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- 218 We have moved to the Hotel Tropicana, North Pattaya.
Just one in the grand – 7♣ or 7NT is fairly easy.
Responding to RKC Blackwood with a void.
Truscott defence to strong 1♣ or 2♣ openings.
It's forcing in Standard American – part 1:- 1♠ - 1NT - 3♣
It's forcing in Standard American – part 2:- 1♠ - 2♣ - 3♠
Rescue partner's 1NT doubled with shape – with ♠5432 ♥10 ♦754 ♣109876 bid 2♣.
Do not double the opponents for penalties with just two trumps (even the AK).
The 3NT response to 1♥/♠ – it denies 4 cards in the other major.
- 219 The direct raise 1♥/♠ - 4♥/♠ two articles.
Don't double with flat hands – with ♠Q54 ♥KJ9 ♦J654 ♣AK10 pass RHO's 1♦ opening.
A Play problem - ♦Q109 opposite ♦A87654 in NoTrumps with ample entries.
It's take-out: 1♣ p 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ p p dbl – doubler is 5143 or similar.
Don't bid again having pre-empted – with ♠102 ♥KJ10984 ♦- ♣K9632 open 3♥, not 2♥.
4NT over partner's 2NT is quantitative – 1♣ - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2NT - 4NT.
Open 1♣ and raise partner's 1♥/♠ to game is a balanced 19 count.
The game try as a slam try – 1♦ - 1♠ - 2♠ - 2NT is a (forcing) game try that can be a slam try.
- 220 Don't double with flat hands – with ♠AJ98 ♥QJ6 ♦AQ107 ♣A7 do not double 1♥ - bid 1NT.
Don't double with flat hands – with ♠532 ♥Q6 ♦AK83 ♣A1082 do not double 1♥ - pass.
A Classic hold up. Holding ♥AQx with dummy on your left with ♥KJ987 duck ♥'s.
Multi Landy does it's Job – ♠KQ643 ♥K96 ♦KJ92 ♣8 is fine for 2♠ over RHO's 1NT.
Defence to Multi Landy. A complete defence to Multi Landy (and Cappelletti).
It's only worth an invite – ♠KJ6 ♥732 ♦AKQ ♣Q1043 is not worth 4♠ opposite 2♠.
A 3NT opener – ♠95 ♥A ♦K85 ♣AKQJ1086 is **far too good** for a Gambling 3NT.
- 221 Upstairs, downstairs – too hot, too cold ... comments about the new location.
About beginners – please be tolerant towards beginners and help them out if necessary.
Defence to Multi Landy. A pair got it totally wrong, bidding 4♠ when overcaller hand 5♠'s!
A high reverse is game forcing.
Defence to weak twos – Leaping Michaels finds the grand slam.
Terrible take-out doubles – with ♠K542 ♥AQ9543 ♦- ♣Q96 do not double 1♦ - bid 1♥.
Terrible take-out doubles – with ♠AJ8 ♥10764 ♦A763 ♣A5 do not double 1♥ - pass.
Terrible take-out doubles – with ♠108 ♥A74 ♦K105 ♣KQ653 do not double 1♣ - pass.
Terrible take-out doubles – with ♠94 ♥J9 ♦KQ7 ♣AQ7632 do not double 1♥ - bid 2♣.
- 222 The Tropicana is luvly – a different opinion of our venue.
Rudeness will not be tolerated – Emil is thrown out of the club
A balanced 20 count when RHO opens.
Beware of mis-fits – and don't play them in NoTrumps.
Opening 1NT way out of range is not allowed – 13 points is not acceptable for a strong NT.
- 223 DOPI prevents dopy slams.
Cross-ruff or set up a long suit?
Opening leads.
Misfits – three examples of people mis-bidding with a mis-fit.
Don't double for penalties with a trump void.
It's take out – when the opponents bid and support a suit at the two level.
Opening 1NT with a singleton is not allowed.
- 224 Does a reverse after a two-level response show extra values?
A nice unblock (discarding an ace and king).
When partner doubles ♠'s, bid a 4 card ♥ suit in preference to a 5 card minor.

- The worst lead I have ever seen.
 Bid out your shape – what does the sequence 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠ - 3♦ mean?
 Nothing complicated – two cases of a natural NoTrump bid being misinterpreted.
 Don't double a weak 1NT with ♠J ♥Q53 ♦QJ542 ♣AK63 – pass!
 The automatic re-opening double.
 2♦ overcall of 1♣ as Multi 2♦?
- 225 Be wary when the opponents play negative doubles.
 Defending against a 1NT opening – 5 examples of mix-ups during the bidding.
 Jump overcalls are weak, ♠A73 ♥A3 ♦AKQ764 ♣Q4 is far too good for 3♦ over 1♠
 When partner redoubles – then pass with a sound opener.
 Respond in the four card major or the 5 card minor (at the two level)?
 Obey the Law – with ♠KJ964 ♥65 ♦9 ♣97432 bid 4♠ when partner overcalls 1♦ with 1♠.
 A bidding mix-up – DOPI and ROPI
 A bidding mix-up – with ♠J ♥AK876543 ♦Q52 ♣Q open 4♥.
 Doubling in the pass-out seat.
- 226 Problems, problems, problems. Various controversies including score adjustment.
 Passed out in 1♥. With ♠AKJ2 ♥AK7532 ♦QJ ♣Q open a Benjamin 2♣.
 A silly double? After 2NT pass 3♣, double with ♠82 ♥965 ♦1065 ♣AQJ32.
 Safety plays – concede a trick to ensure the contract.
 Beware of misfits. ♠J2 ♥9 ♦K10975 ♣AQJ94 is a poor hand after partner bids 1♠ then 2♥.
 Way too high. The sequence 1♣ p 1♥ 2♦ 2NT shows a big hand.
- 227 The Unassuming Cue Bid – stay low if partner has a minimal overcall.
 A new suit at the two level is 10+ points – if RHO overcalls, then consider a –ve double.
 Worth an effort? You have ♠A ♥AK10932 ♦K4 ♣Q742 and partner opens a weak 2♠.
 Don't ask unethical questions. With strength in RHO's suit, don't ask 'what does that mean?'.
 Dave's Column: Play to ensure the contract – a Dave special.
 Don't bid you hand three times – you'll go for 1100.
 A bad double – three examples of terrible take-out doubles.
- 228 1♦ p 2♦ p 3♦ dbl is take-out
 You cannot retract a bid that you bade intentionally.
 Pre-empt to the limit – part 1; with ♠AQJ10876 ♥J2 ♦8 ♣J85 open 4♠.
 Pre-empt to the limit – part 2; with ♠KJ ♥3 ♦KJ1098763 ♣96 open 3♦, 4♦ or 5♦; not 2♦.
 It's only worth an invite. With ♠AQ2 ♥AQ10854 ♦A92 ♣8 open 1♥ & bid 3♥ over pards 1NT
 2NT by responder is always 11-12 points: 1♥ p 1♠ p 2♦ p 2NT.
 Dave's Column: You can lead the Q away from AQxx if you need an entry from Jx.
 Raising partner's 1NT response to 2NT. It's a good 16-17 and rare when playing a strong NT
 Raising partner major to the three level with three trumps.
 Bidding the opponent's suit is not natural.
- 229 Stopping in 5NT when there are two keycards missing.
 Responding to Blackwood with a void
 Totally illogical – 1NT p p 2♣ p 2♦ dbl cannot be a transfer, it's clearly penalties.
 A good hand for 2/1 – With ♠10 ♥KQ10964 ♦105 ♣10952 respond 1NT to partner's 1♠.
 An interesting play hand – combine your chances.
 A 2♣ opener? – two examples of whether to open 2♣ or a Benjamin 2♦.
 Dave's column – a strip and throw in.
 Look for the 4-4 fit – With ♠KQJ9 ♥K1064 ♦J84 ♣Q8 respond 2♣ to partner's 1NT.
- 230 Don't ask for kings unless you are looking for the grand slam.
 Open or rebid 1NT and partner is in charge.
 Pass partner's 2♣ Stayman bid?
 Dave's column – what to lead in 4♠ with ♠K10876543 opposite a void.
 Double trouble – three examples explaining when to double and when to overcall.
 Don't open 1NT with 19 points – ♠AK32 ♥KQ ♦AQ7 ♣J1075 is far too good.
- 231 Play Roman Keycard to count 13 tricks.
 Dave's column – a strip and throw in.
 6NT doubled and making with three aces and a king off the top?

- Super-accept with AKQ of trumps?
 Beware of misfits
 Don't abuse Benjamin – with ♠AK72 ♥- ♦A103 ♣AKQJ54 open your strongest bid.
 If partner doesn't like 1NT then he won't like 2NT.
 Too high – Jordan 2NT states your hand exactly.
 Balance – don't let LHO play in 1NT with 10 cards in the majors.
 Don't bid your hand twice.
- 232 Garbage Stayman – with ♠KJ32 ♥109842 ♦2 ♣Q97 bid 2♣ opposite partner's 1NT.
 Play in the 4-4 fit. ♥AQ87 opposite ♥KJ103 is far better than ♠KQJ986 opposite ♠A.
 Double and bid shows a strong hand.
 ♥A10954 is not rebiddable (at the 4-level!).
 Play 4th suit forcing as game forcing – it really does make life simpler.
 Upside down attitude signals – then play low from a doubleton if you want a ruff.
 Don't bid again having pre-empted – two disasters by people ignoring this rule.
 Dave's column – how do you play a trump suit of ♥Q3 opposite ♥K97654?
 Open 3NT or Rebid 3NT – with ♠Q9♥K ♦AKQJ1053 ♣532
 No psyching please – it's not allowed at our club.
 Down one in 4♥ with 11 cold tricks – but it's still a top!
- 233 Double a transfer for a lead – with ♠7542 ♥J7 ♦J8742 ♣A7 don't double a 2♦ transfer.
 Super accept when you open 2NT and partner transfers into a suit which you have 4 of
 South African Texas Transfers – you can avoid being doubled for a lead.
 Dave's column – the 2NT response to 2♣ sucks.
 Double of a minor does not promise both majors – two articles.
 Stayman super-accepts?
 Splinters after Stayman has found a fit.
 Do not bid Jacoby 2NT with a singleton – splinter instead.
 Pre-empt to the limit? – Do not open 4♦ with ♠A2♥976 ♦KQJ9742 ♣8
 'Doing a Chuck' – we have another visitor who blames partner for his mistake.
- 234 Make declarer guess – and avoid being end-played.
 Sit on your hands – Tony Forrester's advice concerning help-suit game tries.
 Dave's column – a bit complicated this week, involving Restricted Choice.
 Support partner – with slam values a good 4-4 fit is better than KQ108643 opp a void.
 The sequence 1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ ; is it natural or 4th suit forcing? And what is 2♠?
- 235 An extra chance, with ♥AJ105 opposite ♥K974 lead the ♥J – next hand may cover.
 A negative double promises the unbid major.
 The double fit – you can bid above the LAW with a double fit
 Balancing – you can double with less than 11 points in the balancing seat.
 A case for MUD – an example of when playing MUD is better than top of nothing.
 Too strong for a 1NT overcall - ♠AJ74 ♥AK2 ♦KQ109 ♣A8.
 The 2NT response – 4 articles on the 2NT response to partner's opening.
 Dave's column – a bit complicated again, involving ♦A987 opposite ♦Q43 endplay.
- 236 The forcing pass.
 Beware of mis-fits – and try to be the defending side!
 It's not forcing – a change of suit over partner's overcall.
 T bid or not to bid – solve your problem by pre-empting to the limit to start with.
 A missed slam – don't double the opponents with poor trumps.
 Wrongly criticised - 1♦ 1♠ pass pass 1NT shows a big hand (18-19).
 A Multi mix-up – the responses after 2♦ pass 2♠ pass ?
 Obey the law – the number of trumps is more important than points when competing.
 A high reverse is game forcing - 1♥ - 1NT - 3♦ - 4♦ is forcing.
- 237 Too high after a reverse, the sequence 1♣ - 1♠ - 2♥ - 2♠ is non-forcing.
 Overcall or double? With ♠AK987 ♥AJ ♦J2 ♣KJ32 overcall in ♠'s rather than double.
 Never deny a 4 card major – with ♠10632 ♥J75 ♦8764 ♣K4 bid 3♣ over partner's 2NT.
 Left in the dark – with ♠10432 ♥KQ92 ♦AQ7 ♣82 don't bid 4♣ when RHO doubles 1♠.
 Setting up a game force using 4th suit forcing. 1♣ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♦ - 2NT - 3♥ is game forcing.

Dave's column - ♠AJ ♥Q ♦J10865 ♣AKQJ2 opposite ♠Q973 ♥AJ103 ♦Q2 ♣874 in 3NT.

With a long solid minor suit, think No-Trumps. Two example deals.

Follow partner's lead – an example of removing dummy's trumps when defending.

Is 3♠ forcing? – two examples of the sequence 1♥ - 1♠ - 3♠ (it's not forcing).

Too high after a reverse, the sequence 1♣ - 1♠ - 2♥ - 2♠ is non-forcing.

238 Everybody had trouble – a new suit over partner's pre-empt is strong and forcing.

Avoid the wild guess – play Lebensohl.

When partner has limited his hand. 1♦ - 2NT - 3♦ is weak, long ♦'s and non-forcing.

In the dark again. Do not raise partner's 1♠ to 4♠ with game going values.

A poor double – part 1. Do not double the opponents when you have a 9+ card fit.

A poor double – part 2. Do not double the opponents when you have opened 1NT.

Systems on – 2NT over a Multi 2♦ is natural unless you have another agreement.

Charging into Blackwood – everybody bid 4NT too early on this deal.

239 The negative double promises an unbid major: so 1♣ 2♦ dbl shows 4♥'s or 4♠'s.

A 1NT opener ♠A87 ♥A754 ♦AQ74 ♣74 – don't worry about a weak doubleton.

A double of Stayman promises a good ♣ holding; ♣KJxx is not good enough.

Responding in No Trumps to partner's 1-level overcall.

Responding to partner's double – 4 articles.

A penalty hand when playing negative doubles.

Partner opens 1♣ and then bids 3♥ followed by 4♥ - how many ♣'s and how many ♥'s?