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*The Official ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge* Trafford Publishing  
Pinpoint Raises is a new bidding convention that can be used with the Standard American bidding system. It replaces the raises used with major suits after an opening bid, and displaces Bergen raises, as well as many bids made based on the Law of Total Tricks. This convention is especially designed to provide better

partnership strength communication when nearing the threshold of part-game and game, as well as enhancing slam bid exploration. These raises function with 3 or 4+ card support for your partner, and can be used in spite of opponent interference. A modified form of the Drury convention is also supported. Included in the book are examples and exercises as well as several deals taken from real club games to illustrate how they may function in actual play. There are statistics and probabilities provided as background material. Like many conventions, it might benefit a relatively small number of deals, but the impact can be significant compared to results from standard methods.

Pinpoint Raises are appropriate for novices as well as experienced bridge players. Regardless of your current methods, working through the ideas, logic, and exercises in this book could be a valuable learning experience.

Standard Methods of Contract Bridge Complete Xlibris Corporation

This book incorporates the 2/1 Game Force bidding system whenever the opener bids a major suit. This book is designed to improve your bidding of minor suit openings in 3 steps. The 1st step involves bids to hamper the opponents from finding their 4-4 spade fit. This involves the use of the Casey overcall and the Weak 1NT opening. It also involves the use of the Casey-Jacoby transfer to find a 5-card major in responder's hand and the use of inverted minors. The 2nd step involves adoption of the strong 2 bid, a bid of 20-21p. This allows the opener to use the Casey Reverse to show a hand of 16-17p by bidding at the 2-level and to show a hand of 18-19p by bidding at the 3-level. The Casey Minor Rebid convention allows the opening to show a 4+ card suit at the 2 or 3-level. The third step involves optimizing your slam bidding with the Casey Trump Queen convention. It also involves the use of the Redwood Kickback convention for minor suit contracts and the use of the Fourth Suit Forcing convention to ascertain whether opener has 5 cards in his 2nd bid minor suit.

**Contract Bridge for Beginners** Krzysztof Martens

This book, starting from the basics, explains how to make a plan as a declarer. The reader learns how to recognise which technique to apply on a given deal, both in notrump contracts and suit contracts.

**Right Through the Pack Again** Orion Publishing Company

In this book, Miles addresses the complex arena of competitive bidding methods for the more advanced player. He discusses current thinking, and recommends methods which will continue to be playable as bridge enters its second century. This book will appeal to fairly serious players only. There are two earlier books on this topic by the same author, 5 and 10 years old respectively, and therefore superseded by this new work.

Standard American Yellow Card Xlibris Corporation

This e-book present some of the most important bridge bidding systems used used in duplicate bridge tournaments, detailing the most known bridge bidding system, Standard American Yellow Card, by using a logical sequential order for openings, answers, competitive bids and defensive play in order to help the players during the games. Much of the complexity in bridge arises from the difficulty of arriving at a good final contract in the auction. A bidding system in contract bridge is the set of agreements and understandings assigned to calls and sequences of calls used by a partnership, and includes a full description of the meaning of each treatment and convention. Standard American Yellow Card is a specific set of partnership agreements and conventions, using Standard American as a base. Standard American Yellow Card is a very specific collection of agreements, which can, of course, be modified and augmented by partnership agreement. In practical use, the term is often mis-used to refer to Standard American in general, or it could refer to a system that used SAYC as a base and made additional augmentations or changes to the base agreements.

A Simple System of Bidding at Contract Bridge Trafford Publishing  
In RIGHT THROUGH THE PACK AGAIN, joint winner of the

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATIONS'S 2009 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD, each card tells the story of its importance in a particular deal and in so doing the book pays homage to the original concept in the bridge classic RIGHT THROUGH THE PACK. The Old Master is in a coma and the cards attempt to bring him back to consciousness, to revive him with their tales of derring-do. Not only are the deals themselves entertaining, but they are instructive too. You can test yourself on the problems and then go to the solution later in the book and thus improve your own game.

*For 2/1 Game Force Players* Xlibris Corporation

Bridge players constantly argue about the 'best' bidding systems and conventions. Strong Club or Natural? With or without relays? Standard or 2/1? Weak or strong notrump? Was the Blue Club system really better than the natural systems in the 1950s and 1960s? Is two-way Stayman as good as Stayman and transfers? Disciplined or undisciplined weak twos -- which work better? And many, many more... Well, now we have the answer to those questions, provided by exhaustive analysis and the results of computer simulations. And not only which is better, but also by how much, typically tested in thousands of 24-board IMP matches. Playing the same deals via the same AI software eliminates the variable of player skill, and bidding methods are judged solely on their own merits. It is as objective a test as modern technology can provide. And the results may not be what you would expect.

*The Optimal Modified 2/1-Club System* Baron/Barclay Bridge Supplies

This work is about bidding at duplicate bridge. An effort has been

made to be certain that the concepts, the conventions, and the treatments used are not only written clearly but are backed up by bidding examples and an extensive glossary. The target of this work is the moderately experienced player who, along with a partner, wishes to elevate thier level of bidding. Playing this system a partnership is not likely to feel that their bidding system is inferior compared the the systems of whoever their opponents may be. The conventions and treatments presented conform to the ACBL's General Convention Chart.

With Chapters on Precision Xlibris Corporation

This book incorporates the 2/1 Game Force bidding system whenever the opener bids a major suit. Five new conventions have been added to the 2/1 system. This book is also designed to improve your bidding of minor suit openings in 4 steps. The 1st step involves the use of the Casey-Jacoby Transfer and the Casey overcall (a 1NT bid shows 4 hearts). The 2nd step involves adoption of the strong 2 bid, a bid of 20-21p. This allows the opener to use the Casey Reverse to show a hand of 16-17p by bidding at the 2-level and to show a hand of 18-19p by bidding at the 3-level. The Casey Minor Suit Rebid convention allows O to show a 4+ card suit at the 2 or 3-level. The 3rd step involves optimizing your slam bidding with the Casey Trump Queen convention and the Casey-Minorwood Kickback convention. The 4th step involves the use of the Weak-1NT (a 1NT bid shows 4 hearts) and Weak-2NT bids, both designed to hamper the opponents.

A Simple Concise Guide on Bidding and Play for the Novice Master Point Press

The 2/1 Game Force bidding system is an improvement over the

Standard American System that has been in effect and played by bridge players for many years. The advantage of the 2/1 system is that it allows the partnership to know that game is possible with only a single bid. In this book, I have tried to present the fundamental aspects of the bidding structure for playing a "pure" Two-Over-One Game Force system of bidding. In this book, I have tried to change behavior by presenting a series of bids geared toward the 2/1 bidding structure that includes Bergen, Reverse Bergen, and Combined Bergen Raises, inverted minor suit raises with crisscross and flip-flop, cuebidding, modified scroll bids, and many more methods not used in Standard American or Precision. In the fourth edition, the Minorwood Convention has been expanded and several variations of the Flannery Convention are included in this edition. I have added the Hello and SCUM conventions used to interfere over strong notrumps and a Modified Landy convention designed to compete over partnerships that employ a weak notrump bid. The Equal Level Conversion (ELC) double is discussed in Chapter 6 and additional material on slam bidding has been added to Chapter 3. The material on two-way new minor forcing and the Gazilli Convention has been expanded upon in Chapter 1 and Jacoby transfers with a superaccept structure has been added to Chapter 2. Finally, a new chapter that reviews the new Italian System of bids called Fantunes has been included in this edition. The System has been modified to be in compliance with the General Convention Chart.

25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know Master Point Press  
More than fifty bidding conventions from which a player can choose in forming a bidding system are listed and categorized.  
*Contract Without Conventions* Nicolae Sfetcu

These wonderful agreements and gadgets turn your everyday bidding system into something personal, something that fits the exact style that you and your partner want to play. And now you can choose from some seventy expert-level ideas to add to your bidding arsenal, quickly and painlessly. In this book you will find: 'Basic Conventions' -- the Rest of the Story: find out how top-level players have turbo-charged such standard conventions as Stayman, Jacoby and Texas Transfers, Drury, Weak Jump Shifts, and more. 'Bread and Butter Conventions': some conventions that are standard with most experts but may not be for you, such as Smolen, Slow Arrival, Italian Cuebids, the best defences to Multi and Bergen Raises, Retransfers, Clarifying Cuebids, and others; 'Defensive and Cardplay Conventions': learn more about Trump Suit Preference, Obvious Shift carding, the Slam Spade Double, the Lead-directing Pass, and many more. 'Fine Arts Conventions': not for the faint of heart, some of these ideas will really make you sit up and take notice. Would you enjoy playing Last Train to Clarksville, Yellow Rose of Texas, Vacant Doubletons, Double Keycard Blackwood, Trent Weak Two-bids, or the XYZ Convention?

#### **Revised** Quiet Vision Pub

My goal for "The Modified Optimal 2/1-Club System" is to show how to use the Optimal Point Count (OPC) method of hand evaluation developed by Patrick Darricades in his book "Optimal Hand Evaluation" (2019) to improve the dialogue between two players to achieve an optimal bridge contract. The primary objective is to demonstrate how to apply the new system approach to contract bridge by illustrating a more accurate method of hand evaluation whether you play 2/1, Standard

American (SA), Acol or Precision, among others. The Two over One (2/1) Game Force bidding system was an improvement over the SA System that has been in effect and played by bridge players for many years. Many claim that the advantage of the 2/1 system allows the partnership to know that game is possible with only a single bid provided one has 13+ points. As we shall see for suit contracts it is only true if the opening 2/1 bidder has 15 points, not 12/13 points since 25/26 points do not result in game whenever a singleton in one hand finds "wasted honor points" in partner's hand. Yet, most 2/1 conventions call for 13+ High Card Points (HCP). Another flaw of the 2/1 approach is the fact that opening 1-level suit bids have a wide bidding range (12-21). To eliminate this flaw, the principles of Pinpoint Precision with 1\*=18+ points and new responses associated with a new and improved hand evaluation method. A major flaw of most Strong Club opening bids is that they are based solely on HCPs with opening bids of 1\*=16/17+ HCP. To correct these flaws among others, the search for a better hand evaluation method and a better bidding system has been unrelenting. Hand evaluation methods have been popularized by Milton Work, Charles Goren, Marty Bergen, and Petkoy Zar, and others. All falling short when applied to the commonly used "dialogue" bidding systems. The Optimal Point Count (OPC) method of hand evaluation corrects the many flaws of prior hand evaluation methods when applied to any bidding system. In this book many "traditional/standard" bidding practices that do not help to show suit fit and distribution are to be avoided or re-defined. Splinters and mini splinters which show the location of voids and singletons to help locate wasted honors, the XYZ bidding convention, cue bidding, and new bids

for the investigation of game and slam are among the cornerstone conventions reviewed in this book. Newly defined 2 and 3-level bids to show hands with 6/7+card suits are defined to prevent the opponents from finding their optimal contract and to improve upon difficult bidding sequences using traditional bidding strategies. The evaluation of one's Offense to Defense Ratio (ODR), why many well-known bidding sequences must be avoided, and an analysis of several old "standard" bridge laws/rules are reviewed to show why they need not be used to improve one's judgement if one employs the OPC method. The Two-Over-One Game Force System Independently Published The 2/1 Game Force bidding system is an improvement over the Standard American System that has been in effect and played by bridge players for many years. The advantage of the 2/1 system is that it allows the partnership to know that game is possible with only a single bid. In this book, I have tried to present the fundamental aspects of the bidding structure for playing a pure Two-Over-One Game Force system of bidding. This is not a book on conventions, it is a book about bridge that incorporates conventions that allow the partnership to reach game or slam. In this regard, I have incorporated modern methods for hand evaluation developed by Marty Bergen. New bidding conventions like SARS (Shape Asking Relays after Stayman), Quest transfers, and an overview of Bridge Rules and Laws that I hope will improve your approach to the bidding structure you may use today. In this second edition, I have included additional Bridge Rules, expanded and added material in several sections and included many more conventions common to the 2/1 Game Force System. This edition includes the Montreal club and diamond

relay bids, the Kennedy club, the Kaplan interchange bid, the Ekren 2? convention, picture bids, the forcing pass, masked mini splinters, the Ingberman and Ping Pong conventions, and the Marvin two spades convention, among others. Finally, a new chapter on Precision called Simplified Precision has been added.

**The Diamond Lil System** Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies  
The book "Standard Methods of Contract Bridge Complete" comprises of a methodical study and critical analysis of bidding, play, defence and other strategic instruments of contract bridge. In order to make a clear conception of all the norms, options and techniques, more than 200 deals have been illustrated thoroughly. The book compiles a systematic consolidation and logical explanation of all sorts of theories, conventions, norms and techniques of modern systems of Contract Bridge. Such unique and comprehensive compilation may provide immense assistance to the new generation of bridge players to develop and improve skill and strategic maturity for much better performances even upto the national level. Even the experienced players may prefer this book for consultation from time to time. The chapters on bidding explain most of the popular systems, artificial conventional bids and logical illustration of the correct norms of bidding under various situations. The bidding, in general, has been explained according to Standard American System. Whether it is bidding, play or defence, the most vital art is to take the correct decision at the correct time for the correct method, strategy, option or technique to be adopted for a profitable result. This book has the speciality that can empower a bridge player with thorough explanation on each of techniques separately for taking the crucial and appropriate decision.

*The Casey Bridge Bidding System* Master Point Press

Modern Bridge Conventions Three Rivers Press

**Bridge Basics 2** Trafford Publishing

The Two-Over One Game Force bidding system is an improvement over the Standard American System that has been in effect and played by bridge players for many years. The advantage of the 2/1 system is that it allows the partnership to know that game is possible with only a single bid. In this book, I have tried to present the fundamental aspects of the bidding structure for playing a pure two-over-one game force system of bidding. While many players claim they play 2/1, this is not the case. They have allowed the bidding structure of Standard American to prevail, like bidding suits up the line or ignoring the Walsh club. In this book, I have tried to change behavior by presenting a series of bids geared toward the 2/1 bidding structure where simply stated means that any auction that starts with an opening one-bid that is followed with a response at the two level of a lower-ranking suit represents a game forcing bidding sequence. Also included in the book are Bergen, Reverse Bergen, and Combined Bergen raises, inverted minor suit raises with crisscross and flip-flop, cue bidding, modified scroll bids, and many more methods. In the third edition, the chapter on Slam bidding has been expanded to include asking for aces and kings simultaneously, the Baron 4NT convention, and more. New material on Roman Jump overcalls, the Mc Cabe Adjunct and the Reverse Mc Cabe Adjunct, Bergens Jacoby 2NT bids, Meckwell major suit bids and Meckwell responses to minor suit openings, more on interference over strong notrump, minor suit Stayman, Kokish Relays and several other conventions have been added to

this latest edition. Several new bidding systems have been added to this final fifth edition; they include Tartan Weak Two Bids, The Walsh Club Convention, the Principle of Restricted Choice, additional methods for interfering over the strong precision club bid, Variable Roman Keycard Blackwood, Spiral Scan bids, the Swedish 2NT bid, and more on interference over strong notrump bids. Also included is an update of the Minorwood and the Roman Keycard Blackwood Conventions, Two-Way New Minor Forcing with modified Wolff Signoff bids and new bidding sequences using Mini/Weak Notrump. The topic of Offense to Defense Ratio (ODR) is included in this revision as well as expanded bidding sequences when opening and responding to the bid of two playing the 2/1 Game Force System and several new Bridge Rules have been added to chapter 10. You may find Timms Bridge Bits, several duplicate bridge lessons, and a free pdf copy of this book on the website [www.bridgewebs.com/ocala](http://www.bridgewebs.com/ocala).

#### Partnership Agreements Master Point Press

What is "Standard" Bidding? This is an increasingly hard question to answer, but the proliferation of bridge on the Internet in pickup partnerships makes it imperative that someone does so. Perhaps the most popular natural system for the hundreds of thousands of

online players worldwide is the "Standard American Yellow Card," or SAYC. In this book, for the first time, SAYC is fully described and explained. This will be an invaluable to aid to anyone wanting to learn and understand SAYC, or anyone who simply knows the basics and is eager to fill in the missing pieces in their repertoire.

#### 2/1 Game Force a Modern Approach Simon and Schuster

This book is designed to highlight the advantages and disadvantages of the three major bidding systems: Standard American, 2/1, and Precision Club, as well as the Bergen Raise system. Solutions are offered for each disadvantage. Proposals for additional conventions, such as the weak NT and Jacoby transfers, are contained in a simplified model chart of each system. There are also innovative proposals for showing a five-card major, overcalls, and slam bidding. You will also find chapters on various conventions, irregularities in bidding, probabilities, filling out the convention card, playing in a team event, and scoring.

#### Five Hands System Trafford Publishing

Explains twenty-five bidding conventions, including the grand slam force, lead-directing doubles, negative doubles, new minor forcing, responsive doubles, reverse Drury, splinter bids, Stayman, takeout doubles, and weak two-bids