

Stolen Bid (Over Your 1NT Bid)



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Time for a Joke

A police officer sees a man driving around with a pickup truck full of penguins.

He pulls the guy over and says: *“You can’t drive around with penguins in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately.”*

The guy says, “Okay,” and drives away.

The next day, the officer sees the guy still driving around with the truck full of penguins, and they’re all wearing sunglasses.

He pulls the guy over and demands: *“I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday?”*

The guy replies: *“I did . . . today I’m taking them to the beach!”*

The easiest and simplest solution:

Stolen Bid (Over Your 1NT)



Now that opponents are using Cappelletti or DONT over your 1NT, you can use Stolen Bid to handle the interference:

A) If they double over your 1NT:

- 1) Ignore the double (Systems on). 2C = Stayman, 2D = transfer to 2H, etc.
- 2) Use redouble to show a long minor. Opener bids 2C. Responder may correct (2D).

B) If they bid 2C over your 1NT:

- 1) Double is Stayman (Stolen Bid) asking for a 4-card major.
- 2) Otherwise, ignore the 2C bid (2D = transfer to 2H, 2H = transfer to 2S, etc.).

C) If they bid 2D or higher over your 1NT:

- 1) Abandon Stayman and Transfers; bid naturally. A double is not penalties or a transfer to ♥'s. It just says, "I have enough values to compete, but no clear call."
- 2) New suits = natural (5+) and drop dead.

♠AJ93 ♥K42 ♦43 ♣10952

Dbf

♠K9532 ♥42 ♦QJ63 ♣52

2S

Playing a double this way is much more efficient.

Compete. All you need for Stayman now is 5+ HCPs.

Using Stolen Bid

What do you call a monkey in a landmine?



1)

South

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Dbl*	???	

♠Q732 ♥KJ32 ♦J872 ♣7

Bid 2C* (Stayman)

2)

South

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	2C*	???	

♠KQ72 ♥7432 ♦J872 ♣7

Dbl*

3)

South

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	2D	???	

♠Q972 ♥KJ42 ♦J97 ♣43

Dbl*

And pass partner's response. A redouble would transfer partner to 2C so you can get out in a long minor.

Stayman. They stole my bid. Pass partner's response.

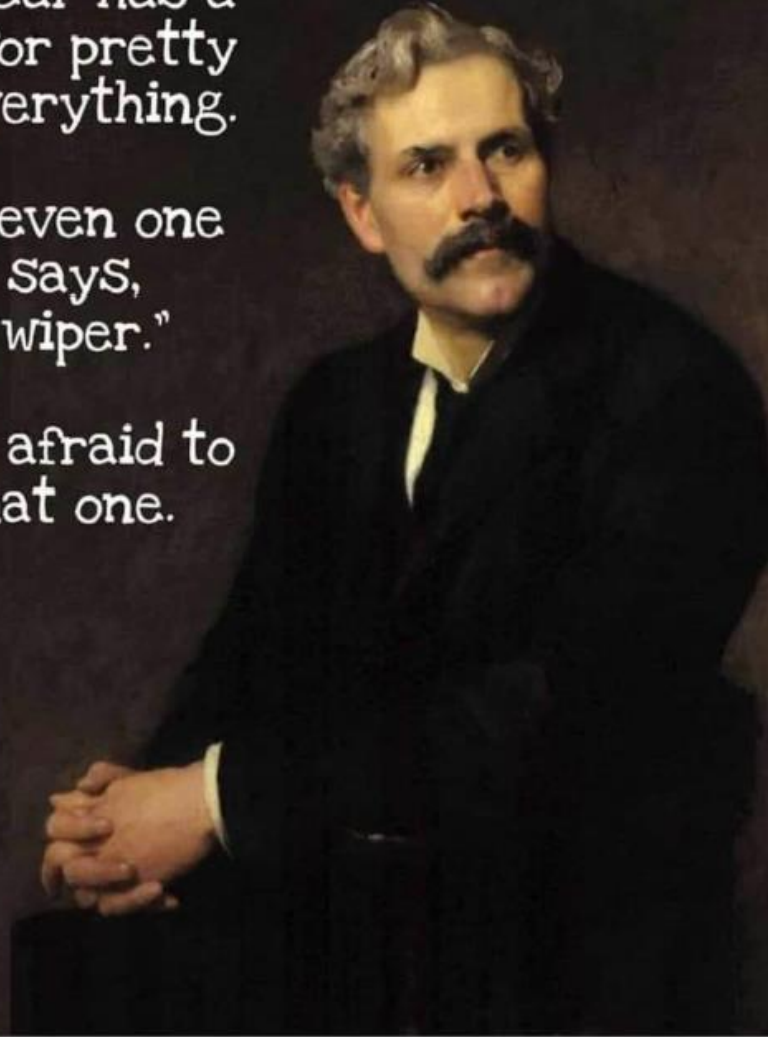
You have enough to compete but no clear call.

Time for Another Joke

My new car has a
button for pretty
much everything.

There's even one
that says,
"rear wiper."

Still too afraid to
try that one.



Using Stolen Bid (Con't)



1)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Dbl	???	

South

♠987632 ♥432 ♦J32 ♣9

2H* (transfer to 2S)

Then pass partner's 2S bid.

2)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Dbl	???	

South

♠72 ♥32 ♦J98652 ♣984

Redbl* - transferring partner to 2C.

Then bid 2D (to play) over his 2C bid.

3)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	2H*	???	

South

♠QJ972 ♥K4 ♦973 ♣643

2S (to play)

A double is take-out with 4-card suits.

Time To Play

Sadly, the
days of people
using proper
English are
went