use Drury

Pass Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣* Dbl

*Drury

Double = Clubs
 Takeout double of spades
 Other

Explain _____

If they use Landy

1NT 2♣ ?

Double shows Clubs

Scattered high cards

2♥ or 2♠ shows Natural

A stopper with values for a raise to 2NT (or more)

Other

3♥ or 3♠ are Natural

A singleton with a good hand

Other

Explain _____

If they use Michaels

1♣ 2♣ ?

Double = Clubs

Scattered values

Forcing

Not forcing

2♥ or 2♠ Natural

A stopper with values for 2NT (or more)

Other

Explain _____

3♥ or 3♠ Natural

Club raise with a singleton

Other

Explain _____

SLAM BIDDING

If they use the unusual notrump

There are a number of things you can do. One of them is called "Unusual vs Unusual." It has many variations. Here is one variation; there are half a dozen more.

PARTNER RHO
1 ♠ or 1 ♠ 2NT ?

- 3 ♠ = A limit raise
- 3 ♠ = Forcing in the unbid major
- 3 of partner's suit is a raise with 7 to 9 points.
- 3 of the other major is natural and nonforcing. It shows about ten points.
- 3NT is a balanced game forcing raise.
- 4 ♠, 4 ♠ are singletons with support for partner and game values.
- Double is a fair hand hoping to penalize the opponents.

Do you use unusual vs unusual?

- Yes
- No
- Other

Explain _____

If you play the grand slam force (GSF)

1 ♠ 3 ♠
5NT

- Bid seven with two of the top three honors
- Other

Explain _____

When do you use Gerber?

Explain _____

What variety of Blackwood do you use?

- Normal
- Key Card
- Roman Key Card
- Other

Explain _____

What are your responses to Blackwood if you have a void suit?

Explain _____

Are you required to show your void, or can you exercise judgment? Must show Judgment

OPENING LEADS

OTHER POINTS TO DISCUSS

When you lead from 3 small cards (852) what do you tend to lead in the following situations?

	High (8)	Middle (5)	Low (2)
vs. NT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unbid suit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner bid suit, you raised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner bid suit, you didn't raise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You LHO has bid the suit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

vs. a suit contract

Unbid suit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner bid suit, you raised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner bid suit, you didn't raise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You LHO has bid the suit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When you lead from 4 or 5 small cards what do you tend to lead?

vs. NT _____

vs. a suit contract _____

If you lead a low card on opening lead do you tend to promise an honor? Yes No

Explain _____

If yes, does a 10 count as an honor? Yes No

How often do you underlead aces on opening lead vs. a suit contract? Frequently Occasionally Never