



Hands for Lesson 56

Deal 56.1 ♠7 None Vul
 ♥KJ1065 Dealer North
 ♦Q62
 ♣AQ43

♠AJ10	N	♠K852
♥Q8	W	♥2
♦J10874	E	♦AK93
♣1062	S	♣KJ95

♠Q9643
 ♥A9743
 ♦5
 ♣87

West	North	East	South
-	1♥	Dbl	4♥
All Pass			

Lead: ♦A (Ace from AK)

Pre-empt to the limit with 5-card support.
 If East does not lead trump crossruff 10 tricks
 If he does establish a long spade by ruffing

Deal 56.2 ♠J9873 NS Vul
 ♥954 Dealer East
 ♦10
 ♣K1096

♠K105	N	♠4
♥Q1087	W	♥K32
♦AQ543	E	♦J76
♣3	S	♣AQJ754

♠AQ62
 ♥AJ6
 ♦K982
 ♣82

West	North	East	South
-	-	1♣	Dbl
Rdbl	1♠	2♣	All Pass

Lead: ♠A (partner's suit, do not underlead A)

East shows a minimum with long clubs and
 West gives up. Scramble 8 tricks by not
 attempting to draw trump – ruff when you can

Deal 56.3 ♠A4 EW Vul
 ♥Q1054 Dealer South
 ♦Q542
 ♣K73

♠KQ73	N	♠J1085
♥6	W	♥982
♦AKJ73	E	♦1098
♣J95	S	♣1062

♠962
 ♥AKJ73
 ♦6
 ♣AQ84

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♥
Dbl	2NT	Pass	4♥

Lead: ♦A (Ace from AK)

West switches to ♠K, but when clubs break
 3-3 South needs just one spade ruff to
 make 11 tricks.

Deal 56.4 ♠KJ1095 All Vul
 ♥1093 Dealer West
 ♦9
 ♣AQ76

♠82	N	♠A6
♥AQ875	W	♥KJ62
♦AQJ63	E	♦K104
♣4	S	♣J982

♠Q743
 ♥4
 ♦8752
 ♣K1053

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	2♠	3♠
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lead: ♠J (top of an interior sequence)

A UCB, a pre-emptive raise, then West shows his
 second suit in case there is more competition.
 EW have to find a club ruff to beat 5♠!



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Deal 56.5 ♠K1063 NS Vul
 ♥A2 Dealer North
 ♦AQJ94
 ♣83

♠9742	N	♠AJ5
♥97	W	♥KJ54
♦K763	E	♦82
♣J65	S	♣K742

♠Q8
 ♥Q10863
 ♦105
 ♣AQ109

West	North	East	South
-	1♦	Dbl	Redbl
1♠	Dbl	All Pass	

Lead: ♣8 (top of a doubleton)

West should bid his 4-card major, but he will not enjoy the play much.

Deal 56.6 ♠Q103 EW Vul
 ♥J76 Dealer East
 ♦QJ93
 ♣A64

♠A984	N	♠52
♥K2	W	♥10984
♦A1084	E	♦765
♣QJ7	S	♣10952

♠KJ76
 ♥AQ53
 ♦K2
 ♣K83

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1♥
Dbl	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: ♣2 (fourth highest, unbid suit)

No point in redoubling with a balanced hand and limited values. Hold up once in clubs

Deal 56.7 ♠Q2 All Vul
 ♥10962 Dealer South
 ♦A74
 ♣A1065

♠54	N	♠10987
♥AJ85	W	♥73
♦KJ105	E	♦962
♣KQ4	S	♣8732

♠AKJ63
 ♥KQ4
 ♦Q83
 ♣J9

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♠
Dbl	Redbl	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Lead: ♣J (time to draw trump)

Leading trump will stop declarer making tricks by ruffing, and cut his entries to hand

Deal 56.8 ♠Q8754 None Vul
 ♥108 Dealer West
 ♦4
 ♣J10762

♠3	N	♠KJ
♥K963	W	♥7542
♦K1093	E	♦AQ652
♣A984	S	♣KQ

♠A10962
 ♥AQJ
 ♦J87
 ♣53

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♠	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

Lead: ♦10 (top of interior sequence)

East is quite unsuitable for competition at the 5-level and tells West so by doubling 4♠