SUPPORTING PARTNER - IMPROVERS' METHODS

Partner opened one major - no intervention

Strongly recommended as you move forward is that you should adopt

The Jacoby 2NT support bid, and the splinter bid.

2NT - ***4-card support - game-forcing - no void or singleton.***

Splinter ***a double jump in a new suit - promising four-card support - game-going values - and a void or singleton in the bid suit.***

Typically game-going values will be 13+ points or a 7-loser hand (see Losing Trick Count).

raise to two - ***3-card support and 6-9 points;***
or 4-card support and 5-9 points.
raise to three - ***4-card support and 10-12 points***
raise to 4 - ***5-card or longer support and less than ten points.***

(An alternative convention is the 'limit or better' raise - forcing to three of the major or higher).

♠	K Q 5 4	Partner opened 1♠.
♥	A T 6	Bid 2NT
♦	Q J 8 2	forcing to 4♠ with 4-card support.
♣	Q 4	

Partner opened one major - RHO overcalled in a suit

The cue-raise:-

bid the opponents' suit to show a good raise to three or more, four or more card support, and ten or more points.

Direct raises:-

All direct raises to three or more are weak (less than 10 points).
When RHO bids the splinter bid will be a jump in the opponents' suit.

Partner opened one minor - no intervention

Your priority will be to search for a contract in a major or in no trumps.
Your best bid will usually be a natural and forcing change of suit.
1NT, 2NT and 3NT are all natural.

♠	K Q 5 4	Partner opened 1♠ and RHO
♥	A T 6	overcalled 2♣.
♦	Q J 8 2	Bid 3♣ - forcing to 3♠ with
♣	Q 4	4-card support.

♠	K Q 5 4	Partner opened 1♠ and RHO
♥	T 9 6	overcalled 2♣.
♦	8 6 5 3	Bid 3♠ - weak and preemp-
♣	7 4	tive.

Partner opened one minor - RHO overcalled in a suit

Your best bid will still usually be a natural and forcing change of suit.
Bids in no trumps are natural and promise a stop.
Double will be your first move on hands with values but no natural bid.

A bid in the opponents' suit shows a good raise - four or more card support and ten or more points (as above).
All direct raises are weak (up to nine points).

♠	K Q 5 4	Partner opened 1♦.
♥	A T 6	Bid 1♠.
♦	Q J 8 2	
♣	Q 4	

♠	K Q 5 4	Partner opened 1♠ and RHO
♥	A T 9 4	overcalled 2♣.
♦	Q J 5 3	Bid 4♣ (splinter) - forcing to
♣	7	4♠.

♠	K Q 4	Partner opened 1♦.
♥	T	Bid 3♥ - forcing to 5♦ with
♦	Q J 8 5 2	at most one heart.
♣	A Q 6 4	

♠	K Q 5 4	Partner opened 1♦ and RHO
♥	A T	overcalled 1♥.
♦	Q J 8 2	Bid 1♠ (or double).
♣	Q 4	