

Beginner's Lesson 3 (Option A): Responder's Limit Bids

Board 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 5
 ♥ K J 6 5
 ♦ A 8 6 5 3
 ♣ A K

♠ K 6 4 2
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ Q J 10 5

N	E
W	S

♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ Q 9 4
 ♦ Q J 10
 ♣ 8 4 2

♠ A J 3
 ♥ 10 7 2
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ 9 7 6 3

West North East South
 1♦ Pass 1NT

All pass
 Lead: ♣ Q

South has no support for diamonds so bids 1 NT showing 6-9 HCP. North passes.

The ♣ Q lead is the top of a sequence..

Declarer should play their longest suit (diamonds). They must lose a diamond to make 4 diamond tricks.

Board 5
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ 2

♠ A 6
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ Q J 9 6 5 4

N	E
W	S

♠ 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 8 5
 ♦ J 9 5 4
 ♣ K 10 7

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ A Q J 7
 ♦ K 10 8
 ♣ A 8 3

West North East South
 Pass 1♠ Pass 3NT

Lead: ♥ 10

North opens 1 ♠ and South bids 3 NT with an opening hand and fewer than 4 spades.

North rebids 4 ♠ with long spades and a singleton club..

The ♥ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and play hearts, to discard the diamond loser.

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

N	E
W	S

♠ A Q 6 5
 ♥ A 9 8 7
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ A 9 7

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

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

♠ 4
 ♥ A 10 6 4
 ♦ K 9 5
 ♣ K 10 9 5 2

♠ K Q 7
 ♥ J 7 5
 ♦ Q 10 8 3
 ♣ A J 8

N	E
W	S

♠ A 9
 ♥ K Q 9 2
 ♦ A J 7 6 2
 ♣ Q 4

♠ J 10 8 6 5 3 2
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 7 6 3

West North East South
 3NT All pass 1♦ Pass

Lead: ♣ 2

East opens their longest suit and West, with 13+ HCP, bids 3 NT.

The small club lead is from their longest and strongest suit.

Declarer should firstly play diamonds (their longest suit).

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A J 9
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 3 2

♠ Q 8 6 4 3
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ J 9 7

N	E
W	S

♠ K 5 2
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ Q 10 5
 ♣ 10 6 4

♠ 10 7
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ K J 7 6 2
 ♣ A K 5

West North East South
 Pass 2NT Pass 3NT

All pass
 Lead: ♥ 3

South opens longest their suit. North responds 2 NT with 10-12 HCP and no 4-card major. South bids game with 3 NT.

The small heart lead by East is from their longest and strongest suit.

Declarer plays their longest suit first (diamonds), then clubs.

Board 7
 South Deals
 Both Vul

♠ K J 4
 ♥ Q J 10 3 2
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ Q 6 3

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

N	E
W	S

♠ 5 3 2
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ K 9 8 4

♠ A 8 7
 ♥ A K 7 4
 ♦ Q 8 6
 ♣ A 10 5

West North East South
 Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥

All pass
 Lead: ♦ 4

South opens 1 ♥ and North invites game with 3 ♥ promising 10-12 and 4+ hearts.

South knows there is enough for game, so accepts the invitation and bids 4 ♥

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

Draw trumps first.

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

N	E
W	S

♠ K 7
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ K 8 5 3 2
 ♣ K 9 8

♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ K 9 8
 ♦ J 10 6
 ♣ A 6 5 4

West North East South
 1♠ Pass 1NT 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

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

♠ K Q 9
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ J 6 5 4 2

N	E
W	S

♠ 8 7 6 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A 9 7
 ♣ A K Q 10

♠ A J 5
 ♥ 10 9 7 6
 ♦ Q 8 4 3
 ♣ 9 3

West North East South
 Pass Pass 1♣ Pass

2♣ All pass
 Lead: ♥ 10

East opens 1 ♣ and West bids 2 ♣ with 6-9 and a fit.

East passes with a minimum hand.

♥ 10 is the top of a sequence.

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