# Transferclub with weak nT 

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## 1 The short club

This document covers continuations after a $1 \%$ opening showing:

1. A natural unbalanced club opening: $5+\%$ and $11+$ hcp but not game forcing. Could also be 4-4-1-4.
2. A strong no trump hand in the $15-19$ range. Can have a five card (or even a six card, if you prefer) minor, but presumably not a five card major.

When in the $11-15$ range there could be some merit in opening $1 *$ instead if holding $5+\%$ and $4 *$ if your $1 \star$ structure allows for this. Another alternative is to open $1 *$ with $5 *$ and $4 *$, and $1 *$ with $4 *$ and $5 *$ (canapé style when holding both minors).

All sequences in this document is not written（Reverse Flannery continuations， some common treatments in other transferclub modules），so the reader should be prepared to study elsewhere．

## 2 Responses

The 1\％opening isn＇t forcing，but responder can make a response with very light values since 1 \％might be a silly contract if opener holds $15-19$ nt．The response structure could be divided into two cores：the major core and the minor core．These could be replaced if you like one of them，but not the other．The major core is the $1 \diamond \downarrow$ and $2 \triangleleft \downarrow$ responses，while the minor core is the $1 \curvearrowleft, 1 \mathrm{NT}, 2 \%$ and 2 NT responses．

## 1\％－

$1 \diamond \quad$ Transfer with 4＋major．0＋hcp．
14 $\quad$ No major．0－11 hcp．
1NT GF．Balanced or diamonds．
a） $5+\star$ ，unbalanced GF
b） $15+\mathrm{NT}$
2＊Natural unbalanced GF，5＋
2 $\quad$ Multi．Weak with 6＋major，about 4－7 hcp
2凶 Reverse Flannery．5s and 4『．4－7 hcp．
2ヵ Reverse Flannery．5¢ and $4 \bullet$ ．8－9 hcp．
2nt $\quad$ Natural GF．No major．12－14 hcp．

## 3 The major core

The major core uses Reverse Flannery to remove some pressure from the transfers． It also uses a Gazzilli－like bid by opener after responder transfers to a major．

## 3．1 Transfer to major

1\％－14；
1• Puppet to $1 \oplus$ ．
a）Unbal 3＋hearts $11-15$
b）Unbal 4＋hearts，16＋
c） $18-19 \mathrm{NT}$
1• Gazzilli．
a）6＋clubs，11－15
b） $16+$ unbal
1NT $\quad 15-17 \mathrm{NT}$

2\% Clubs and spades, 11-15 (non-forcing)
2. Clubs and diamonds, 11-15 (non-forcing)
2. $15-17$ nt with 4 hearts
3. 15-17 with $6 *$ and 3 -

3- 18-19 NT with 4 hearts
The puppet to $1 ه$ needs some untangling:
1*-1*; 1*-1*;
$1_{\mathrm{nt}} \quad 18-19 \mathrm{nt}$. Two-way checkback.
2\% Non-forcing. 11-14 with $3 \downarrow$.
2 $\quad$ F1. $4+\bullet 16+$ or $3 \bullet 19+$.
$2 \downarrow$ isn't forcing, others GF.
2• 3•, 16-18
There are many similarities when transferring to spades, but also differences:
1*-1*;

1. Gazzilli.
a) 6+ clubs, 11-15
b) $16+$ unbal
c) $18-19 \mathrm{NT}$
$1 \mathrm{NT} \quad 15-17 \mathrm{NT}$
2* Clubs and hearts, 11-15 (non-forcing)
2* Clubs and diamonds, 11-15 (non-forcing)
2 F1. Unbal. 3+ spades 11-15 or 4+ spades 16+.
2. $\quad 15-17$ nt with 4 spades

2NT $19+$ with $6+\cdots .3 *$ non-forcing, others GF.
3* $15-17$ with $6 \times$ and 34
3. $18-19 \mathrm{Nt}$ with 4 spades

Let's untangle the $2 v$ response:
1ヶ-1 $\boldsymbol{*} ; 2 \boldsymbol{2}$ —
2. Non-forcing
$2 \mathrm{NT} \quad 4+\star, 16+$
3* Not enough to force game.
3 Extras. 3 double negative others GF.
3. To play.

Other GF.

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    3* Good club suit, 44. 13-15.
    3&凶 Shortness and 4^. 13-15.
2NT INV+.
    3% Minimum, 3^.
    3ヶ४ Shortness, 16+.
    3^ Minimum, 4^.
    3nt Max, 3m.
    4% Good club suit, 4^. 13-15.
    4*凶 Shortness and 4*. 13-15.
4^ No (desire to show) shortness, 4^. 13-15.
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## 3．1．1 Gazzilli

The Gazzilli structure is a bit different depending on whether responder transfers to hearts or spades．

1＊－1＊；1～－
1NT GF vs strong hand
2＊ $11-15,6+\%$ ． $2 \star$ forces．
Other Natural 16＋
2．$\quad$ Not enough to force game vs strong hand
2．F1．Artificial．Very strong．
$2 \downarrow$ and $3 \%$ sub－minimum response．Others force game．
Other Natural 16＋non－forcing．
Other Suggestion to play vs weak hand
Since Gazzilli after a transfer to spades also includes 18－19 nt，there＇s some differences：

1NT GF vs strong hand
2ヵ As above．
2． $18+$ nt．Transfer responses．
$2_{\mathrm{NT}} \quad 16+$ clubs and diamonds．
Other Natural 16＋．
2．Not enough to force game vs strong hand
2．F1．18－19 nt or very strong hand．
2• Re－transfer． $5+\infty$ ．
2．Non－forcing， $2+\oplus$ ．Responder passes or bids $3 \uparrow$ ．
3＊Very strong with $3 \star$ ．
Other Natural，very strong．

## 2• Transfer to 2nt．

2NT 18－19 nT．
Other Natural，very strong．
Other 16＋unbal，not forcing．
Other Suggestion to play vs weak hand

## 3．2 The multi

1＊－24；
2『』 Non－forcing
2NT Forcing relay
3\％Any max
3 ${ }^{4}$ Asks
$3 \vee$ Spades
3n Hearts
3．Hearts minimum
3॰ Spades minimum
3\％Natural，forcing
3－INV，support both Ms
4\％Transfer to your suit
4 Bid your suit

## 4 The minor core

## 4．1 The negative spade answer

1\％－14；
1NT $15-17$ NT
2．$\quad$ Natural unbal，minimum
2 －18－19 nT
2• $5+\infty$ ，reverse with a $4+$ side suit
2． $6+\infty$ ，single－suiter and $18+$ hcp
3\％6＋\％，single－suiter and 15－17 hcp
1ヵ－1ヵ；1NT－
2＊To play
2• Clubs，GF．
2．Diamonds，GF．
2NT INV
3\％INV，6＋\％

| 3 | INV，6＋ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 30a | Splinter，5－5 minors GF． |
| 3nT | To play |
| 1\％－14；2\％－ |  |
| 2 | Weak diamonds |
| 2a | Bal INV，wants opener to declare． |
| 2 NT | INV |
| 3\％ | INV |
| 3. | Transfer to 3nt |
| 3nT | To play |
| 1＊－1ヵ；2＊－ |  |
| Pass | Weak with diamonds |
| 2 | INV，opener chooses between 2 NT or 3 NT |
| 2． | Puppet to 2NT，then： |
|  | pass Weak |
|  | 3\％Weak with clubs |
|  |  |
|  | 3nt To play |
| 2NT | Forcing，wants to declare |
| 3\％ | Typical 7m222 and some slam interest |
|  | 3 Asks minor |
|  | 3 －Clubs |
|  | 3．Diamonds |
|  | 3NT Not interested |
| 3 | GF with 6＋diamonds and short clubs |
| 30a | GF with 6＋diamonds and short major |
| 1＊－1ヵ；2凶－ |  |
| 2． | GF．Asks side suit，step principle |
| 2NT | Transfer to $3 \AA$ ，weak or GF （opener may break with strong hand） |
| 3\％ | INV |
| 3 | Natural INV |
| 30a | GF with 6＋diamonds，short major |
| 1\％－14；2n－ |  |
| 2 NT | Asks shortness |
| 3\％ | Waiting，minimum but forcing |
| 3 | 6＋＊，weak |

3凶 6＋४，GF and short clubs
3．Transfer to 3 Nt

## 4．2 Minor suit GF

1\％－1NT；
2＊ $5+$ unbal min
2 ${ }^{*}$ Relay，as below
2 ${ }^{*} \quad 5+\star$ and 4 M
2NT $15-17 \mathrm{Nt}$ choosing not to relay
3\％ $5+$ and $3+\%$
3＊6＋
3＊Splinter
2．Balanced
2＊Minimum， $5+$（ $2 \star$ relays）
2． $15+$ nT
2nt Transfer． $5+\star, 4+\infty$ ，extras
3ヶ Transfer．6＋४，extras
3 $\quad$ Transfer． $5+\star, 4 \downarrow$ ，extras
3» Transfer．5＋»，4↔，extras
2凶ヘ Natural unbal＋extras
$2 \mathrm{NT} \quad 4+\uparrow+$ extras
3．Natural＋extras
1＊－2＊；
2 $\quad$ Balanced．
2• Minimum（ $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ relays）
2．Minimum．Wants to make sure opener declares nt．
$2 \mathrm{Nt} \quad$ Forced．Then natural continuation．
2NT Transfer． $6+\infty$ ，extras．
3ヶ Transfer． $5+\infty, 4+\star$ ，extras．
$3 \uparrow$ Transfer． $5+\star, 4 \bullet$ ，extras．
3ヶ Transfer． $5+\infty, 4 \AA$ ，extras．
Other Natural unbal．

