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Short 1C/1D		(less than 2): Suction [18], constructive. 1N = 15-17 Bal				18
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SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS					
1. 2N after 1 major is a good raise, responses long suit trials					
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8. (Advanced) Puppet Stayman after natural 2N: C requests 5 card majors, replies: D=no 5cM, 4H and/or 3/4S; H/S = 5 cards; NT=No 4/5cM. After D, H=not4 H, S = not 4S, NT=4/4 H/S					
8a. 5-card Puppet Keri after natural 1N (re)bid: 2C asks for 5cM; could be weak takeout with a minor. After 2D, 2H/2S show other major					
9. After 1N opening/rebid: 2D/H=Xfer to H/S, 2S=Range/Xfer C, 2N=Xfer D					
10. After 2N, 3S=minor-suit stayman					
11. After single overcall, cue of the opponent's suit is a good raise					
13. Lebensohl after a simple overcall of 1NT or after 2x-X: double for penalties, 2N forces a rebid of clubs, 2-level suits are a signoff and 3-level suits are game forcing. Cue bid for Stayman					
14. 1D=0-7 any, 1H=8-15 any, 1S=15+ any, Rebid 4cM first if unbal					
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