

Deal 1South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3 2
 ♥ A Q 3 2
 ♦ A J 10
 ♣ 9 7 4

7
11 10
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ Q 9 8 6 3
 ♣ K 10 8 6

♠ A K 6 5
 ♥ J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by North			

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again.

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 2West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 6 5
 ♥ A K 8 6 4
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ A 3

8
 15 10
 7

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

♠ J 8
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ A J 10 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by East			

Naturally you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 1 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner has at least 4 ♠s and you have 4. So you have found the 8-card Major fit. Now it is a question of finding the right level. Your job is to further describe your hand as either minimum, medium, or maximum. With 17/18 points (revalued) you are a medium, so you jump to 3 ♠.

Partner bids the game.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ K 8 2
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ A 9 5 3

12
8 5
15

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ 10

♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥'s rank below ♠'s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 2
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ A 9 8 3

8
 11 13
 8

♠ Q
 ♥ A 8 4 2
 ♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

♠ K J 10 8 4

♥ 6
 ♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 5 3
 ♥ Q J 10 5
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ 7

You open 1♠ and partner responds 2♥.
 What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4♥ confidently.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ 8 4 3 2
 ♣ A K Q 9 3

15
 10 6
 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 9 4 2
 ♥ A 9 4 2
 ♦ J 6 5
 ♣ J 6 2

♠ Q 6
 ♥ K 8 7 3
 ♦ A 9 7
 ♣ 10 8 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.