

Lesson 2 - NT - Promotion

Board 4
West Deals
None Vul


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

♠ K 6 4 2
♥ A 9
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ 10 8 2

♠ K 6 4 2
♥ A 9
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ 10 8 2


♠ J 10 3
♥ Q J 6 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K 7 4

♠ Q 5
♥ 8 7 3 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ Q J 9 3



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Board 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 N
Pass	2 N	All pass	

Lesson 2 - Suit - Trump Length

Board 6
 East Deals
 None Vul

	♠ A 7		
	♥ Q 9 8 2		
	♦ K 9 2		
	♣ J 8 7 4		
♠ 10 6 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 9 8 5 3	
♥ J 10 6		♥ A 7 5	
♦ Q J 10 8 4		♦ A 5	
♣ A 5		♣ K 10	
	♠ K 2		
	♥ K 4 3		
	♦ 7 6 3		
	♣ Q 9 6 3 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		

Lesson 2 - Suit - Finess

Board 8
 West Deals
 None Vul

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

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

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Board 9
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 N	All pass	

Board 10
 East Deals
 None Vul

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	♠ A 8 5 3 2		
	♥ 9 8 7 5		
	♦ 7		
	♣ Q 9 7		
♠ 7 6	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 9 4	
♥ 10 6		♥ A K 3 2	
♦ K Q J 6 4 2		♦ A 5	
♣ A 5 3		♣ K 6 4 2	
	♠ Q J 10		
	♥ Q J 4		
	♦ 10 9 8 3		
	♣ J 10 8		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 N	Pass
3 N	All pass		

Lesson 2 - Suit - Ruff

Board 11
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	1 N
All pass			4 ♠

Lesson 2 - NT - Long Suit

Board 15
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ 10 5
♥ J 9
♦ K J 6
♣ K J 10 5 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 N	Pass	Pass
Pass	3 N	All pass	2 N

North raises South's 1 NT opening to 2 NT (8 - 9 high-card points). South has a minimum and passes. West probably leads the J of spades (top of a sequence). South has five top tricks but leads a high heart to drive out the ace, leading to 3 more heart tricks, making the contract.

Board 25
 North Deals
 None Vul

Lesson 2 - Suit - Ruff

♠ K 10 6 5 3

♥ A K 9

♦ A 9 8 7

♣ 6

♠ 7 2

♥ 8 6 4

♦ 6 5 4

♣ A K J 4 3



♠ Q 9 8 4

♥ 10 7

♦ Q J 2

♣ Q 9 5 2

♠ A J

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ K 10 3

♣ 10 8 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

4 ♥

Pass

All pass

2 ♥

Board 26
 East Deals
 None Vul

Lesson 2 - Suit -

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣ 4 ♠	Pass All pass

Lesson 2 - Class Hand #2 - Long Suit

Board 32
 East Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

6 ♠ by East

West raises in spades with 9 high-card points plus two distribution points (1 for each doubleton). East sees 20 high-card points plus a length point in spades. The two doubletons may also be useful, so East boldly bids the small slam (6S). South might lead the K of hearts (top of sequence) or a passive 9 of spades. Either way, East wins five spades, five diamonds, and the two aces, making the contract.

Lesson 2 - Class Hand #3 - Ruffing

Board 33
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ J 7	♠ A K 3 2	♠ 10 9 8
♥ 10 7 5	♥ A J 8	♥ K 9 4
♦ Q 10 7 6 5	♦ A 8	♦ K J 9 3 2
♣ J 9 8	♣ K 7 4 3	♣ Q 10
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ Q 6 5 4	
	♥ Q 6 3 2	
	♦ 4	
	♣ A 6 5 2	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

North's rebid of 2 spades is a jump-shift (18+ total points). With 11 total points (8 high-card plus 3 distribution points for the diamond void with 4 trumps), South bids the 4S game. North has no extra, so passes. East has no good lead, so probably leads the 10 of spades. North wins the Ace and a ruff in diamonds, two hearts, and four spades. After drawing trump, North wins the AK of clubs and loses a club to set up the 4th club, making 11 tricks and the contract.

Lesson 2 - Class Hand #4 - Drawing Trumps

Board 34
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ 9 4	♠ 9 4
♥ A 7 6	♥ A 7 6
♦ 10 9 5	♦ 10 9 5
♣ Q J 10 9 6	♣ Q J 10 9 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4 ♠ by West

East raises West's 1S to 4S (a double jump to game) showing 19+ points. West, with a minimum, passes. North leads the Q of spades to cut down East's ruffing. East must ruff two small clubs. So, at trick two, East takes the Ace of clubs, ruffs a club in West's hand, returns via the A of diamonds, and ruffs the 2nd small club. East loses two hearts and a spade, making the contract.

Lesson 2 - Class Hand #5 - Finesse

Board 35
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 10 7 5	♠ A Q 8	♠ J 9 4 3
♥ 9 7	♥ A Q 8	♥ J 3 2
♦ 10 9 5	♦ K 6 3 2	♦ A 8 7
♣ A J 8 6	♣ 9 3 2	♣ K 10 4
	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 6 2	
	♥ K 10 6 5 4	
	♦ Q J 4	
	♣ Q 7 5	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 N	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♥ by North

South makes a transfer bid (2D is artificial, asking North to be 2H). South shows an invitational hand (8 - 9 points) in hearts. North, with a minimum, passes. East leads a trump (any other lead is away from an honor). After drawing trumps, North leads a high diamond, driving out the ace. East leads a club, West finesses the J and wins three tricks in the suit. North wins the rest (4th diamond or spade finesse). If East didn't lead a club, North would win an extra trick.

Lesson 2 - Class Hand #6 - Finesse

Board 36
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 N	Pass
3 N	Pass	Pass	Pass

3 N by East

With 11 high-card points opposite East's 15 - 17, West raises to the 3 NT game. South leads the J of diamonds (top of a sequence). Counting winners, East sees two clubs, 3 diamonds, and two hearts. East needs to win two spades. Therefore, East leads a spade toward the AJT, finessing twice with the jack and then the ten. Unless the KQ are in South, East will win two tricks.

Lesson 2 - Practice Hand #1

Board 37
 West Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ K 6 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q 10 2
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A Q 10 2		♥ K J 7			
♦ K J 7		♦ Q 10 7			
♣ Q 10 7					


<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 N
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1 N by South
 Lead: ♦ 5

South opens 1 NT with 15 - 17 high-card points. North, with a minimum 6 points, passes. With no better lead, West leads the 4th highest 5 of diamonds. South sees 6 tricks: the four hearts plus two diamonds. South needs the spade finesse or the club finesse to work. Try the spade finesse first. If that doesn't work, lead a club from North and finesse the 10. That may drive out a single high card in West. Use the hearts to communicate between hands. In this case, both tries work.

Lesson 2 - Practice Hand #2

Board 38
 South Deals
 None Vul

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


<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
1 N	Pass	3 N	Pass
Pass	Pass		

3 N by West
 Lead: ♦ Q

With 12 high-card points, East raises to the 3 NT game. North leads the Q of diamonds (top of sequence, long suit). West sees five top tricks. West needs to set up the long spade suit. Lead from the short hand (Q of spades) and keep leading until the Ace is driven out. Nine tricks are now available.

Lesson 2 - Practice Hand #3

Board 39
 North Deals
 None Vul

<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ K J 8 4 ♦ 8 6 ♣ K Q 7 4</p>		<p>♠ K 3 ♥ A 6 3 2 ♦ A Q 7 5 4 3 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ A 9 2 ♥ Q 10 9 5 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ 9 8 5</p>
<p>♠ 8 7 6 5 4 ♥ 7 ♦ J 10 ♣ A J 6 3 2</p>			


<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2 ♦ by North
 Lead: ♣ 9

North rebids their long diamond suit with a minimum hand. South, also with a minimum, passes. East leads a passive 9 of clubs (other leads are away from an honor). North sees five diamond tricks plus the Ace of clubs and Ace of hearts. However, there are ruffs available in hearts. Lead a heart to the Ace, ruff a heart, lead a club and ruff in North's hand, and lead another heart to ruff with Dummy's last diamond. North will lose two spades, a heart, and two diamonds to make the contract.

Lesson 2 - Practice Hand #4

Board 40
 South Deals
 None Vul

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


<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2 ♥ by East

West raises East's 1H bid to 2H with a minimum. East, also with a minimum, passes. With no good lead, South leads a trump (other leads would be away from an honor). East sees potentially 4 heart winners, 2 diamond winners and the Ace of spades. East needs to win a spade finesse. After winning the A of hearts at trick one, East immediately leads a small spade and finesses the ten first. After losing 3 clubs and the Ace of diamonds, East wins the return, draws trumps, ending with the Q of hearts, and leads the other small spade to finesse. Contract made.

Lesson 2 - Class Hand NT

Board 41
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	3 NT

All pass

Board 42
 North Deals
 None Vul

Lesson 2 - Suit

♠ J 10 7
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ Q 10 5 3
 ♣ K J 10 3

♠ A 8 2
 ♥ 8 6 5 4 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 7 6 5



♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ A K Q 9
 ♦ J 9 6 2
 ♣ Q 9

♠ K Q 9 6
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ K 8 7 4
 ♣ 8 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		