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Competitive Bidding – Balancing & Pre-Balancing

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Traditional Balancing

- Balancing NT
 - Systems On
 - Major vs. Minor Opening
- Doubles
- Simple Overcalls
- Michaels
- Other Balancing Consideration
 - Other NT Strengths
 - Balancing Over 1-minor Opening
 - Balancing Over 1-Major Opening
 - Balancing Over 1NT Opening
 - Balancing Over Preemptive Openings
- Unusual Balancing
 - Balancing 1NT as a Passed Hand

Pre-Balancing

- OBAR Bids – Opponent's Bid and Raise
 - Balancing X after failing to X
 - Balancing 2S after failing to bid 1S
- 1X – 1NT Pre-Balancing

Other Balancing

- Opener's Re-Opening Bids
 - Doubles – protect the Trap Pass
- Responder's Reopening
 - Double
 - Non-Forcing New Suits

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