

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
♥ J 10 2
♦ J 10 7 3
♣ J 6 4 2

7
3 17
13

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A 10 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 8
♣ K 10 9 7 5

♠ 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

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| <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 2West 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

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| | | 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 | | |

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| <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.

Deal 3

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| East Deals | ♠ A 8 6 4 |
| None Vul | ♥ Q 10 8 7 |
| | ♦ K 6 4 2 |
| | ♣ Q |

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| ♠ K 10 9 3 2 | ♠ Q J |
| ♥ J 9 4 | ♥ A K 6 3 |
| ♦ 10 7 3 | ♦ A J 8 |
| ♣ 10 4 | ♣ 7 6 5 2 |



11
4 15
10

♣ A K J 9 8 3

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | 1 NT | Dbl |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 2 ♣ by North | | | |

This is a perfect hand with which to Disturb the Opponent's No Trump. You double and partner bids 2♣, the relay bid.

What do you say next?

You say pass, of course.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ J 7 6 4

7
8 15
10

♠ A 7 6
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ J 7 4 2
♣ 8 5

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ J 10 2
♥ A K 7
♦ K 10 9 5
♣ A 10 3

♠ K Q 9 8 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 6
♣ K Q 9 2

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1 NT | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass | 2 ♪ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 2 ♪ by South | | | |

Partner has two suits, ♣s and something else.

With ♣s your worst suit, you prefer to play in something else. So you bid the next suit up-the-line, which is 2 ♦.

Partner corrects to 2 ♪, his "something else" and you pass.

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 4
 ♥ A 6 3 2
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ J 10 6

6
 15 7
 12

♠ 8 7
 ♥ K Q J 10 8 7
 ♦ 9 6 5
 ♣ 8 3

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ A K 6 3 2

♥ 9 4
 ♦ 8

♣ K Q 9 7 5

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 NT | Pass | Pass | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 2 ♥ by North | | | |

You have 12 HCP, certainly enough to use DONT in either seat. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♥.

Partner would have bid 2 ♦, the next suit up the line, to ask you to name your other suit. His 2 ♥ bid says he wants to play right there.

So you pass.