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**GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE**

5-card Majors

Flannery 2♣ (may be up to 18 HCP in 3rd and 4th positions)

Weak 2M

1-Level RESP may be very light (including 1NT/1M)

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**DESCRIPTION**

Longer minor in 15-19 BAL

**RESPONSES**

- 1NT = 5-8; 2NT = FG no M
- Now: 2♣ = ART INV, 2♥ = ART FG

**SUBSEQUENT AUCTION**

- Inverted Minor Raises
  - 1♠-1♣-2♠-2NT = ART
- Fit showing jumps (5-4+, 10+)

**PH & COMP BIDDING**

- PH: Fit showing jumps (5-4', 10')
- Artificial Min. # of Cards
NOTE 1: 1 ♠-2♥ 10-11 BAL w/4+ ♦️ or NAT, FG
1 ♠-2♥-2♣️: Waiting. Now 2NT = 10-11 BAL, any other bid shows that 2♥ = NAT, FG
1 ♠-2♥-3♣️: RESP must P with 10-11 BAL
1 ♠-2♥-(DBL): 2NT = BAL, 15+, positional ♠️ stopper; RDBL = BAL, 15+, non-positional ♠️ stopper; 3m = to play opposite 10-11 BAL; P = other hands
1 ♠-2♥-(BID): 2NT, 3NT = BAL, 15+; DBL = PEN opposite NAT FG; 3m = to play opposite 10-11 BAL; P = F (now DBL or 2NT/2♣️ = 10-11 BAL, others show that 2♥ was NAT, FG)

NOTE 2: REV DRURY FIT (off in COMP except P-1♥-(1♣️)-2♣️)
P-1♥-2♠️-2♦️ = ART, sound opening bid, not strong slam interest (RESP’s new suit = SPL)
P-1♥-2♠️-2♥️ = Would not accept a limit raise (weakest bid).

P-1♣️-2♣️-2♦️ = ART, some game interest, or mild S/T (2♥️ = ART, sound limit raise, other new suits = short suit)
P-1♣️-2♣️-2♥️ = ART, strong game interest, no slam interest
P-1♣️-2♣️-2♠️ = No game interest

P-1M-2♣️-3M = F, strong suit, suggests 3NT from responder’s side.
P-1M-2♣️-other bids above 2M are S/T. 2NT asks for SPL (usually BAL). Long suit S/T between 2M and 3M. Short suit S/T above 3M.

NOTE 3: REV DRURY FIT (COMPETITION)
P-1♥-2♠️-(DBL)-P = Minimum, 4 card suit
   RDBL = Some game interest or mild S/T
   2♦️ = ART, strong game interest
   2♥️ = Minimum, 5+ card suit
P-1♠️-2♠️-(DBL)- P = Minimum, 4 card suit
   2♠️ = Minimum, 5+ card suit

If 2♠️ is overcalled: Opener’s P NF; rebid of M competitive; DBL = MAX if suit overcalled is directly below M, otherwise PEN; new suit – G/T (need not be NAT).

NOTE 4: Forcing 1NT RESP to 1M in 1st & 2nd positions:
   NV, could respond with 0 HCP, especially at Favorable Vul or with a fit.
   VUL, the range is more like 5 to a bad 12, but might still be shaded, perhaps with a long suit.

NOTE 5: Response to 2NT Opening
   2NT-3♦️-3♥️-3♠️ = ms. After m is bid, continuations ask/show keycards
   2NT-4♦️,♥️ = TFR with slam interest. Now non-signoff asks/shows keycards
NOTE 6: If DBL of our 1NT opening is PEN:
RDBL forces 2♣. Used with 1-suiter to play 2♦, or 2♥, or to show Majors (2♦); rebids higher than 2♥ INV
2♣ = ♣ + another suit
2♦ = ♦s + a Major
2M = NAT

BY UNPASSED HAND ONLY:
2NT = ♠s (WK) or STR 2 or 3 suited hand with ♠s not one of the suits
3♠ = ♦s (WK) or STR 2 or 3 suited hand with ♦s not one of the suits
3♦ = ♣s (WK) or STR 3 suited hand short in a Major
3♥ = NAT, INV
3♣ = PRE

NOTE 7: RUBENSOHL after 1NT-(2M): Applies if 2M = 1-suited, or if it shows bid M+ unknown 2nd suit, and also after 1NT-(2m) if 2m promises a specific M with or without an unknown second suit. Also applies after our 1NT overcall unless 2 suits have been bid.
1NT-(2M)-2NT forces 3♠. RESP may intend to play in a lower ranking suit or rebid 3NT to show a stopper in M, or rebid 3M to show shortness in M without 4 of other M.
1NT-(2M)-3♠ = ♦s, INV+
1NT-(2M)-3♦ = OM, INV+
1NT-(2M)-3OM = ♦s, INV+

NOTE 8: Checkback after 2NT Rebid
1m-1M-2NT-3♠ = Checkback (shows 5M after 1♠ opening; after 1♦ opening, could be ♦ S/O, opener bids 3♦ without 3M)
1m-1M-2NT-3♦ = Support for ♠ (now 3♥ asking, 3♠ = 3-card support for M)
1x-1M-2NT-3M = To play
1♠-1♦-2NT-3♠ = Forces 3♦ (to play 3♦ or show a slam try with no major)

NOTE 9: 2NT RESPONSE TO OUR WEAK 2M
2M-2NT: 3♠ = Non-minimum. Now 3♦ asks shortness
3♦ = Weakest
3M = Minimum, with suit to 2 of top 3 honors
3OM = 64 (any 4)
2M-(DBL): 2NT → 3♠ (RESP may wish to play in lower ranking suit or INV in M)
3 of lower-ranking suit lead-directing (F)
Response by PH: 2NT asks shortness
3x = Fit, values in x.

NOTE 10: Responses to our 3 level PRE openings:
3♠-3♦ asks: 3♥ = bad suit; 3♠ = good suit (2/top 3 honors); 3NT = bad suit, side cards
3♦ or 3M-4♦ asks Keycards on PRE scale (0, 1, 1+trump Q, 2, 2+trump Q)
3M-4♦ slam try. 3♠-4♦-4♥ shows interest. Bids above 4M denial cue bids.
NOTE 11: After our 3NT opening (=4m PRE)

3NT-(DBL): P = to play; RDBL asks for suit; 4m = interest in competing in other m
3NT-4♣(P/C)-4♦-5♠ and 3NT-4♦(P/C)-5♣-5♦ to play

NOTE 12: 4m opening is NAMYATS: Solid or 1-loser suit. Does not create a force.

Responses:
4m-4NT: 2 keycards, no suit with 2 losers, 2♦ trumps
4m-5M: Same as 4NT, but 0 or 1 trump
4m-step suit above 4M: 2 keycards, and no control in suit bid
4m-step: 1 or 3 keycards. Now 4NT = 3 keycards, suit = 2 keycards + void in bid suit
4m-step-4M: Responder’s bids now are same as directly over 4m but show 3 keycards
If 4m is DBL’d: Bids mean the same (slightly sounder). P encouraging. RDBL creates F

NOTE 13: After our PEN DBL of WK NT:
(1NT)-DBL-(2M NAT)-2 = T/O of ♠s (F)
(1NT)-DBL-(2♣ NAT)-P-(P)-2 ♦ = T/O of ♠s (NF)
(1NT)-DBL-(P forcing RDBL or RDBL forcing 2♣)-2♣ = STAY
(1NT)-DBL-(2M NAT)- bids as in NOTE 7 above
(1NT)-DBL-(P)-2 ♦ ART, WK if we are NV

NOTE 14: DEFENSE VS STR NT (14+; also by PH) Not 3rd position NV 1NT (treat as weak)
DBL = usually 4-card Major and longer minor. Advancer’s 2♣ asks for m, 2♦ asks for M.
Other possible hands are:
19 ♠ BAL, shown by 2NT rebid
STR Major 1-suiter, shown by 2M over advancer’s 2♣ or 3M over advancer’s 3♦
In R/O can also be ♠ 1-suiter, shown by 2♦/2♣ or P over 2♦.
2♣ = ♠ + ♣. Advancer’s 2♦ asks for longer M (♣ with equal length)
2♦ = 1-suited ♠ or ♣. 2M, 3M; 2NT = G/T in either M
2M = 5M + 4♦. 2NT = asking, shows values; 3m = P/C
3M = WK NV, STR VUL

NOTE 15: After opponent’s overcall showing 2 known suits, neither of which was bid, P followed by DBL suggests 3 cards in suit DBL’d; DBL followed by DBL suggests 4 cards in suit DBL’d (P is not F), except NEG DBL after Unusual NT overcall

NOTE 16: SAVE DOUBLES AFTER PREEMPT
After we preempt in a minor and opponent bids 4♦, preemitter’s DBL shows 4 ♦s
After we raise a preempt, DBL of 3NT or 4M by preempter says “I want to save”

NOTE 17: 2-SUITED BIDS:
UNT and Michaels (ambiguous minor) after opponents’ 1-level opening bid. Wide range.
(1♣)-P-(2♠)-2NT = ♣ + minor
NOTE 18: OPENING LEADS

We may lead the 2nd highest from 4 small cards, but only to avoid wasting highest spot
(might lead 8 from T8xx but never from 98xx)