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| 8-17HCP |
| Aggressive at 1-level; Constructive at 2-level; Weak and Intermediate jumps; Michaels |
| Unassuming Cuebids - |
| Reopening: Natural, 4+ card suit |
| 1 NT response - 10-12 |
| 2NT response 13-14 |
| INT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening) |
| 15-18 h.c.p.s. System on. |
| Protective: 10-15 h.c.p.s. NV System on, VUL 15 17 |
| Reopening: 10/11 h.c.p.s. System on. |
| OVER 1M 14-16, 1m 15/16 vul 10-14 nv |
| JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT) |
| Suits - Weak - Intermediate when non-vulnerable, Intermediate when vulnerable; 4 th seat 12+ 6 card suit |
| MICHAELS |
| 2NT only forcing response to all |
| DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen) |
| Direct Cue = michaels |
| Jump Cuebid is stopper-asking for NT |
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| VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening: P11) |
| X of Strong major and longer m. long m. 18/19 with M |
| 2♣ = ♠ & ♠ |
| 2♦ = SINGLE SUIT MAJOR |
| 2♥ = ♥ & a minor |
| 2♠ = ♠ & a minor |
| Reopening/Passed Hand: X = Same Convention Applies |
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| VS PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids) |
| Double = takeout; cue of minor at 4-level = 5/5 Majors |
| Over 3 non leaping Michaels |
| : Leaping Michaels: 3NT to play |
| Weak 2 non leaping Michaels |
| VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣ |
| Vs 1♣ - X = takeout: 1♠/♥/♦ = natural: 1NT = higher Major + higher minor, or, lower Major + lower minor; 2♣ = black suits; 2♠ = red suits; 2♥/♦ = weak, 6-card suit |
| OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE |
| one round: 2x = natural, -forcing; 2NT = Jacoby 1h dbl 2d = transfer |

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| | Lead | In Partner's Suit | |
| Suit | 3 rd /5, Hi-lo (doubleton) | Low from 3/4 to an honour | |
| NT | 4 th , MUD (from 3 or 4) | 3/4, MUD, Hi-lo | |
| Subseq. | Original Count | | |
| Other: | v NT High card lead discourages, coded 9 and 10 | | |
| LEADS | | | |
| Lead | Vs Suit | Vs NT | |
| Ace | Asks for reverse attitude | Asks for reverse attitude | |
| King | Asks for count | Asks for count or unblock | |
| Queen | Asks for reverse attitude | Reverse attitude | |
| 10 | kJ10 -10x | AJTx+: KJTx+: JTx+: Jx | |
| J | Jx, J10 9 x- | As vs Suit | |
| 9 | CODED 9 AND 10 | As vs Suit | |
| Hi-X | xXxx, or Xx | xXxx, Xxx | |
| Lo-X | MUD: Hxx; Hxxx | MUD: Hxx; Hxxx | |
| SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY | | | |
| | Partner's Lead | Declarer's Lead | Discarding |
| Suit: 1st | Rev Attitude | Count | Low encouraging |
| 2nd | Low enc | Count | Count |
| 3rd | do. | UDCA | Count |
| NT: 1st | Same as Suit | Same as Suit | Same as Suit |
| 2nd | | | |
| 3rd | | | |
| Signals (including Trumps): | | | |
| Low enc | | | |
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| TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening) | | | |
| Neg Double Up to, and including, 4♥: shape-showing; jump/cue bid = strong hand | | | |
| Reopening = 9+ h.c.p.s | | | |
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| SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS | | | |
| Support doubles up to 2♣: Game-try: Lightener against 3NT or slam | | | |
| Support redouble up to 2♠. | | | |

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| CATEGORY: 17/09/2025 |
| NCBO: |
| PLAYERS: KATHLEEN VAUGHAN |
| MARIA WHELAN |
| SYSTEM SUMMARY |
| GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE: |
| Natural |
| 5-card Majors |
| INT Opening - 15-17 h.c.p.s. May contain singleton |
| 2/1 GF |
| INT Response 6-11 HCP semi-forcing |
| Transfers Over 1♣ Opening |
| Standard puppet on over big 2NT or overall of 2NT showing 16/18 |
| SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE |
| 2♦ Multi |
| 2♥ both Majors weak |
| 2♠ Spades & Minor |
| Michaels |
| Smolen |
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| SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES |
| where we own the hand at game level |
| IMPORTANT NOTES |
| PSYCHS: Very Rare |

| OPENING | TICK IF ARTIFICIAL | MIN. NO. OF CARDS | NEG.DBL THRU | DESCRIPTION | RESPONSES | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION | COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING |
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| 1♣ 1♦ | | 1 4 | 4♥ 4♠ | 11+ h.c.p.s 1♣ May be as short as 1 | Transfers Over 1♣ Only System on over X or 1♦/♥: 3NT to play; | 4 th suit forcing to Game; | |
| 1♥ 1♠ | | 5 5 | 4♥ 4♠ | 11+ h.c.p.s | Natural: 1 nt SF 3c = 10/11 3card – 3d 10/11 4 card support 2-level response non forcing: ∴ 2NT (12+ h.c.p.s and 4 card support); delayed Splinters: R.K.C.B. [10] Staymanic [8]: 4 suit Transfers, with super-acceptance [9]: Smolen [3]: Quantitative: 3♦/♥ [6] | Natural: 4 th suit forcing to Game; delayed Splinters; cuebids: R.K.C.B. [10] | Two Way Reverse Drury [7] 3 rd & 4 th Seat |
| INT | | | 4♥ | 15-17 h.c.p.s may contain singleton | 2♦ = Relay & Partner will pass with a weak 2 in diamonds If you don't want P to pass bid something else | Kokish replies | |
| 2♣ | ✓ | | 4♥ | 23+ h.c.p.s; or, Game Force or 8 Playing tricks in any suit & 16+ HCP or weak 2♦ | | | |
| 2♦ | ✓ | 4/4 | 4♥ | 6-10 HCP & 6 Card M or 20-22HCP with or Ace of 2 in any suit with less than 16 HCP | 2♥ 0-14 2♠ interest in ♥ game 2NT forcing enquiry 14+ | Transfers after the Enquiry. | |
| 2♥ | ✓ | 6 | 4♥ | 6-11 h.c.p.s and 4-4 5-4 4-5 5-5 in Majors | Pass or correct or 2NT forcing enquiry | | |
| 2♠ | ✓ | 6 | 4♥ | 6-11 h.c.p.s and Spades & Minor 5-5 | 2NT forcing enquiry | | |
| 2NT | | | 4♥ | Both minors | | | |
| 3♣3♦ 3♥ | | 7 | 4♥ | Pre-empt: 1 st and 2 nd seat | New suit forcing: 3NT to play: Minor Suit Keycard [10] | | |
| 3♠ | | | | Pre empt | | | |
| 3NT | ✓ | | | Gambling 3NT without outside stop | | | |
| 4♣ | ✓ | 7 | | ♥ pre-empt, 3 KC | Suit bid shows Slam interest with that A [11]: 4♥ to play: R.K.C.B. [10] | | |
| 4♦ | ✓ | 7 | | ♠ pre-empt, 3 KC | Suit bid shows Slam interest with that A [11]: 4♠ to play: R.K.C.B. [10] | | |
| 4♥ | | 7 | | Pre-empt, less than 3 KC [12] | R.K.C.B. [10] | | |
| 4♠ | | 7 | | Pre-empt, less than 3 KC [12] | R.K.C.B. [10] | | |
| 4NT | ✓ | | | Asking for specific Aces | 5♣ = 0; 5♦ = ♦ A; 5♥ = ♥ A; 5♠ = ♠ A; 5NT = 2; 6♣ = ♣ A | | |
| 5♣ | | 8 | | Pre-empt | HIGH LEVEL BIDDING | | |
| 5♦ | | 8 | | Pre-empt | | | |
| 5♥ | | 6 | | Bid 6 with top honour | | | |
| 5♠ | | 6 | | Bid 6 with top honour | | | |