

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ 5 4

8 7
8 17

♠ J 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 6 2



♠ A 10 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A K 3
♣ Q 10 7

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A K J 9 8 3

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

You only have 8 HCP but with such a good 6-card suit you should interfere with a DONT bid. You double and partner surprises you by saying 2 ♥.

There is a reason partner didn't say 2 ♣ (which you were going to pass). And the reason is that he figures you will be better off in his ♥s. Since you trust your partner you pass.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 4 2
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ 10 5 4 2

8
 4 15
 13

♠ 7
 ♥ Q J 8 2
 ♦ K Q 10 7 4
 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ 10 6 5
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A J 9 5
 ♣ A Q J 6

♠ K Q J 8 3
 ♥ A 10 7 6 4
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

Since partner has entered the bidding in the immediate seat he should have a pretty good hand, with 9+ cards in ♥s and ♠s.

Usually you are happy to settle for partscore after a DONT sequence, but with such an excellent fit for ♥s your hand is worth a raise.

So you bid 3 ♥ and partner says 4 ♥.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ J 10 2
 ♦ J 10 7 3
 ♣ J 6 4 2

7
 3 17
 13

♠ A 10 3 2

♥ 6 4
 ♦ 9 8

♣ K 10 9 7 5

W	N
S	E

♠ Q 5 4
 ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ A Q 3

♠ K J 9 6
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ 8

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

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since West could not keep the bidding open. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♦.

Partner's 2 ♦ bid, the next suit up the line, asks you to name your other suit (or pass if your other suit is ♦s).

You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4
 ♥ A 5 4
 ♦ K 9 7 4 2
 ♣ K Q J

16
15 5
4

♠ A J 7 3
 ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ 6 3

		N	
W	E	S	

♠ 9
 ♥ 10 8 7 2
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ A 10 9 5 4 2

♠ K 10 8 6 5 2
 ♥ J 6 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ 8 7

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

4 ♠ by South

You would have opened 1 NT but West beat you to it. You cannot double for penalties when you use DONT, so you pass.

Partner bids **2 ♠** in the balancing seat.

The **2 ♠** bid shows a weak hand, with more strength partner would have first doubled, then bid **2 ♠**.

Still, you know he has a 6-card suit and you also know that every finesse is going to work. You either bid **3 ♠** or **4 ♠**. Be bold.