

# Beginners' Lesson 1 - Introduction ♠♥♦♣

**Board 1** ♠ A K 9  
 North Deals ♥ A K Q 8  
 None Vul ♦ 9 5 4 2  
 ♣ 10 2

♠ 8 2	N	♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ 9 6	W E	♥ J 10 7 4
♦ J 10 6 3	S	♦ Q 8
♣ Q 9 8 7 6		♣ J 4

♠ 10 5 4  
 ♥ 5 3 2  
 ♦ A K 7  
 ♣ A K 5 3

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	1 NT	Pass	3 NT

All pass  
 Lead: ♠ 6

N/S have no fit but have 30 HCP so good for game  
 N/S likely makes:  
 2 spades  
 3 hearts  
 2 diamonds  
 2 clubs  
**Total 9 tricks**

**Board 2** ♠ 3 2  
 East Deals ♥ J 8 5 4  
 None Vul ♦ 9 8 6  
 ♣ A K 10 6

♠ A J 10 9	N	♠ K Q 6 5 4
♥ K 7	W E	♥ A 10 9
♦ 7 5 3	S	♦ A 10 2
♣ J 5 4 3		♣ 9 2

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ Q 6 3 2  
 ♦ K Q J 4  
 ♣ Q 8 7

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	All pass	1 ♠	Pass

2 ♠  
 Lead: ♦ K

Suggest E/W have a good ♠ fit & 13+9 HCP - not enough for game. Makes 8 tricks off the top & can ruff a heart trick for the 9th trick.

**Board 3** ♠ K  
 South Deals ♥ K Q 7  
 None Vul ♦ A 10 9 8 7 5 4  
 ♣ 5 4

♠ 7 3 2	N	♠ 9 8 6 5 4
♥ 10 5	W E	♥ 8 6 3
♦ K Q J 2	S	♦ —
♣ K Q J 6		♣ A 10 8 3 2

♠ A Q J 10  
 ♥ A J 9 4 2  
 ♦ 6 3  
 ♣ 9 7

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	1 ♥

Lead: ♣ K

N/S have a heart fit, 24 HCP & good shape so could try game but any contract in hearts is fine.  
 Illustrates the power of trumps.

- E/W are partners
- West's ♠K is winning so East plays low
- West plays ♣Q, East plays low
- West plays ♦K, North the ♦A, East can now trump with ♥3

**Board 4** ♠ 6 3 2  
 West Deals ♥ K J 8 7  
 None Vul ♦ Q J 4  
 ♣ 10 8 4

♠ Q 8 7	N	♠ A K J 10
♥ A 10 6	W E	♥ 9 5 4
♦ A 8 7 2	S	♦ 6 5 3
♣ A 5 3		♣ K 7 6

♠ 9 5 4  
 ♥ Q 3 2  
 ♦ K 10 9  
 ♣ Q J 9 2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	All pass

Lead: ♥ 7

No obvious suit fit so end up in NT. Not enough pts for game. Introduce lead of 4th highest of longest & strongest in NT. 8 sure tricks.

**Board 5**    ♠ A 5  
**North Deals**    ♥ A Q J 9 8 6  
**None Vul**    ♦ A K 9  
                      ♣ 7 5

♠ Q 10 9	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</div> </div>	♠ J 8 4 2	
♥ 4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</div> </div>	♥ 5 3 2	
♦ 8 7 4 3 2		♦ J 5	
♣ A 6 4 3		♣ Q J 10 9	

♠ K 7 6 3  
♥ K 10 7  
♦ Q 10 6  
♣ K 8 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	

Lead: ♣ Q

N/S have a fit of 9 in hearts & 29 HCP so fine to bid game. Just them play - makes 9 tricks every time & can make 11

**Board 6**    ♠ 4  
**East Deals**    ♥ 10 9 8 5  
**None Vul**    ♦ J 7 6 5  
                      ♣ Q J 10 4

♠ A K Q J 10	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</div> </div>	♠ 9 5 3 2	
♥ 6	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</div> </div>	♥ A K Q 7 3	
♦ 10 9 8 4		♦ A 2	
♣ 7 6 3		♣ A 9	

♠ 8 7 6  
♥ J 4 2  
♦ K Q 3  
♣ K 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Lead: ♣ Q

West does not like East's hearts so bids their own suit spades. They have a fit so East rebids spades. Can make 6S but just let them play.