

C & J GIBBONS

STRONG CLUB SYSTEM

NOTE 1

1 ♣ OPENING 15+ ANY DISTRIBUTION
1 ♣ -

1 ♦	0-9	ANY DISTRIBUTION
1 ♥	10+	5+♥
1 ♠	10+	5+♠
1NT	10+	BAL DISTRIBUTION
2 ♣	10+	5+♣
2 ♦	10+	5+♦
2 ♥	10+	4-1-4-4
2 ♠	10+	1-4-4-4
3 ♣	10+	4-4-4-1
3 ♦	10+	4-4-1-4

1 ♣-1 ♦
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1 ♥	19+	ANY DIST—RESPONSES	→	1 ♠	0-5	ANY DIST
1 ♠	15-18	5+♠		1NT	6-9	BAL
1NT	18-19	BAL		2 ♣	6-9	5+♣
2 ♣	15-18	5+♣		2 ♦	6-9	5+♦
2 ♦	15-18	5+♦		2 ♥	6-9	5+♥
2 ♥	15-18	5+♥		2 ♠	6-9	5+♠
2 ♠	15-18	1-4-4-4		3 ♣	6-9	4-4-4-1
3 ♣	15-18	4-4-4-1		3 ♦	6-9	4-4-1-4
3 ♦	15-18	4-4-1-4		3 ♥	6-9	4-1-4-4
3 ♥	15-18	4-1-4-4		3 ♠	6-9	1-4-4-4

1 ♣-1 ♦
1 ♥-1 ♠
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1NT	20-22	BAL				
2 ♣	23+	ANY DIST—RESPONSES	→	2 ♦	0-1	ANY DIST
2 ♦	19-22	5+♦		2 ♥	2-4	5+♥
2 ♥	19-22	5+♥		2 ♠	2-4	5+♠
2 ♠	19-22	5+♠		2NT	2-4	BAL
3 ♣	19-22	5+♣		3 ♣	2-4	5+♣
3 ♥	19-22	4-1-4-4		3 ♦	2-4	5+♦
3 ♠	19-22	1-4-4-4		3 ♥	2-4	4-1-4-4
4 ♣	19-22	4-4-4-1		3 ♠	2-4	1-4-4-4
4 ♦	19-22	4-4-1-4		4 ♣	2-4	4-4-4-1
				4 ♦	2-4	4-4-1-4

1 ♣-1 ♦
1 ♥-1 ♠
2 ♣-2 ♦
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2 ♥	23-24	5+♥
2 ♠	23-24	5+♠
2NT	23-24	BAL DIST
3 ♣	23-24	5+♣
3 ♦	23-24	5+♦
3 ♥	25+	5+♥ - FORCING
3 ♠	25+	5+♠ - FORCING
3NT	25+	BAL - STAYMAN & TRANSFERS

NB BAL DIST FOR NT MAY INCLUDE 5 CARD MINOR

HANDLING INTERFERENCE OVER 1♣

1♣ - X - ?

PASS	0-3	1♥ = 23+	GAME FORCE
XX	4-6	1♥ = 21+	GAME FORCE
1♦	7-9	1♥ = 18+	GAME FORCE
1♥ ETC=NORMAL RESPONSES AS ABOVE			

IF OPP BID BEFORE OPENER CAN REBID 1♥ RELAY, X BECOME RELAY SHOWING BIGGER HAND

1♣ - 1♦ - ?

PASS	0-5	1♥ = 19+	1♠ RELAY ETC AS ABOVE
X	6-9	1♥ = 19+	GAME FORCE, THEN NATURAL BIDDING
1♥ ETC=NORMAL REPSONSES AS ABOVE			

1♣ - 1♥/♠/2♣/2♦ ETC - ?

BID OF SUIT	6-9 4+ MINOR, 5+ MAJOR
X	10+
1NT	10+ BAL, HOLD IN OPP SUIT
CUE BID	10+ SINGLETON OR VOID IN OPP SUIT

1♣ - 3♣/♦/♥/♠ - ?

BID OF SUIT AT 3 LEVEL	8+ PTS
X	8+ PTS

1♣ - (1) - 1♦ - (X)

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1♥	RELAY 19+ POINTS	1♠ 0-5 POINTS
XX	TAKEOUT	
BID	15-18 POINTS + SUIT	

NOTE 2

1♦ OPENING

5+♦, 10-14 PTS, NO 4 CARD MAJOR OR (3343 or 3244 or 2344) WITH 13 POINTS

1♦-?

1♥	5+PTS	5+♥	
1♠	5+PTS	5+♠	
1NT	8-10	BAL DIST	
2♣	10+	4+♣	
2♦	10+	ASKING FOR M A/K'S-----RESPONSES	2♥ =A OR K ♥ 2♠ =A OR K ♠ 2NT=HOLD BOTH ♥ & ♠ 3♦ = NO MAJOR HOLD
2♥/♠	10+	SLAM INTEREST IN DIAMONDS WITH FIRST ROUND CONTROL IN SUIT	
		BID	
2NT	11+	HOLDS IN ♥ & ♠	
3♦	5-9	3+ D	

NOTE 3

1♥ OPENING BID – 10-14 PTS, 4+♥, MAY HAVE LONGER MINOR

RESPONSES	1♠	5+	4+♠	
	1NT	8-10	BAL	
	2♣	10+	4+♣	
	2♦	10+	4+♦	
	2♥	5-9	3+♥	
	2♠	10-14	4+♥ & SINGLETON	2NT BY OPENER ASKS WHICH SINGLETON
				3♣ = SINGLETON ♣
				3♦ = SINGLETON ♦
				3♥ = SINGLETON ♥
	2NT	16+	4+♥, SLAM INTEREST, 5 LOSERS, OPENER CUE BIDS	
	3♣	15+	4+♥, GAME FORCE, 6 LOSER HAND	
	3♦	10-14	4+♥, INVITATIONAL	
	3♥	<10	4+♥, NON FORCING	
	4♥		TO PLAY. COULD BE WEAK OR STRONG.	

NOTE 4

1♠ OPENING BID 10-14 PTS, 4+♠, MAY HAVE LONGER MINOR

RESPONSES	1NT	8-10	BAL DIST	
	2♣	10+	4+♣	
	2♦	10+	4+♦	
	2♥	10+	5+♥	
	2♠	5-9	3+♠	
	2NT	10-14	4+♠ & SINGLETON	3♣ BY OPENER ASKS WHICH SINGLETON
				3♦ = SINGLETON ♦
				3♥ = SINGLETON ♥
				3♠ = SINGLETON ♠
	3♣	16+	4+♠, SLAM INTEREST, 5 LOSERS, OPENER CUE BIDS	
	3♦	15+	4+♠, GAME FORCE, 6 LOSER HAND	
	3♥	10-14	4+♠, INVITATIONAL	
	3♠	<10	4+♠, NON FORCING	
	4♠		TO PLAY, COULD BE WEAK OF STRONG	

NOTE 5 – 2C SEQUENCES

2♣	2♥	FORCING - SHOWING 5 CARD SUIT
2♠		MAXIMUM - ASKING FOR HOLD IN SPADES.
2NT		HOLD IN OTHER MAJOR, 2 CARD SUPPORT – MINIMUM.
3♣		NO HOLD IN THE OTHER MAJOR & LESS THAN 3 CARD SUPPORT - MINIMUM
3♦		SECOND SUIT - MAXIMUM
3♥		SUPPORT - MINIMUM
3NT		HOLD IN OTHER MAJOR, 2 CARD SUPPORT – MAXIMUM SUPPORT
4♥		SUPPORT - MAXIMUM

2♣	2♠	FORCING - SHOWING 5 CARD SUIT
2NT		HOLD IN OTHER MAJOR, 2 CARD SUPPORT - MINIMUM
3♣		NO HOLD IN THE OTHER MAJOR/ LESS THAN 3 CARD SUPPORT - MINIMUM
3♦		SECOND SUIT (10 -14 PTS) - FORCING
3♥		MAXIMUM - ASKING FOR HOLD IN HEARTS
3♠		SUPPORT - MINIMUM
3NT		HOLD IN OTHER MAJOR, 2 CARD SUPPORT – MAXIMUM SUPPORT
4♠		MAXIMUM
2♣	2♥	
3♣/3♦	3♥	6 CARD SUIT – FORCING
2♣	2♥	
2♠	3♥	FORCING - 6CARD SUIT - DOES NOT DENY OR SHOW HOLD IN SPADES
3♠		DENIES 2 CARD HEART SUIT
3NT		SHOWS HALF A HOLD IN SPADES - DENIES 2 HEARTS
2♣	3♥/3♠	6 CARD SUIT - INVITATIONAL
2♣	2♦	ASKING FOR MAJOR HOLDS
2♥		HEART HOLD
2♠		SPADE HOLD
2NT		BOTH HOLDS
3♣		NO MAJOR HOLDS - MAY HAVE DIAMOND SUIT IF MINIMUM
3♦		SECOND SUIT - NO MAJOR HOLDS - MAXIMUM
2♣	2♦	
2♥	2♠	ASKING FOR HALF A HOLD IN SPADES.
2♣	2♦	
2♠	3♥	ASKING FOR HALF A HOLD IN HEARTS.
2♣	2NT	INVITATIONAL
2♣	3♣	PASS

NOTE 6 – LEBENSOHL

OVER OUR 1 LEVEL OPENERS (NOT 1NT – SEE BELOW)

IF OPPOSITION INTERFERE AT THE 2 LEVEL OR WITH 1NT WE USE LEBENSOHL TYPE DEFENCE
RESPONDER NOW BIDS:

X	= NEGATIVE	10+ PTS
2 NEWSUIT	=5+ SUIT	5-9 PTS
2NT	=LEBENSOHL OPENER MUST REBID 3♣	
	3 SUIT NOT BIDDABLE AT 2 LEVEL=WEAK	
	3 SUIT BIDDABLE AT 2 LEVEL=INVITATIONAL	
3 NEW SUIT	=FORCING	

OVER OUR 1NT OPENER

IF OPPOSITION INTERFERE OVER OUR 1NT, RESPONDER NOW BIDS:

X = PENALTIES

2 SUIT = 5+ SUIT 0-8 PTS

3 SUIT = 5 + SUIT FORCING

CUE BID = STAYMAN WITH A HOLD IN OPPOSITION SUIT

2NT = LEBENSHOL OPENER MUST REBID 3♣

3 SUIT NOT BIDDABLE AT 2 LEVEL = WEAK

3 SUIT BIDDABLE AT 2 LEVEL = INVITATIONAL

CUE BID OF OPPOSITION SUIT = STAYMAN WITHOUT A HOLD

OVER OUR 2♥ OPENER

IF OPPOSITION INTERFERE OVER OUR 2♥ OPENER WITH 2♠, RESPONDER NOW BIDS:

X = PENALTIES

2NT = LEBENSOHL (INVITATIONAL HAND IN ♥ OR WEAK LONG MINOR)

3C = PASS OR CORRECT TO MINOR SUIT

3D = FORCING MINOR ENQUIRY

3♥ = NON-FORCING HEART SUPPORT