

Beginners' Lessons: Hands from Lesson 2 to 5

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 5 3
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 10 8
♣ K 9 3

♠ 9 6 4
♥ 10
♦ Q 7 6 4 3
♣ A J 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
All pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Lead: ♦ 3

South opens 1 ♥. North bids 2 ♥ showing 4 hearts and 6-9 HCP.

South raises to game with a strong hand.

The lead of a small diamond by West is from their longest and strongest suit.

South should draw trumps as soon as possible.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 7 4
♦ A Q 4
♣ 7 4

♠ A J 9 6 2
♥ A 5
♦ 10 7
♣ 8 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
All pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Lead: ♣ J

Opener's rebid shows 5+ hearts and a minimum hand of 12-15 HCP. South now bids to game in hearts because they now know they have a fit.

Lead is top of a sequence.

Declarer plays 3 rounds of clubs first, discarding a small spade to avoid 2 spade losers. Then, Declarer draws trumps and plays diamonds.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K J 7 4
♥ 3
♦ A 6 4 3 2
♣ J 5 3

♠ 8 2
♥ K Q 10 5 4 2
♦ K Q
♣ K 8 6

West	North	East	South
4 ♥	All pass	1 ♥	Pass

Lead: ♦ 10

East opens 1 ♥ (the lowest 4-card suit).

West bids game in hearts as they have 4 hearts and enough points for game.

The ♦ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and take the spade finesse to capture the ♠ K.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ 10 8 7
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ A K 8 7

♠ A K 10 7
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 4
♣ Q J 10 9 6

West	North	East	South
3 ♠	All pass	1 ♠	Pass

Lead: ♦ 2

East opens 1 ♠ and West bids 3 ♠ (showing 4+ spades and enough to invite to game).

East, with a minimum hand, passes.

South's lead is small from their longest and strongest suit.

Draw trumps then play clubs (their next longest suit)

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K J 5
♥ A 8 7
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 7 4 2

♠ 10 6
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

Lead: ♥ K

South opens the lower of two 4-card suits. North bids 1 ♠. South is strong enough to raise to game.

Lead is top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and play **towards** clubs in South's hand (dummy), hoping the ♣ K is in East's hand

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A J 9 3
♥ 10 6 4
♦ 3
♣ K 7 5 4 2

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ Q J 10 8

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

South opens their longest suit and North bids 1 ♠ (4+ spades and 6+ HCP). **NB:** North must not bid 2 ♣ as this shows 10+HCP. South jumps to 3 ♦ to show 18-19 HCP with 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds, so North can now bid to game in hearts.

Lead is ♣ Q.

Declarer draws trumps then plays on diamonds.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ Q 7
♣ Q J 10 7 2

♠ A J 8 6 5 4
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 9 4
♣ 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		

Lead: ♣ Q

West opens 1 ♠ and East, with no fit, bids 1 NT showing 6-9 HCP. West prefers spades to notrumps, so now bids 2 ♠.

Lead is ♣ Q, top of a sequence.

Declarer draws trumps and then plays diamonds (their next longest suit).

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9
♥ K 8 3
♦ 6 2
♣ J 6 5 4 2

♠ A J 5
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ Q 8 4 3
♣ 9 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♣	All pass	

Lead: ♥ 10

South opens 1 ♣ and North bids 2 ♣ with 6-9 and a fit.

South passes with a minimum hand.

♥ 10 is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and lead twice towards spade honours in North's hand.

