

**Defence to Forcing Pass
(Paul Yovich suggested defence)**

THEY BID	OUR DEFENCE
Pass (13+ hcp)	1NT = 15 - 17 hcp 2 Suit = Weak jump (usually 6-card suit) 1 Suit = (if suit is good), 8-20 hcp
1♣ = 8 - 12 hcp (shows 4+♥) Treat systemically as 1♥	X = 13 – 15 balanced 1♥ = Takeout of hearts 2♥ = Michaels (Spades and a minor (5/4)) 2 Suit = Natural (5+ suit, 13+hcp)
1♦ = 8 - 12 hcp (shows 4+♠) Treat systemically as 1♠	X = 13 – 15 balanced 1♠ = Takeout of Spades 2♠ = Michaels (Hearts and a minor (5/4)) 2 Suit = Natural (5+ suit, 13+hcp)
Fert. (0 - 7 hcp) any shape Usually 1♥, may be 1♠	1NT, 2♣, 2♦, 2♥ = Transfers (show 5+ suit, 12 -16 hcp). X = Bal, 13 + hcp (maybe 4441) Note 1. 2♠ = Strong two in Spades 2NT/3♣ /3♦ = 5/5 minors/♣ and ♥/♦ and ♥
1♠ = 8 - 12 hcp no 4 card major	X = T/O for majors. 1NT = 13 – 15 bal
1NT = 8 - 12 hcp, 5+/4+ in minors	2♣ = 4+/4+ majors 2♦ = single suited X = Penalty (16+hcp) 2♥/♠ = 4-card suit plus 5 card minor 3 level bids = Preemptive

Note 1. Response to Partner's X after opponent 1♥/♠ Fert:

- (a) 1♠ = 0 – 7 hcp, not much shape. Now 2C♣ by doubler = Strong; 1NT = 15 – 19 with no interest in Spades; other Suit bids natural
- (b) 1NT = 8 – 10hcp, not suitable for penalties
- (c) Other bids as if responding to weak NT opening by partner (transfers, etc)

See Paul's full article in the Focus – March 2012