

New series of 10 topics – Thursdays at 9:30am and 4:15pm

Jun 25: Preemptive bids

Jul 2: Bergen raises

Jul 9: Bids after Opponents 1NT opening bid

Jul 16: Unusual 2NT and Michaels

Jul 23: Doubles – take out, negative and support

Jul 30: Inverted minors

Aug 6: Jacoby 2NT

Aug 13: Blackwood and Gerber

Aug 20: Drury

Aug 27: New minor forcing and 4th suit forcing

Convention Card Classes

Still available:

Sun, Jul 26	2 slots (1 partnership)
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Fri, Jul 31	2 slots (1 partnership)
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Tue, Aug 11	2 slots (1 partnership)
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There are several types of Doubles

This class covers:

Negative, Support & Takeout

None of them are alertable

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

1♣

1♣ or 1♦

Opponent

1♦

1♥

Responder (you)

X = 4♥ + 4♠

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	♥AK32	♦T9	♣43
2. ♠KQ4	♥KQT98	♦T9	♣432
3. ♠KQ2	♥AK43	♦T98	♣432
4. ♠KQJT9	♥T9	♦T98	♣432
5. ♠KJT	♥T98	♦KQ32	♣432
6. ♠KJ2	♥KQ2	♦KQ2	♣5432

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

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

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

Support Doubles

- 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

W	N	E	S
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

W	N	E	S
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?

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| 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, July 30

Inverted Minors