**Chapter 6: Notrump bidding**

**No Trump Sequences**

When you are OPENING with balanced distribution:

15-17 pts. 1NT

18-19 pts. Open one of a suit and then jump to 2NT on your

 second bid.

20-21 pts. 2NT

22+ pts. Use the strong 2 club opening

1. When partner opens 1NT, what information does responder have?

2. How does responder determine the value of his hand?

3. When does responder use a Jacoby transfer? How is that done?

4. After the opener completes the transfer, what is the purpose of

 responder’s next bid?

5. How does opener determine where to place the contract after

 responder has transferred and then bid 3NT?

**Chapter 6: The Play at Notrump**

1. Count your sure winners—tricks you can take without giving up the

 lead.

2. Develop a plan.

 a. Where are more tricks possible?

 b. Pick a “project suit” that can produce the extra winners you need

 and play it immediately.

 c. Hold up a winner to try to prevent the opposition from taking tricks

 in that suit.

 **Making the first lead against notrump**

 1. Consider the bidding. What suits have been shown?

 2. Estimate how many points your partner may have.

 a. Estimate the number of points opponents have shown in their

 bidding

 b. Count your HCP.

3. 4th from your longest and strongest suit (if you have an honor in that

 suit).

 In notrump, it is fine to lead away from and ace on the opening lead.

4. Top of a 3 (or more)-card honor sequence.

5. BOSTON—**B**ottom **o**f **S**omething **T**op **o**f **N**othing