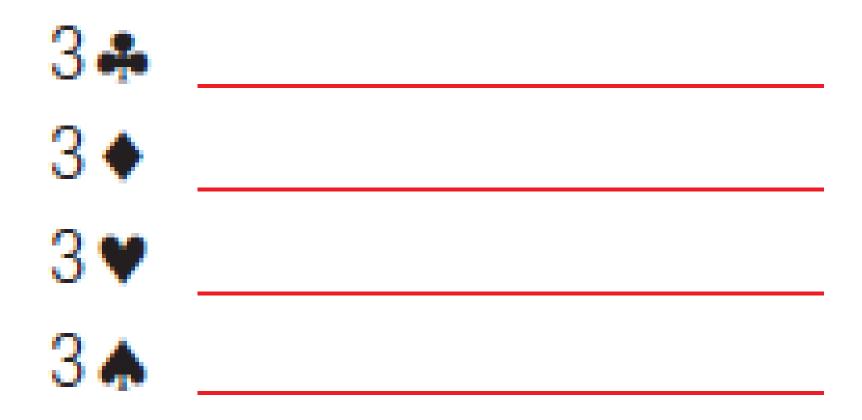
# Bidding With 2 5-Card Majors Over 1 NT Openings

Henry Jackson

# Beginner's Card Over 1NT



#### After Problems with 2 suited hands

- 3♣ WK 5-5 minors
- 3 ♦ Puppet Stayman
- 3 ♥ WK 5-5 majors
- 3 ♠ STR 5-5 majors
- extended Stayman

#### Wise Advice from Al

# "Minor suit slams are the keys to the kingdom"

Al Fultz

#### Card for Minor Suit Slams

- 3 ♣ 6 w/2top3, slam try
- 3 ♦ 6 w/2top3, slam try
- 3 ♥ 1-/3-/45+♣ ♦
- 3 1 45 + 4 + 4
- 2♣>♦: **4♣/4**♦>♥/♠

# Now What About 5-5 Majors?

#### How do we deal with

- 1. Weak 5-5
- 2. Invitational 5-5
- 3. Game Force 5-5
- 4. Possible Slam 5-5

# Weak 5-5 Majors

### With Less than 7 HCP

- Bid 2♦ to transfer to 2♥ and then bid 2♠
- Opener will pass or correct to 3♥
- Unless he has 4-card support and maximum values in which case he will super accept by bidding 3♥ over 2♦ or raise 2♠ to 3♠
- Opener

# Invitational 5-5 Majors

#### With 7-8 HCP + 2 distribution points

- Bid 2♥ to transfer to 2♠ and bid 3♥
- Opener should pass or correct to 3♠ wth minimum values
- With maximum values opener can bid game in either major
- The downside is that responder will play heart contracts

# Game Force 5-5 Majors

#### With 9-12 HCP + 2 distribution points

- Bid 2♦ to transfer to 2♥ and then bid 3♠
- Opener chooses between game in ♥ or ♠ or NT
- Opener can express slam ambitions by
- Super Acceptance (bids 3♥ over 2♦)
- Cue bids minor to accept ♠ as trumps
- Responder must have maximum and void to accept

# Slam Try 5-5 Majors

#### With 13+ HCP and 2 distribution points

- Bid 2♥ to transfer to 2♠ and then bid 4♥
- Opener is not allowed to pass 4♥ must bid 4
   ♠ or 5♥ with minimum
- Any bid other than 4N is a cuebid
- If opener Super Accepts begin cue bidding!
- Note AVOID opening 2-2-X-Y with 1NT!

# Why Not Use 3♣ or 3♦?

- While using minor suit 3-bids would facilitate major suit exploration, it would prevent showing major-minor 2-suiters
- You gain something and lose something Few conventions come without giving up something or introducing more confusion!

#### Joe Pike Presented TONTO

# Now we need the Lone Ranger to deal with TONTO!

## Lone Ranger Versus TONTO

- TONTO and Suction can make both Lebensohl and natural auctions awkward since bidding the overcalled suit appears to be a cue bid.
- Suction is not permitted in events governed by ACBL's General Convention Chart and users must provided written suggested defenses in higher level events.

## Suggested Actions

- Double to show 8+ and cards in both nonimplied suits (like negative double).
- Bid one of the non-implied suits to show 5+ cards in it and 8+ points.
- Cue bid one of overcaller's implied suits to show 10+ and a stopper in that suit.
- Bid 3NT with 10+ and stoppers in both implied suits or 2NT with 8-9 and stoppers.
- Pass otherwise Maybe partner will double.