

Bridge **L**esson

LEBENSOHL PART 1 **CONVENTIONAL WISDOM**

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N X ??

YOU




 **AQ975**
 **82**
 **842**
 **963**

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♣ ??

YOU

 **AJ97**
 **982**
 **82**
 **AQ73**

SYSTEMS ON

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♣

X

THIS IS
STAYMAN

YOU

♠ AJ97
♥ 982
♦ 82
♣ AQ73

SYSTEMS ON AFTER

**DOUBLE
&
2 CLUBS**

YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2N

??

YOU

 **AQ97**

 **AJ82**

 **42**

 **J63**

YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

3♣

??

YOU

 **AQT9**

 **QT82**

 **42**

 **KT9**

SYSTEMS ON

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2N **3♣**

THIS IS
STAYMAN

YOU

♠ AJ97
♥ AQ732
♦ 82
♣ 73

SYSTEMS ON AFTER

UNUSUAL 2NT

&

3 CLUBS

SMOLEN / TEXAS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♠ ??

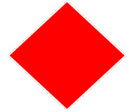
YOU



4



AQJ874



QT9



753

TEXAS IS ALWAYS "ON"
IN COMPETITION

**AS LONG AS IT IS STILL A
JUMP!**

STANDARD METHODS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♦ ??

YOU

 **AJ975**

 **982**

 **82**

 **J73**

STANDARD METHODS

SUIT BIDS AT THE **2 LEVEL** ARE

NATURAL

&

NON-FORCING

SUITS AT 2

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♦

??

YOU

 Q97

 AT982

 842

 63

SUITS AT 2

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♥

??

YOU

 AQT92

 82

 8432

 94

STANDARD METHODS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♦ ??

YOU

 **AQJ75**

 **982**

 **K2**

 **J73**

STANDARD METHODS

NEW SUITS AT THE **3 LEVEL** ARE

NATURAL

&

GAME FORCING

SUITS AT 3

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N 2♦ ??

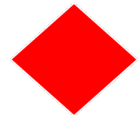
YOU



AQ7



AJT98



842



63

SUITS AT 3

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N 2♥ ??

YOU



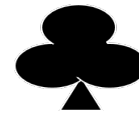
AQT92



82



A432



94

STANDARD METHODS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♦ ??

YOU

 AJ97

 982

 82

 AQ73

STANDARD METHODS

CUE BID

is

GAME FORCING

STAYMAN

CUEBID = STAYMAN

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N 2♥ ??

YOU

 **AQJ7**
 **8**
 **A9842**
 **643**

CUEBID = STAYMAN

WEST




NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N 2♠ ??

YOU

 **AT2**
 **AQ82**
 **JT32**
 **94**

YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N 2♥ ??

YOU

 **AQ97**

 **82**

 **A842**

 **J63**

YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

2♥ 3♥ P 1N

YOU

 **KJ3**

 **975**

 **KQ965**

 **AK**

LEBENSOHL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1N	2♥	2N

YOU

♠ AQ97
♥ A82
♦ T842
♣ J63

LEBENSOHL

This convention is used in competitive auctions, after 1NT, **only when our systems are NOT ON!**

The 2NT bid begins a sequence designed to give us maximum flexibility in competitive auctions.

2NT IS A RELAY BID ONLY

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♥ 2N

P 3♣

YOU

♠ AQ97

♥ A82

♦ T842

♣ J63

THE 2NT BID IS A RELAY

This is always the same.

2NT RELAYS TO 3 CLUBS

OPENER MUST BID 3 CLUBS

(NOT A TRANSFER**)**

SLOW APPROACH SHOWS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1N	2♥	2N
P	3♣	P	??

YOU

♠ AQ97
♥ A82
♦ T842
♣ J63

AFTER THE RELAY TO 3 CLUBS

3NT

Game forcing natural **with a stopper** in the opponent's suit.

CUE BID

Game forcing Stayman **with a stopper** in the opponent's suit.

SLOW APPROACH SHOWS STOPPER.

YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N 2♥ ??

YOU

 **AQ9**

 **982**

 **A842**

 **Q63**

YOUR CALL

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

2♥ 3N P 1N

YOU

 **KJ2**

 **T7**

 **KQ965**


 **AK82**

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♥ ??

YOU

 QJ9

 A82

 A842

 963

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♥ 2N
P 3♣ P ??

YOU

 QJ9

 A82

 A842





 963

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♥ ??

YOU





 **AQJ9**
 **A82**
 **J842**
 **63**

YOUR CALL

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♥ 2N
P 3♣ P ??

YOU

 **AQJ9**
 **A82**
 **J842**
 **63**

PRACTICE SESSION

1

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♥

??

YOU

♠ Q9872

♥ 983

♦ A3

♣ T82

2

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♦

??

YOU

♠ K952

♥ KJ98

♦ A93

♣ T2

3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1N	2♦	2N
P	3♣	P	??

YOU

♠ K952
♥ KJ98
♦ A93
♣ T2

4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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	1N	2♠	??
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YOU

♠ 4
♥ AQT863
♦ 643
♣ QT4

5

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♠

3N

P

??

YOU

♠ 82

♥ AQT42

♦ AKJ

♣ Q42

6

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♦

2N

P

??

YOU

♠ AQ82

♥ AQ42

♦ 92

♣ A42

7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1N
2♦	2N	P	3♣
P	3♦	P	??

YOU

♠ AQ82

♥ AQ42

♦ 92

♣ A42

8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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			1N
2♦	2N	P	3♣
P	3♦	P	3♥
P	3N	P	??

YOU

♠ AQ82

♥ AQ42

♦ 92

♣ A42

9

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♠

??

YOU



AJT



AQ92



8732



64

10

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2N

??

YOU



AJT92



Q92



KJ6



64

11

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♠

??

YOU

♠ 82

♥ 9

♦ JT6

♣ KJT9642

12

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♠

??

YOU

♠ J5

♥ AQT92

♦ AT3

♣ 852

13

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♥

??

YOU



AJ532



A92



QT3



62

14

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♠

2N

P

??

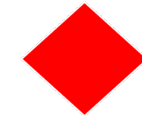
YOU



74



KQ65



AQ82



AJ5

15

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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			1N
2♠	2N	P	3♣
P	3N	P	??

YOU

♠ 74

♥ KQ65

♦ AQ82

♣ AJ5

16

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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			1N
2♦	4♥	P	??

YOU

♠ T4

♥ KQ92

♦ A84

♣ AK82

17

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

3♣

??

YOU

♠ AQJ73

♥ KQ4

♦ T85

♣ 84

18

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1N

2♠

??

YOU

♠ 973

♥ KQ84

♦ KQT5

♣ 74

19

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1N 2♠ ??

YOU

♠ KJ5

♥ KQ84

♦ KT85

♣ 98

20

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1N 2♠ 2N
P 3♣ P ??

YOU

♠ KJ5

♥ KQ84

♦ KT85

♣ 98

21

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1N

2♦ 3♠ P ??

YOU

♠ KT4
 ♥ A94
 ♦ AJ9
 ♣ A732

22

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1N 2♦ ??

YOU

♠ KQ76
 ♥ AQT83
 ♦ 84
 ♣ 64

ANSWERS TO NUMBERED HANDS

1. 2♠

2. 2N

3. 3♦

4. 4♦

5. 4♥

6. 3♣

7. 3♥

8. 4♠

9. 2N

10. 3♥

11. 2N

12. 3♥

13. 3♠

14. 3♣

15. P

16. 4♠

17. 3♥

18. 3♠

19. 2N

20. 3♠

21. 4♠

22. 3♦