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The Orient Bidding System is a new bidding approach based on hitherto untapped concepts of **point showing**, **artificial limit opening bids** and **combined strength count** for playable contract level. In combination with the formula style bidding, it offers a unique opportunity for precise and targeted bidding. The pioneering creation is the outcome of research spanned over a period of almost five years.

Key Features

- Original bidding system based exclusively on research
- New 21st Century technological advanced concept
- No resemblance with other systems
- Non-speculative transparent bidding approach
- Modified strength projecting hand evaluation method
- Single valuation yardstick for both balanced and distributional hand
- Mandatory combined strength count for playable level arrival
- Playable level ascertainable in the first round (\pm One level)
- Limit suit-opening bids with a range of only 2 points.
- Non-ambiguous 'negative' and 'positive' responses
- Meaningful invitational bids
- Sophisticated slam bids
- Trump control finding bids at 2 or 4 level
- Singleton/void finding bids
- Check/stopper finding bid for the *Death Holding*
- Specific aces (color/rank) finding bids
- 4-4-4-1 hand showing bid
- Wide ranging interference countering bids
- Fully defined, documented and numerically arranged bids
- Totally independent and self-supporting system
- Statistically ascertained to be over 80% accurate

Other Features

Bids for almost every situation are fully defined and documented leaving little or no room for age-old controversy, as to 'what should and not have been the correct bid'. Guesswork and speculative biddings have been reduced to barest minimum.

Bridge is a game that is meant to be enjoyed and not be the cause of tension, broken partnerships, divorces and shoot outs. The Orient Bidding System is designed to foster greater partnership understanding, harmony and confidence in a relaxed and tension-free bidding atmosphere. It strongly uphold WBF motto "*Bridge For Peace*".

General Approach

Most of the natural systems focus primarily on 'fit' finding paying secondary importance to point holding. The Orient Bidding System works the other way round - points first and 'fit' later. The one-level suit opening bids are

artificial, points showing limit bids and may have any distribution. 1NT opening bid may contain 20+ points, any distribution. The purpose of the point showing limit opening bids is to project full or nearly full strength of a hand in a single bid for the responder to assess the combined strength holding in the very first round of bidding and decide approximate playing level. The responses are 'positive' or 'negative' depending upon the initial combined strength count. Combined strength of 25+ points qualifies for positive response (1NT) and 24 or less as negative (cheapest suit). Positive response signifies game going hand subject to fit and negative response, no immediate interest in a game. The opening bids and responses may include distributional values for extra suit length and shortness. However, values for shortness are usually not included in the opening bid, unless there are two or more shortages in the same hand in which case pre-defined values may be included. An average opening bid contains 10 HCP and fulfills the 'Rule of Eighteen'. A balanced hand may not contain less than 12 HCP. Rebid by opener after the point showing first round is mostly natural. Suit bid by opener and responder is 5+ cards regardless of ranking, except when opener's hand is 4-4-4-1. The second suit bid by opener may consist of 4+ cards. As the one-level suit opening bid is artificial, responder may be forced to respond even on zero point holding.

The artificial bids, as per the Law require strict observance of 'alert' procedure. Proposed defense against the Orient Bidding System has been also provided.

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