Shenkin Mclatchie System notes

- 1- 4th suit forcing -----game forcing other than 1c 1d 1h 1s ---which is forcing to either 2nt or suit agreement at 3 level .
- 2- **Doubles** --- are take out up to level of 3s--- Except in the following cases
 - A) Where partner has opened or overcalled 1nt (or2nt if thats natural)
 - B) Where partner has shown a weak hand –by opening a weak 2 or 3 or making a weak jump overcall
 - C) Where opponents have opened pre-emptively at the 3 level

3-RKC –Normal responses 14/30 2 without 2 with---but exceptions are

A)-If **clubs** have specifically been agreed then responses change to 30/41

B) if no suit has been agreed then responses are 14/30 and 5h is 2 without the K/q of partners first bid suit while 5s is 2 with the K/q of partners first bid suit

4-lead of A asks for attitude, lead of K for count

When dummy has a singleton and it's a **suit** contract then can be suit preference on the lead of either A or K

5-Check back -1 any 1 any 1nt

2c is always check back

2d is check back if one major has been bid

But

2d as check back for other major applies over 1nt but not over 2nt

But over

1c---1d

1nt –2d is just to play

6-**over our 1NT** --when opposition bid then since double would be values and a suit natural with some values then with a weak hand and a 6 card minor we would bid 2nt—forces partner to bid 3c which we would then pass or convert to 3d depending on which suit we held

Also where you open 1 nt and opponents bid say 2h -a bid of 3h by responder specifically ask opener to bid 3nt with a stopper –likely that responder has 6 tricks in a minor

New 1nt –3h –shows game/slam interest with a singleton heart and possibly 4 spades –but at least 4 cards in each minor –so either 4144 or 3145 or 3154 –partner bids 3s with 4 to cater for 4144 option, bids 3nt with good hearts or bids a minor

1nt-3s shows game/slam interest with a singleton spade and no more than 3h –so 1354 or 1345 –or 1255

1nt 2nt still transfer to minor(s) but if partners 3c is followed by 3h –shows slam interest with good 6cards plus in clubs

While if followed by 3s it shows slam interest as above but in diamonds

INT –2D

2H- --3H

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1nt ---4c RKC

I nt ----4d--Weak, distributional transfer to Heart s

1nt –4h ---weak distributional transfer to spades

7-Michaels etc

1c 2c overcall by us is majors

1d-2d is majors

1h 2h is spades and a minor

1s 2s is hearts and a minor

If partner then bids 2nt its forward going asking for the minor

If partner however bids 3c and not 2nt that's weak to play in whichever minor partner has