# Lesson 5: Responder's bid and opener's limit rebids (excluding 1,7 & 8)

### *Board 1*

North Deals
None Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ Q 8 7 6<br>♥ 7<br>♦ A K 6 3 2<br>♣ K Q 4 | |
| ♠ A J 9 3<br>♥ Q J 10 4<br>♦ J 5 4<br>♣ 10 8 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ K 4<br>♥ A 9 8 3<br>♦ Q 9 7<br>♣ 9 6 5 3 |
| | ♠ 10 5 2<br>♥ K 6 5 2<br>♦ 10 8<br>♣ A J 7 2 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT |
| All pass | | | |

Lead: ♥Q

North opens longest suit, and South bids 1♥. North tries 1♠ and South finally bids 1NT with no fit.

The lead is the top of a sequence.

After winning the K♥ Declarer plays clubs, by playing a small club (♣2) towards the shorter hand first.

### *Board 2*

East Deals
N-S Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ K 6 5<br>♥ K 10 4 2<br>♦ 10 9 3 2<br>♣ K 8 | |
| ♠ A 9 7 4<br>♥ 8 6 3<br>♦ K J 5<br>♣ 10 7 3 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ 8 3<br>♥ A J 7<br>♦ Q 7<br>♣ A Q 6 5 4 2 |
| | ♠ Q J 10 2<br>♥ Q 9 5<br>♦ A 8 6 4<br>♣ J 9 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | All pass |

Lead: ♠Q

East has no fit with West's spades so rebids 2♣.
West has a minimum hand and passes.

Lead is top of a sequence.

After winning with the ♠A in Dummy, lead a small club towards the ♣AQ. Play the ♣Q, hoping to find the ♣K in the North hand

### *Board 3*

South Deals
E-W Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ A K J 5<br>♥ A 8 7<br>♦ 10 9 6<br>♣ 7 4 2 | |
| ♠ 10 6<br>♥ 9 6 4 2<br>♦ J 5 3 2<br>♣ 9 8 5 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ 8 4 3<br>♥ K Q J 10<br>♦ 8 7 4<br>♣ K 10 6 |
| | ♠ Q 9 7 2<br>♥ 5 3<br>♦ A K Q<br>♣ A Q J 3 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1♠ |
| Pass | 3♠ | | 4♠ |

Lead: ♥9

South opens the higher of two 4-card suits.

Lead is the highest card from a suit with no honour.

Draw trumps and play **towards** clubs in South's hand, hoping the ♣K is in East's hand

### *Board 4*

West Deals
Both Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ A 9 8<br>♥ J 9 7 3 2<br>♦ Q J 10<br>♣ Q 8 | |
| ♠ Q J 4 3 2<br>♥ A K Q 10 6<br>♦ 7 6<br>♣ 3 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ K 10 5<br>♥ 5<br>♦ A 9 3 2<br>♣ A K 10 5 4 |
| | ♠ 7 6<br>♥ 8 4<br>♦ K 8 5 4<br>♣ J 9 7 6 2 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 4♠ | All pass |

Lead: ♦Q

West opens the higher ranking 5-card suit. East bids 2♣ and West rebids 2♥ showing at least 5 spades and 4 hearts. East bids to game in spades now knowing they have at least an eight card a fit.

The lead is top of a sequence.
After winning the ♦A, West plays ♣A and ♣K first and discards a diamond in Dummy.

### *Board 5*

North Deals
N-S Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ K 5<br>♥ Q J 10 8 7 4<br>♦ A Q 4<br>♣ 7 4 | |
| ♠ A J 9 6 2<br>♥ A 5<br>♦ 10 7<br>♣ 8 6 5 3 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ Q 8 7 3<br>♥ 9 6<br>♦ K 8 5<br>♣ J 10 9 2 |
| | ♠ 10 4<br>♥ K 3 2<br>♦ J 9 6 3 2<br>♣ A K Q | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ |

All pass

Lead: ♣J

Opener's rebid shows 5+ hearts and a minimum hand of 12-15 HCP.
South now bids to game in hearts because they now know they have a fit.

Lead is top of a sequence.

Declarer plays 3 rounds of clubs first, discarding a small spade to avoid 2 spade losers. Then, Declarer draws trumps and plays diamonds.

### *Board 6*

East Deals
E-W Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ J 10 7<br>♥ J 8 6 5<br>♦ J 10 2<br>♣ A 10 2 | |
| ♠ A Q 4 3<br>♥ A 2<br>♦ A K 8 6 3<br>♣ Q 8 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ 8 6 2<br>♥ K 10 4<br>♦ Q 5<br>♣ K 7 6 5 4 |
| | ♠ K 9 5<br>♥ Q 9 7 3<br>♦ 9 7 4<br>♣ J 9 3 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All pass | | |

West opens their longest suit and East bids 1 NT, showing no suit to bid at the 1-level and 6-9 HCP.
West is strong enough to bid game.
West now bids 3NT, as East has denied holding four spades.

Lead is ♥3 from longest and strongest suit.

Declarer plays the diamond suit first

### *Board 7*

South Deals
Both Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ A J 9 3<br>♥ 10 6 4<br>♦ 3<br>♣ K 7 5 4 2 | |
| ♠ K 10 5<br>♥ 7 5<br>♦ 9 8 7 5<br>♣ Q J 10 8 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ Q 6 4 2<br>♥ Q 9 2<br>♦ A 6 4 2<br>♣ 6 3 |
| | ♠ 8 7<br>♥ A K J 8 3<br>♦ K Q J 10<br>♣ A 9 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All pass | |

South opens their longest suit and North bids 1 ♠ (4+ spades and 6+ HCP).
NB: North must not bid 2♣ as this shows 10+ pts.
South jumps to 3♦ to show 19+ points with 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds, so North can now bid 4♥.

Lead is ♣Q.

Declarer draws trumps then plays on diamonds.

### *Board 8*

West Deals
None Vul

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ J 6 3<br>♥ K 9 7 5 3<br>♦ 9 7<br>♣ Q J 5 | |
| ♠ A 4<br>♥ J 8<br>♦ A Q 6 5 3<br>♣ A 9 4 2 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ K Q 9 8 2<br>♥ 10 2<br>♦ K 4 2<br>♣ 8 7 3 |
| | ♠ 10 7 5<br>♥ A Q 6 4<br>♦ J 10 8<br>♣ K 10 6 | |

| *West* | *North* | *East* | *South* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2 ♣ | Pass | 2♦ | All pass |

Lead: ♥5

West bids their second suit showing at least 5/4 in the minors. East chooses 2♦ knowing there is a diamond fit.

Lead is 4th highest promising an honour.

Declarer draws trumps and plays on spades.

Play ♠A from the short side first, to preserve entries to Dummy