

Deal 1

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

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

W	N
S	E

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

4 ♠ by South

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT.

Partner has a minimum hand, balanced. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has only 2 ♠s then 3 NT should be best. But if he has 3 ♠s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. The way to find out is with New Minor Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♠.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♠s. You already know he has a minimum strength hand. You bid the ♠ game.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q J
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ K 7 2

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8 6
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	S	

♠ A 5
♥ 10 9 7 5 4
♦ J 10 9
♣ J 10 9

♠ 9 6
♥ A 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ Q 8 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	ALL	Pass

3 NT by South

You are the dealer.

With 13 points and 4 cards in each minor suit you should open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a minimum, balanced hand. It would not be wrong to say 2♣, but 1 NT is probably better. Partner says 2♣.

Do not support the ♣s if you have another decent bid. This is New Minor Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a 4-card ♥ suit. You do have a ♥ stopper, so bid 2 NT. Partner then bids 3 NT.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10
♥ J 10 8
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 6

13
7 9
11

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 8 4

♠ A K J 8 5 3
♥ 9 7
♦ 10 6
♣ J 9 2

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♥ by South			

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. But he also tells you he has minimum strength - in other words not 14 points. So you pass and accept the partscore.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 9 3 2
♣ A K J 6 3

13
9 5
13

♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 10 4

♠ J 10 9 7 4
♥ 9 5
♦ Q 10 4
♣ Q 7 2

♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	ALL	Pass

4♥ by South

N
W E
S

You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open your 4-card minor, 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a great ♥ suit, but can't bid it. A 2♥ bid here would be a Reverse and you are nowhere near strong enough. So instead you say 1 NT.

Partner says 2♣. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing and your first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit. You bid 2♥ and partner raises to 4♥.