



### Lesson 4 - Class Hand #1

<b>Board 1</b>			
North Deals	♠ K 10 4		
None Vul	♥ Q 6 5		
	♦ K 9 7 5		
	♣ 10 7 6		
♠ 8 6 2		♠ A J 9 5 3	
♥ A 4 3 2		♥ K 10 8	
♦ 10 4		♦ A Q 2	
♣ A 8 5 3		♣ J 2	
	♠ Q 7		
	♥ J 9 7		
	♦ J 8 6 3		
	♣ K Q 9 4		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		


With 9 total points (8 high-card + 1 for the doubleton), West raises to 2S. With a minimum, East passes. South leads the K of clubs (top of sequence). East sees six potential losers (2 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds, and 1 club). East must eliminate one loser. Finessing twice in spades is tough - too few entries to West. Setting up the 4th heart is tricky - 36% chance, plus the chance opponents will ruff. So, take the A of clubs and immediately try the diamond finesse. If it loses, then try to draw trumps and set up the hearts. In this case the finesse wins - 8 tricks.

### Lesson 4 - Class Hand #2

<b>Board 2</b>			
North Deals	♠ J 10 8 4		
None Vul	♥ Q J 10 5		
	♦ A K 4		
	♣ K 3		
♠ K 9 3		♠ 7 2	
♥ 7 6 3		♥ A 9 8	
♦ Q 8 7		♦ J 10 3	
♣ Q 10 7 6		♣ A J 9 8 5	
	♠ A Q 6 5		
	♥ K 4 2		
	♦ 9 6 5 2		
	♣ 4 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	All pass	


With no 5-card major, North opens the longer minor. With a choice of raising the minor or bidding a new suit, South bids 1S - try to find a major fit first. South does a minimal raise and all pass. With no great lead, West chooses "top of nothing" and leads the 7 of diamonds (rather than leading from an honor) to East's Ace. South sees only 5 losers (1 spade, 1 heart, 1 diamond, and 2 clubs). After winning the heart return from East, South leads a spade and plays the Ace, then the Queen (trying to draw trumps before West scores a ruff - if the heart lead was a doubleton). After West wins and leads through the K of clubs (winning two tricks), South has the rest.

### Lesson 4 - Class Hand #3

<b>Board 3</b>			
North Deals	♠ K 10 7		
None Vul	♥ J 4		
	♦ J 8 7 5		
	♣ A 10 7 4		
♠ 6 4			♠ A Q 8 5 3
♥ A 8 7			♥ Q 9 5
♦ Q 6 4			♦ A 10 3
♣ K 9 6 5 2			♣ Q 3
			♠ J 9 2
			♥ K 10 6 3 2
			♦ K 9 2
			♣ J 8
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 N	All pass		


West's 1N shows 6 - 9 high-card points and no support for spades. East, with a minimum, passes. North has no obvious lead, so leads the 4 of clubs (4th best in long suit). It's ok to underlead an Ace in a NT contract (but not in a suit contract). South's jack drives out West's King. West sees a very tough hand to play - only 4 obvious winners (the three Aces and the K of clubs). Start with the spade suit - try the finesse (the Queen wins) and lead a small spade. If spades break 3 - 3 (36% chance), you can win 4 tricks in spades. In this case you are lucky and all works out. Otherwise, you'd try finesses with the heart and diamond queens. Not good odds.

### Lesson 4 - Class Hand #4

<b>Board 4</b>			
North Deals	♠ J		
None Vul	♥ Q 5 4		
	♦ J 8 7 6 2		
	♣ K 8 7 4		
♠ Q 7 5 3 2			♠ K 10 8 4
♥ 10 9 2			♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 10			♦ K 4
♣ A J 9			♣ 10 6 3 2
			♠ A 9 6
			♥ K J 8 6
			♦ A 9 5 3
			♣ Q 5
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♦	All pass	

With no 5-card major, South opens the longer minor. North has a weak hand but support in diamonds (remember, South could have only 3 diamonds). The 2D bid is passed out. With no obvious lead, West leads top of nothing - the 10 of hearts to the Ace. East returns a heart. South sees 6 potential losers (2 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds and a club). After playing the Ace of diamonds and a low diamond, the 2 - 2 split eliminates one of the diamond losers. By ruffing two spades (after playing the Ace) and the 4th heart, South should win 10 tricks.


### Lesson 4 - Class Hand #5

<b>Board 5</b>	♠ K J 6		
North Deals	♥ J 8 3 2		
None Vul	♦ 10 7 5 4		
	♣ Q 5		
♠ 9 3 2		♠ A 8 7 5 4	
♥ Q 4		♥ A K 6	
♦ J 8 6		♦ K Q 3	
♣ A 7 6 4 2		♣ K 3	
	♠ Q 10		
	♥ 10 9 7 5		
	♦ A 9 2		
	♣ J 10 9 8		

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

West shows a minimum raise with 2S. With 19+, East bids the 4S game. South leads the Jack of clubs (top of sequence). East sees 1 diamond loser plus some number of spade losers. There is no way to eliminate a loser directly, so East plays the Ace of spades and a small spade. With spades splitting 3 - 2 (68% chance), East takes 10 tricks, making the contract.

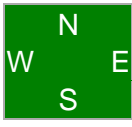
### Lesson 4 - Class Hand #6

<b>Board 6</b>	♠ A J 7 2		
North Deals	♥ A 9 6		
None Vul	♦ A Q J 10		
	♣ Q 6		
♠ 10 5 4		♠ 9 6	
♥ Q J 10 4		♥ 8 5 2	
♦ 8 7		♦ K 6	
♣ A J 5 3		♣ K 10 8 7 4 2	
	♠ K Q 8 3		
	♥ K 7 3		
	♦ 9 5 4 3 2		
	♣ 9		

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

With no 5-card major, North opens the longer minor. With a choice of raising diamonds, South instead bids 1S (find a major fit if you can). North has 18 points and 4 spades, so invites with 3S. With 6 points South would pass - but in this case proceeds to game with 11 total points (8 high-card plus 3 for the singleton club). West leads the Q of hearts (top of sequence). South sees 3 losers (1 heart, 1 diamond, 1 club). After winning the Ace of hearts, South draws trumps in three rounds, ending in the South hand. South leads a low diamond, finessing with the Q, which loses (50% chance). Losing the Ace of clubs and ruffing the club return, South throws a losing heart on the 5th diamond and wins 11 tricks.

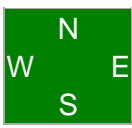
### Lesson 4 - Practice Hand #1

<b>Board 7</b>			
East Deals	♠ Q 8 4		
None Vul	♥ 10 9 2		
	♦ A 8 6		
	♣ Q 10 8 2		
			
♠ K 7		♠ A J 9 6	
♥ K J 6 5 3		♥ Q 8	
♦ K 9		♦ Q 7 5 3	
♣ A 9 4 3		♣ 7 6 5	
	♠ 10 5 3 2		
	♥ A 7 4		
	♦ J 10 4 2		
	♣ K J		

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

West opens the 5-card major and rebids 2C (may have only 3 clubs in some cases!). East, with a minimum hand, cannot bid 2D (a second, forward-going bid requires 10+ points). So, East takes preference by bidding 2H. East knows that West has 5 or more hearts, so they'll have 7+ trumps. With a minimal hand, West passes. With no good lead (except leading away from an honor), North leads the 10 of hearts, taken by the Ace. South leads another heart. West sees 5 losers (1 heart, 1 diamond, and 3 clubs). With the heart leads, West has no way to ruff the 4th club, so West draws trumps and wins the 8 tricks.

### Lesson 4 - Practice #2

<b>Board 8</b>			
North Deals	♠ A Q 10		
None Vul	♥ K J 3		
	♦ A 10 8		
	♣ K Q 4 3		
			
♠ 9 8 5 4 3		♠ J 7 2	
♥ 10 9 6		♥ A 7 4	
♦ J 6 4		♦ K 5 3 2	
♣ A 8		♣ 9 7 5	
	♠ K 6		
	♥ Q 8 5 2		
	♦ Q 9 7		
	♣ J 10 6 2		


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

With no 5-card major, North opens the longer minor. Over 1H, North jumps to 2 NT (18 - 19 high-card points). With 8 high-card points, South bids the 3 NT game. With no great lead, East leads top of nothing - the 9 of clubs, won by the Ace. West leads a low spade through North's strength. North sees 4 top winners. After forcing out the Ace of clubs, that will add 3 club winners. After forcing out the Ace of hearts, that will add 2 heart winners. In this hand there is also a 4th heart winner (3 - 3 split, 36% of the time) and a possible Q of diamonds winner.

### Lesson 4 - Practice #3

**Board 9**

North Deals  
None Vul

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


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

West has a great hand (17 high-card points) opposite the opening bid. 3 Clubs is a jump shift (showing 16+). After East bids their 2nd suit, West jumps to the 4S game to show support (3+ trumps). With advanced slam-bidding tools, a final 6S contract could be reached. South leads top of nothing (9 of clubs) to the King. Winning any return, East sees no additional losers unless trumps split badly. Playing 3 rounds of trumps, East takes the rest, discard diamonds on clubs.

### Lesson 4 - Practice #4

**Board 10**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	2 N
Pass	3 N	All pass	

South's 2 NT bid shows 10 - 12 high-card points. With 16 high-card points, North bids the 3 NT game, even with slightly unbalanced suits. To avoid leading away from an honor, West leads the 2 of hearts (4th best, long suit) to the Ace. East returns a heart. South sees 6 top tricks. Playing the King of clubs sets up 3 more club tricks.