

### Beginner 1: Lesson 1

#### **Board 1**

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



The North South hands have a combined 26 points. If a trick is 3 HCP (13 possible tricks, 40 total HCP in the deck) then declarer (South) should try to make 9 tricks with their 26 points.

Opening Lead: ♥ Q, the top of a three card or longer sequence. Just look what happens if instead West chooses to start with the ♥ 2. South's little ♥ 8 would then be able to take the first trick!

South should first count sure tricks:

No spades  
2 hearts  
3 diamonds  
1 club  
6 sure tricks

Look for potential

3 in spades  
None in hearts, diamonds or clubs

This suggests we work on spades. Drive out the opponents' ♠ A before playing cards from any other suit.

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#### **Board 2**

South Deals	♠ K 5		
E-W Vul	♥ 7 4 3		
	♦ A Q 8 6		
	♣ 7 5 4 3		
♠ 10 7 4 3		♠ J 9 8 2	
♥ J 10 6 5		♥ K Q 8 2	
♦ 10 3 2		♦ J 7	
♣ Q J		♣ K 10 8	
	♠ A Q 6		
	♥ A 9		
	♦ K 9 5 4		
	♣ A 9 6 2		



The North South hands again have a combined 26 points and should be challenged to take 9 tricks.

This hand is straight out of our sister online practice site [bestebbridge.com](http://bestebbridge.com): Hand play, introduction, hand #5. To find this site, and receive two full days to view and practice on it, go to the [honorsbridgeclub.org](http://honorsbridgeclub.org) home page. BeB cost about 30/40 cents a day for the best practice hands anywhere.

These two hands should be played over and over until you own them, until when you see the hand next time you can see both the North and South hands as one and see how they fit together.

Bestebbridge offers a complete description of how to play this hand, what suit to look to try for that extra trick, how to first play the ♠ K before playing the ♠ AQ.

Each week pick five hands from BeB and play them over and over until, once again, you can "see" the solution without touching a card. Teaching your mind to think in shapes and patterns requires training and repetition. Once it clicks, everything starts to fall into place.