

Your choice: Thursdays at 9:30am or 4:15pm

- **Jan 8: Filling out the Convention Card**
- **Jan 15: Signaling (Carding), Etiquette, Procedures & Leads**
- **Jan 22: Bergen raises**
- **Jan 29: Jacoby 2NT**
- **Feb 5: New Minor Forcing**
- **Feb 12: Recap Negative, Takeout + Support Doubles**
- **Feb 19: 4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing**
- **Feb 26: Recap Rules of 7, 11, 15, 17, 22 + more**
- **Mar 5: Recap Cue Bids**

# There are several types of Doubles

Today, we'll look at the 3 main  
ones:

Negative, Support & Takeout

# Negative & Support Doubles on convention card – top left

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## SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty  \_\_\_\_\_

Negative  thru \_\_\_\_\_

Responsive  : thru \_\_\_\_\_ Maximal

Support: Dbl.  thru \_\_\_\_\_ Redbl

Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

# Negative Doubles – not alertable

- The negative double is a conventional double used by **responder** after **opener** starts the bidding with 1 of a suit and the **opponent** makes a suit overcall
- The double always promises 6+ points and at least 4 cards in one of the unbid suits
- If 1 major is **unbid**, the negative double always shows that unbid suit

# Negative Doubles

- If both majors are **unbid**, then the negative double shows both majors at the 1-level
- After an opposing 2-level overcall, the double only promises **one** major
- A negative double may show 4 cards in both unbid suits, although it may also be made with a 5-card or longer suit in a hand too weak to bid it directly at the 2-level

# Negative Doubles X

Opener

Opponent

Responder (you)

1♣

1♦

X = 4♥ + 4♠

1♣ or 1♦

1♥

X = exactly 4♠

1♣

1♦

1♥ = 4+♥

1♣

1♦

1♠ = 4+♠

Negative Doubles – Opener bids 1♣, opponent bids 1♦ - what do you bid?

1. ♠KQ42      ♥AK2      ♦T98      ♣432

2. ♠KQ42      ♥AK32      ♦T9      ♣43

3. ♠KQ2      ♥AK43      ♦T98      ♣432

4. ♠KQJT9      ♥T9      ♦T98      ♣432

5. ♠KJT      ♥T98      ♦KQ32      ♣432

6. ♠KJ2      ♥KQ2      ♦KQ2      ♣432

# Negative Doubles – Opener bids 1♣, opponent bids 1♥ - what do you bid?

7.	♠KQ32	♥T9	♦T987	♣A32
8.	♠KJT	♥KQJ	♦KJ32	♣432
9.	♠KQ32	♥-	♦KJ32	♣65432
10.	♠KQ32	♥KQ32	♦KJT	♣J2
11.	♠KQ432	♥JT	♦JT	♣5432
12.	♠KQ5432	♥JT	♦T9	♣432

# Takeout Double requirements:

- 2 quick tricks
- An opening bid
- Support for the 3 unbid suits
- Ideally 4-4-4-1 or 4-4-3-2
- No more than a doubleton (preferably 2 small) in the bid suit
- **Not alertable**

# Takeout Doubles X

East

♠AKT9

♥QJ98

♦K43

♣87

other

N

1♣

E

X

X shows tolerance for the  
3 suits

# Takeout Doubles X

East

♠T

♥AKJT

♦KQ98

♣QJ76

N

1♠

E

X

X = more than a minimum opening hand as partner's reply is at the 2-level

# Takeout Doubles X

South	W	N	E	S
♠AQ32	1♣	P	1♥	X
♥K4				
♦AT973				
♣72				

X promising 4♠ and should also have ♦s

# Responses to a Takeout

## X

Natural, 3+ cards (usually 4+) and 0-8 points, not forcing

### **Jump in a suit**

Natural, 4+ cards and 9-11 points, not forcing

**Jump to game** with 12+

### **Double Jump in a suit**

Pre-emptive 6 card suit, not forcing

### **“Cheapest level” no-trump bid**

Natural, balanced, 7-10 HCP. Promises a stopper in the enemy suit and tends to deny a 4-card major

# Takeout Doubles – Opponent opens 1♥ - what do you bid?

- |    |        |      |        |        |
|----|--------|------|--------|--------|
| 1. | ♠KQ32  | ♥32  | ♦KQ32  | ♣K32   |
| 2. | ♠KQ2   | ♥32  | ♦KQ32  | ♣KQ32  |
| 3. | ♠KQ32  | ♥KQ3 | ♦K32   | ♣K32   |
| 4. | ♠KQ432 | ♥T2  | ♦K32   | ♣432   |
| 5. | ♠32    | ♥2   | ♦KQ432 | ♣KQ432 |
| 6. | ♠KQ32  | ♥2   | ♦KQ32  | ♣KQ32  |

# Support Doubles are alertable

- Opener & responder must have bid 2 different suits at the 1-level
- Responder must have bid a major
- After responder's bid of a major, opponent makes a bid
- Support doubles are normally on through 2♠
- There is no point count minimum or maximum
- Making a support double is opener's first priority
- Any other bid by opener DENIES 3 of responder's major
- If opponent doubles after responder's bid of a major, opener can **redouble** to show 3-card support

# Support doubles X

<b>W</b>		<b>N</b>		<b>E</b>		<b>S</b>
1♦		1♥		1♠		2♣
X						

Shows exactly 3♠. It doesn't matter 1) whether N has bid or not or 2) whether N/S bid the same suit

<b>W</b>		<b>N</b>		<b>E</b>		<b>S</b>
1♣		1♦		1♥		2♦
2♥						

Guarantees 4♥. W would have X holding only 3♥

# Support doubles X & XX

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♥	1♠
2♣			

Shows 6♣ and denies 3♥. Making a support X is opener's first priority

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	1♠	X
XX			

Support Xs can also be used if the opponents X responder's bid. In this case, W makes a support redouble to show 3♠

# Support Xs - Responder's rebids

- With 6-10 points, only a 4-card suit, rebid the suit
- With 6-10 points, only a 4-card suit and 5-card minor, bid the minor
- There are numerous other responder's rebids, perhaps another class on just support Xs.

# Support Doubles – the bidding goes:

N 1♣ E Pass      S 1♠      W 2♥ - you're N, what do you bid?

- |          |       |      |         |
|----------|-------|------|---------|
| 1. ♠K32  | ♥A32  | ♦AT9 | ♣KT98   |
| 2. ♠K32  | ♥KQ32 | ♦43  | ♣AQ98   |
| 3. ♠K32  | ♥K32  | ♦AK3 | ♣JT98   |
| 4. ♠K2   | ♥K32  | ♦32  | ♣AKT987 |
| 5. ♠KQ32 | ♥2    | ♦AK  | ♣AKT987 |
| 6. ♠K2   | ♥AQ3  | ♦AK2 | ♣KT9876 |

**Next Thursday Feb 19**

**4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing**

