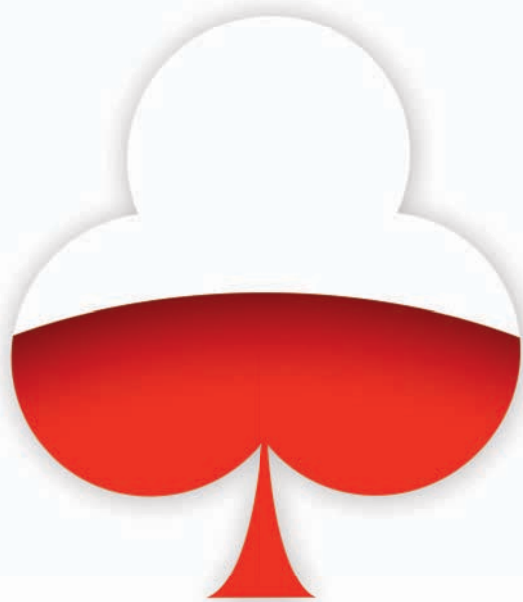


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## Preface

The world does not stand still. Bridge systems are no different. In 2005 I published a book “WJ 2005 – a modern version of Polish Club”.

What was modern 8 years ago, is prehistoric now. **Polish Club International** absorbs modern solutions from other systems and puts them into the frame of a “two-way” 1♣ opening.

The book is intended for two groups of readers:

- those interested in Polish Club
- those who want to get better understanding of trendy bidding treatments.

The book is divided into two parts:

- 1) Polish Club International Standard; this is a result of an Internet survey among Polish Club users
- 2) Polish Club International Pro; this part describes modern bidding tendencies approved all over the world – systematized in one cohesive system.

Two features distinguish this book from other manuals on bridge systems and conventions:

- 1) Quizzes – every new piece of information ends with a quiz. Cover the right column of a quiz table before finding your answer to the question given in the left column.
- 2) Slam bidding – the conventions are explained by showing examples of mistakes made by bridge champions.

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## Polish Club Survey

The questions posed in the survey are listed below. For each question, the solution chosen by the majority of users is indicated.

### Survey Questions and Answers

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#### Openings

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1. 1♦ Opening
  - a. 4+ cards
  - b. Usually 5+ cards – 4 only with a 3-suited hand or 5 clubs

**PCI Standard: (B) 1♦ opening is generally 5+ cards**

2. 1NT Opening
  - a. 5 card major allowed
  - b. 5 card major not allowed

**PCI Standard: (A) 1NT opening allow a 5-crd major**

3. 4♣ and 4♦ Openings
  - a. Natural
  - b. Show a strong hand with solid ♥/♠

**PCI Standard: (A) 4♣/4♦ openings are natural**

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#### Responses

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4. 2NT response to 1♣ opening
  - a. Nonforcing: 11-12 no 4 card major
  - b. GF: 13+ no 4 card major

**PCI Standard: (A) 2NT response to 1♣ opening is nonforcing**



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5. 3NT response to 1♣ opening
  - a. Does Not Exist – would not allow intelligent auctions over strong 1♣ variant
  - b. 13-15 no 4 card major

**PCI Standard: (B) 3NT response to 1♣ is allowed and shows 13-15 no 4 card major**

6. 2♥/2♠ responses to 1♣ opening
  - a. Natural, strong
  - b. Artificial – e.g. used to transfer NT declarership to the strong hand

**PCI Standard: (A) 2♥/2♠ responses to 1♣ are natural**

7. Over a 1♦ opening, a jump to 3♦ is:
  - a. Preemptive (up to 7 HCP)
  - b. Constructive (7-9 HCP)

**PCI Standard: (A) Jump to 3♦ is preemptive**

8. 2♥/2♠ response to 1♦ opening
  - a. Natural, strong
  - b. 5-4 majors minimum/invite (Reverse Flannery)

**PCI Standard: (A) 2♥/2♠ response are natural, strong**

9. 1NT response to 1 of a major opening
  - a. Nonforcing
  - b. Forcing, may contain 3fit limit raise

**PCI Standard: (A) a 1NT response to 1 of a major is non-forcing**

10. 2/1 response (e.g. 1♠-2♣)
  - a. Game-forcing
  - b. Game-forcing except if suit rebid after a weak rebid by opener

**PCI Standard: (B) a 2 over 1 response is not forcing to game**

11. 2♥ response to 1♠
  - a. Game-forcing
  - b. Game-forcing except if suit rebid after weak rebid by opener

**PCI Standard: (B) the 2 over 1 response is not forcing to game**

12. 2NT response to 1♥/1♠
  - a. Game-forcing raise
  - b. Limit raise

**PCI Standard: (B) 2NT over 1♥/1♠ is a limit raise**

13. Over a 1M opening, a jump to 3♣/3♦ is:
  - a. Game-forcing natural, good 6+crd suit, slammish
  - b. Artificial raise

**PCI Standard: (A) A jump to 3♣/3♦ over 1M is natural and game-forcing**

14. Over a 1M opening,
  - a. We play one splinter
  - b. We play splinters and mini-splinters

**PCI Standard: (B) Over 1M we play splinters and mini-splinters**

15. Over a 1N opening
  - a. 2N is a transfer to diamonds
  - b. 2N is natural invite

**PCI Standard: (B) Over an opening 1N, 2N is natural**

16. Over a 2♣ (Precision) opening
  - a. 2N is natural
  - b. 2N is a transfer to 3♣

**PCI Standard: (B) Over a 2♣ opening 2N is a transfer to 3♣**

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