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BARE BONES BRIDGE with JAY FURMAN

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Honor points: Ace = 4, King 3, Queen 2, Jack 1.

. Void = 3. Singleton, = 2. Doubleton = 1

A Required to open in a suit:(Spades, Hearts, Diamonds Clubs).

Need 13 Honor points. With at least 5 cards in SP.or HTS. (a major), or 4 cards in diamonds or no limit in clubs.

Responses to partners opening bid.

Need a minimum of 6 honor points.

Raise partners suit with 3 or more pieces in his suit.

Raise in first level only, with 6-9 points.

Bid one no trump, with less than 10 points.

Jump with 13 points or more.

B To Open no trump:

Need 16-18 honor points. With no voids, or singletons, or two doubletons.

Responses to no trump opening by partner:.

Need 8 or more honor points . If you don't have them, PASS.

Bid 2 clubs with a 4 card major (Stayman) Asking partner if he has 4 card major.

If it matches your 4 card major, support it.

If he doesn't have a 4 card major, he bids 2 diamonds, and you ether,

Bid 2 no trump with 8-9 points and a balanced hand or

Bid 3 no trump with 10 plus points and balanced hand.

Goal: Score points: Majors 30 each trick, minors 20, no trump 40 first, then 30.

Game bids: No trump = 3 or more bid and made = 400 NV or 600 V.

Major suit = 4 or more bid and made.= 420 NV or 620 V.

Minor suit = 5 or more bid and made = 300 NV or 500 V

Small slam= 6 or more bid and made=500 points NV or 750 v.

Grand slam =7 bid and made= 750 NV or 1500 V.

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Draw trump as soon as possible Unless dummy has a void, singleton, or doubleton
Then try to trump in dummy before drawing trump.

Try to set up a long suit in your hand or dummy. May have to give up a trick or two to do it. Should have an entry to the set up hand.

DEFENDING

Lead partners bid suit, if any. Play singletons or doubletons. Play top of sequences.
After dummy is down, play to strength to your left, and weakness on right.