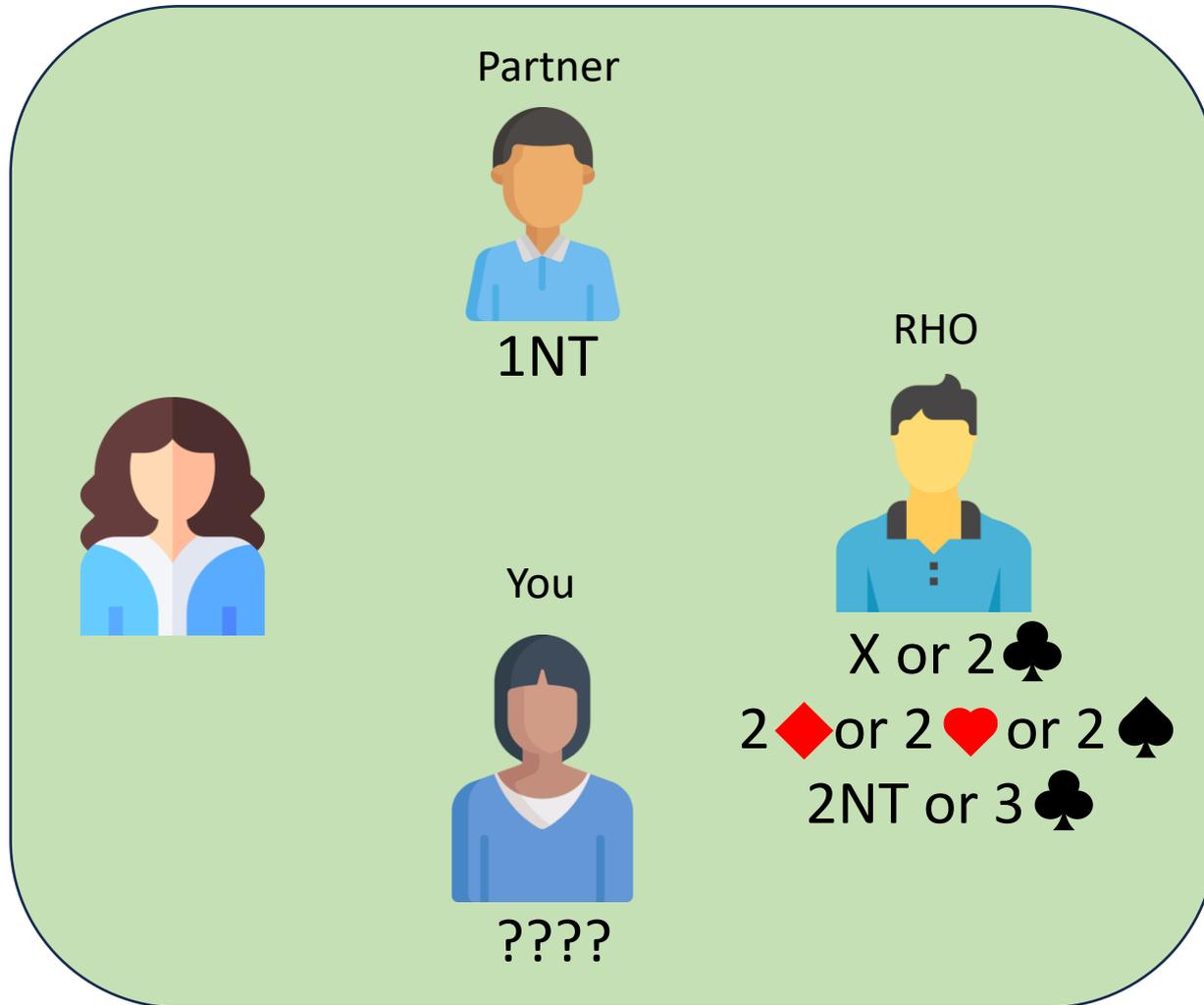


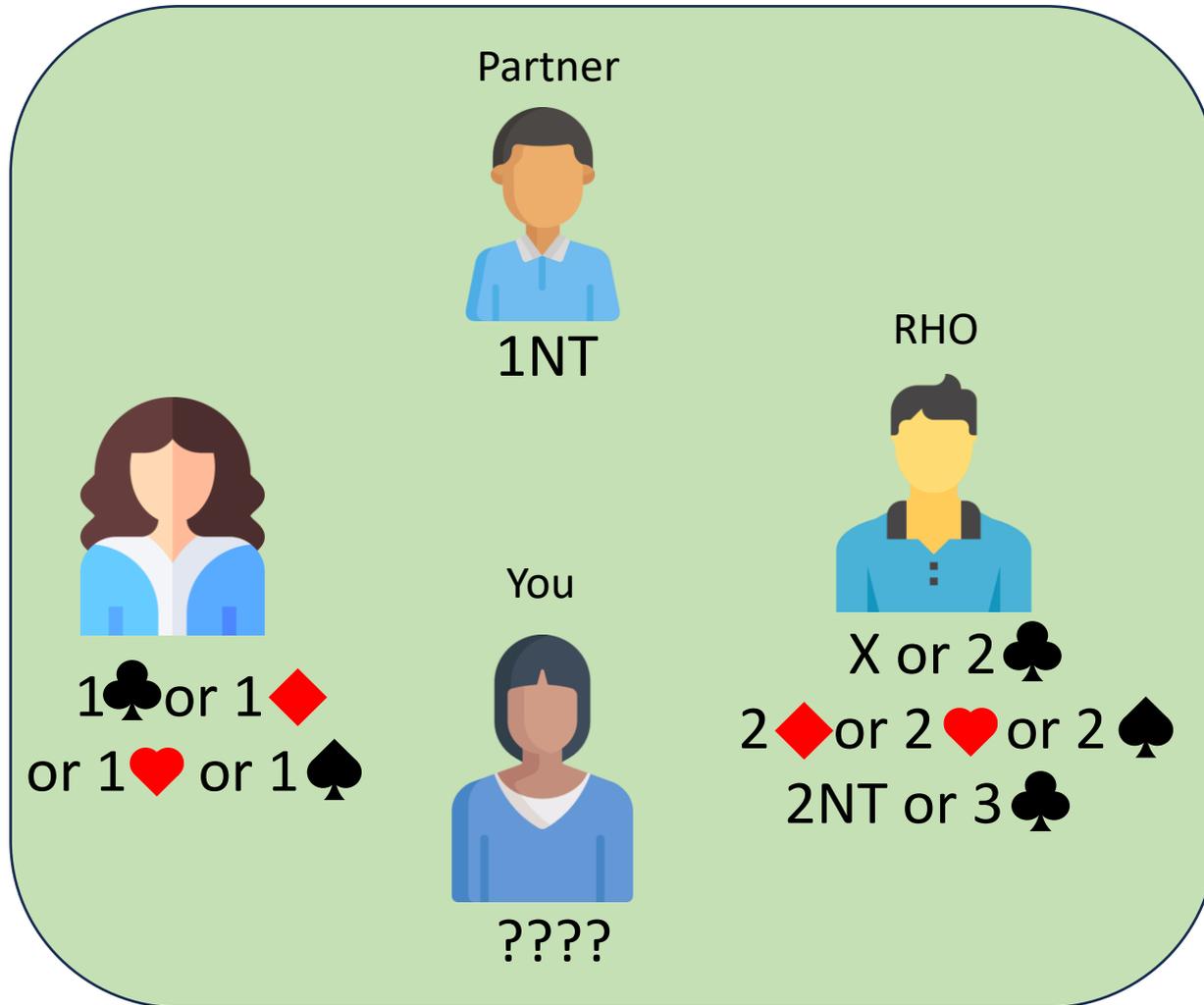
# Responding to Partner's 1NT When Opponents Interfere



# 1NT Opener



# Direct 1NT Overcall



# Two Objectives

Introduce an artificial 2NT bid (Lebensohl)

- Use only over 2♦, 2♥ and 2♠ interference
- Allows you to compete more effectively

Describe a PROCESS to

- Evaluate your hand
- Review the bids & tools at your disposal
- Respond appropriately

# After partner's 1NT bid

## Evaluate your Hand

### Strength

- Weak: 0-7 HCP
- Invitational: 8-9 HCP
- Strong: 10+ HCP
  - Game forcing
  - Could be slam-ish

### Distribution

- Balanced
- Unbalanced

# For this presentation

It is assumed that the overcalled suit either

- a) shows only the overcalled suit or
- b) shows overcalled suit + another suit

# 1. RHO Doubles (X)

Bid as if RHO passed

- Pass
- Stayman
- Transfer
- Invite Game or Slam
- Bid Game or Slam

Redouble – suggest not using it

## 2. RHO Bids 2 ♣

Mostly bid as if RHO passed

- Pass
- Stayman
  - Double (Stolen Bid)
  - Partner must Alert
- Transfer
- Invite Game or Slam
- Bid Game or Slam

# Convention Card for X and 2♣

1NT		NOTRUMP
<u>15</u>	to	<u>17</u>
<u>    </u>	to	<u>    </u>
5-card Major conns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
System on over X & 2♣		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2♣ Stayman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>
2♦ Transfer to ♥		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Forcing Stayman	<input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ Transfer to ♠		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2♠ size ask or ♣		<input type="checkbox"/>
2NT xfer ♦ slot -		<input type="checkbox"/>

# 3a. RHO Bids 2♦ (♦s or ♦s + 2<sup>nd</sup> suit)

## Bid

- Pass: weak balanced hand
- 2♥ or 2♠: 5+ card suit, to play with weak hand
- 3♣ or 3♥ or 3♠: Game forcing with 5+ card suit
  - 3♣ best with a 6+ card suit
- Double: penalty or take out (partnership agreement)

## 3b. RHO Bids 2♦

### Bid

- 3♦: (Cue bid) Game forcing with
  - 4 card major
  - No♦ stopper (Stopper = Qxx or better)
- 3NT: 10+ HCP balanced with no♦ stopper
  - Opener will bid a suit if no♦ stopper
- 4♦ or 4♥: Texas transfers to 4♥ or 4♠
- 4NT: Quantitative 16 HCP no♦ stopper

## Memory Aid #1: Direct denials

# Convention Card for Texas Transfers

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS	
<u>17</u>	3 ♣ <u>Puppet Stayman</u>
	3 ♦ <u>5-5 Minors (inv+)</u>
common ■	3 ♥ <u>3-1 (5-4) GF</u>
erX & 2 ♣	3 ♠ <u>1-3 (5-4) GF</u>
■ Puppet □	
to ♥ ■	4 ♦, 4 ♥ <u>Transfer</u> ■
Stayman □	Stayman ■
to ♠ ■	Lebensohl ■ (st denies)
ask or ♣	Man Double ■

## 3c. RHO Bids 2♦

### Bid 2NT (Lebensohl). Partner must Alert

- Opener must bid 3♣. You must Alert
- Then you bid
  - Pass to play in 3♣ with weak hand
  - 3♦ : 4 card major WITH ♦ stopper
    - Game forcing
  - 3♥ or 3♠: Invitational with 5+ card suit
  - 3NT: 10+ balanced WITH ♦ stopper
  - 4NT: Quantitative 16 HCP WITH ♦ stopper

## Memory Aid #2: Slow shows

# QUIZ: RHO Bids 2♦

You have 5+ spades

What is your next bid with:

- A weak hand?
  - 2 spades
- An invitational hand?
  - 2NT
- A strong hand?
  - 3 spades



## 4a. RHO Bids 2♥ (♥s or ♥s + 2<sup>nd</sup> suit)

### Bid

- Pass – weak balanced hand
- 2♠ : 5+ card suit, to play with weak hand
- 3♣ or 3♦ or 3♠ : Game forcing with 5+ card suit
  - 3♣ or 3♦ : best with a 6+ card suit
- Double: penalty or take out (partnership agreement)

## 4b. RHO Bids 2♥

### Bid

- 3♥ (cue bid): Game forcing with
  - 4♠ and
  - No♥ stopper
- 3NT: 10+ HCP balanced with no♥ stopper
  - Opener will bid a suit with no♥ stopper
- 4♥: Texas transfer to 4♠
- 4NT: Quantitative 16 HCP no♥ stopper

Direct 3♥, 3NT, 4NT Denies Heart Stopper

## 4c. RHO Bids 2♥

### Bid 2NT (Lebensohl). Partner must Alert

- Opener must bid 3♣. You must Alert
- Then you bid
  - Pass to play in 3♣: Weak hand with Clubs
  - 3♦: Weak hand to play in Diamonds
  - 3♥: (cue bid): Game forcing with
    - 4 spades WITH ♥ stopper
  - 3♠: Invitational with 5+ card suit
  - 3NT: 10+ balanced WITH ♥ stopper
  - 4NT Quantitative 16 HCP WITH ♥ stopper

Slow 3♥, 3NT, 4NT Shows Heart Stopper

# 5a. RHO Bids $2\spadesuit$ ( $\spadesuit$ s or $\spadesuit$ s + 2<sup>nd</sup> suit)

## Bid

- Pass – weak balanced hand
- $3\clubsuit$  or  $3\diamondsuit$  or  $3\heartsuit$  : Game forcing with 5+ card suit
  - $3\clubsuit$  or  $3\diamondsuit$  : best with a 6+ card suit
- Double: penalty or take out (partnership agreement)

## 5b. RHO Bids 2♠

### Bid

- 3♠ (cue bid): Game forcing with
  - 4 hearts and
  - No♠ stopper
- 3NT: 10+ HCP balanced with no ♠ stopper
  - Opener will bid a suit with no ♠ stopper
- 4♦: Texas transfer to 4♥
- 4NT: Quantitative 16 HCP no ♠ stopper

## 5c. RHO Bids 2♠

### Bid 2NT (Lebensohl). Partner must Alert

- Opener must bid 3♣. You must Alert
- Then you bid
  - Pass to play in 3♣: Weak hand with Clubs
  - 3♦: Weak hand to play in Diamonds
  - 3♥: Weak hand to play Hearts
  - 3♠: (cue bid): Game forcing
    - 4 hearts with♠ stopper
  - 3NT: 10+ HCP balanced with♠ stopper
  - 4NT: Quantitative 16 HCP with♠ stopper

## 6. RHO Bids 2NT (usually minor suits) or 3

You:

- Pass – weak balanced hand
- 3  or 3  or 3 : Game forcing with 5+ card suit
  - 3 : best with a 6+ card suit
- No suit bid option for invitational hand
- 4  or 4 : Texas transfers to 4  or 4 
- 3NT: 10+ HCP balanced with  stopper
- 4NT: Quantitative 16 HCP with  stopper
- Double: penalty or take out (partnership agreement)

# 6 Practice Hands

Taken from Beth Tobias' 11/2/2013 Presentation

# Practice Hand 1

♠ Q3

♥ 5

♦ QJT7532

♣ Jxx

## Bidding

1NT – 2♥ – 2NT – (P)

3♣ – (P) – 3♦ – (P)

(P) – (P)

# Practice Hand 2

♠ K6

♥ 73

♦ AQJ9532

♣ KT8

## Bidding

1NT – 2♥ – 3♦ game force

# Practice Hand 3

♠ K32  
♥ KJ5  
♦ Q75  
♣ Q863

## Bidding

1NT – 2♥ – 2NT – (P)  
3♣ – (P) – 3NT

# Practice Hand 4

♠ K65  
♥ 73  
♦ AK53  
♣ KT84

Bidding

1NT – 2♥ – 3NT

# Practice Hand 5

♠ K732

♥ KJ5

♦ Q75

♣ Q86

## Bidding

1NT – 2♥ – 2NT – (P)

3♣ – (P) – 3♥ (I have 4♠)

# Practice Hand 6

♠ K865

♥ 73

♦ AK53

♣ K84

## Bidding

1NT – 2♥ – 3♥ (I have 4♠)

# References

[Beth Tobias Lebensohl Charts](#) See p1

(<http://austinbridge.org/sbruce/lecture/Lebover1N.pdf>)

[Lebensohl in a Nutshell](#) Good 2 page description

(<https://www.bridgewebs.com/ocala/Lebensohl%20in%200a%20Nutshell.pdf>)

[Karen Walker Lebensohl Description](#)

(<https://kwbridge.com/leb-1nt.htm>)

[BridgeBum Lebensohl Description](#)

([https://www.bridgebum.com/lebensohl\\_after\\_1nt.php](https://www.bridgebum.com/lebensohl_after_1nt.php))