

Beginners' Lesson 4 (Option A): Responder's New Suit Bids

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 6
♥ 7
♦ A K 6 3 2
♣ K Q 4

♠ A J 9 3
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ J 5 4
♣ 10 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
All pass	1♠	Pass	1NT

Lead: ♥ Q

North opens longest suit, and South bids 1♥. North tries 1♠ and South finally bids 1NT with no fit.

The lead is the top of a sequence.

After winning the K♥ Declarer plays clubs, by playing a small club (♣ 2) towards the shorter hand first.

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 6 5
♥ K 10 4 2
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ K 8

♠ A 9 7 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ K J 5
♣ 10 7 3

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
Lead: ♠ Q		2♣	All pass

East has no fit with West's spades so rebids 2♣.

West has a minimum hand and passes.

Lead is top of a sequence.

After winning with the ♠ A in Dummy, lead a small club towards the AQ. Play the ♣ Q, hoping to find the ♣ K in the North hand

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7
♥ J 8 6 5
♦ J 10 2
♣ A 10 2

♠ A Q 4 3
♥ A 2
♦ A K 8 6 3
♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	3NT
	All pass	1NT	Pass

West opens their longest suit and East bids 1NT, showing no suit to bid at the 1-level and 6-9 HCP. West is strong enough to bid game.

West now bids 3NT, as East has denied holding four spades.

Lead is ♥ 3 from longest and strongest suit.

Declarer plays the diamond suit first

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	3♦
Pass	4♥	All pass	

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

♠ A 9 8
♥ J 9 7 3 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ Q 8

♠ Q J 4 3 2
♥ A K Q 10 6
♦ 7 6
♣ 3

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

Lead: ♦ Q

West opens the higher ranking 5-card suit. East bids 2♣ and West rebids 2♥ showing a 2nd suit and at least 5 spades and 4 hearts. East bids to game in spades now knowing they have at least an eight card a fit.

The lead is top of a sequence.

After winning the ♦ A, West plays ♣ A and ♣ K first and discards a losing diamond in their hand.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6 3
♥ K 9 7 5 3
♦ 9 7
♣ Q J 5

♠ A 4
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 6 5 3
♣ A 9 4 2

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

Lead: ♥ 5

West bids their second suit showing at least 5/4 in the minors. East chooses 2♦ knowing there is a diamond fit.

Lead is a small heart promising an honour.

Declarer draws trumps and plays on spades.

Play ♠ A from the short side first, to preserve entries to Dummy