

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 3
♥ J T 8 7 6
♦ 7 5 4
♣ K J 6

♠ Q J 9 8 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ K Q J

♣ 8 7



♠ K
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A T 9 3 2
♣ T 5 4 2

♠ T 6 4 2

♥ K Q 5

♦ 8 6

♣ A Q 9 3

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Drury 6

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

Partner has a limit raise in ♠s and wonders if you have a full strength opening bid. Your 15 point hand is enough to insist on game, but opposite a passed hand you have no interest in a slam.

So you sign-off at 4 ♠.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7
 ♥ Q 8 7 4 2
 ♦ A T
 ♣ T 4 3 2

♠ Q J 9 6

♥ A K

♦ 8 5 2

♣ 9 7 6 5



♠ 5 2

♥ T 9 6

♦ K Q 9 4 3

♣ Q J 8

♠ K T 8 4 3

♥ J 5 3

♦ J 7 6

♣ A K

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Drury 7

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid 2 ♣.

Partner rebids 2 ♦, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A J 6 5 3
♦ J 9
♣ A 9 7

♠ K Q 8 7 5

♥ K 7 4

♦ K Q 7

♣ T 2



♠ A
♥ T 9 2
♦ A T 5 4 3 2
♣ Q J 4

♠ J T 9 6

♥ Q 8

♦ 8 6

♣ K 8 6 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by South

Baker Drury 8

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought South had 11 points you'd bid 4 ♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2 ♣.

His 3 ♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.