Board # 1

Dealer: North

Vulnerable: None

NORTH
♠ A7
♡ T9
◇ Q432
♣ QT632

WEST
♠ KQT9
♡ 76432
◇ J65
♣ 8

HCP: 8
6 14
12

EAST
♠ J4
♡ AK85
◇ KT98
♣ K74

HCP: 8
15 8
9

SOUTH
♠ 86532
♡ QJ
◇ A7
♣ AJ95

HCP: 14
7 3
16

Highcard points are split 20-20
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	7	7	6	6
♠	7	7	6	6
♡	3	3	10	10
◇	4	4	9	8
♣	8	8	4	4

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4♡w	A♠	-2	100	
	3♡w	A♠	=		140
	2♡e	A◇	+2		170
	4♡w	A♠	=		420

East opens 1◇ in second chair and South hasn't enough to overcall (bad suit and minimum values, considering that 3 of South's 12 points are the QJ♡ doubleton). So, West responds 1♡ and it is only a matter of how high E-W should get. East has a good hand in support of hearts: the old textbooks used to add points for short suits and high trump honours, getting the true value up to about 16 or 17. A rebid of 3♡ will not interest West much, with a minimum. N-S get three aces and West has no choice but to play North for the Q◇ and make ten tricks.

Board # 2

Dealer: East

Vulnerable: N-S

NORTH
♠ 9765
♡ KJ53
◇ 96
♣ A52

WEST
♠ AKT8
♡ A2
◇ K854
♣ JT8

HCP: 8
15 8
9

EAST
♠ -
♡ Q87
◇ J32
♣ KQ97643

HCP: 8
6 14
12

SOUTH
♠ QJ432
♡ T964
◇ AQT7
♣ -

E-W have 23 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	6	6	7	7
♠	8	8	5	5
♡	7	7	5	5
◇	5	5	8	8
♣	2	2	10	10

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	5♣e*	8♠	-1	100	
	3Nw	3♡	-1	50	
	3Nw	5♠	+2		460
	4♠n*	J♣	-3		800

East has a near textbook 3♣ pre-empt: long clubs and not much defence. South might find a takeout double but it is pretty light to ask North to bid at the three level with very little. West should try 3NT: the three major suit tricks and six club tricks will be enough if the K◇ survives as a stopper. Trouble is, North can duck the A♣ twice and limit West to two club tricks only, unless West can get to dummy with the Q♡ to run the established clubs.

Board # 3

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: E-W

NORTH
♠ Q52
♡ QJ3
◇ AQJ52
♣ Q6

WEST
♠ JT94
♡ K9
◇ 9873
♣ K97

HCP: 14
7 3
16

EAST
♠ 86
♡ T754
◇ K64
♣ 8542

HCP: 8
15 8
9

SOUTH
♠ AK73
♡ A862
◇ T
♣ AJT3

N-S have 30 combined points.
Suitable Level: Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	11	11	2	2
♠	10	11	2	2
♡	11	11	2	2
◇	10	11	2	2
♣	10	10	2	2

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	3Nn	4♡	+2	460	
	3Nn	4♡	+1	430	
	3Nn	4♡	+1	430	
	3Ns	J♠	+1	430	

South opens 1♣ and North responds 1◇. South's hand is good, but not good enough to force to game at this point with a jump rebid of 2♡ or 2♠. 1♡ is the best rebid, not forcing, but if passed North will have a very weak hand and game is unlikely. North in fact has 14 points and 3NT is the likely bid, ending the auction and making an easy eleven tricks. An alternate rebid for North is 1♠, a fourth-suit forcing conventional call. South bids 2NT to show extras and a spade stopper and North raises to 3NT.

Board # 4

Dealer: West

Vulnerable: Both

NORTH
♠ J2
♡ KQ72
◇ K5
♣ KJ943

WEST
♠ QT9
♡ 98
◇ AJ943
♣ 752

EAST
♠ K6
♡ A543
◇ QT86
♣ Q86

SOUTH
♠ A87543
♡ JT6
◇ 72
♣ AT

HCP:
13
7 11
9

N-S have 22 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	8	8	4	4
♠	9	9	4	4
♡	9	9	4	3
◇	6	6	7	7
♣	9	9	3	3

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4◇e*	A♠	-2	500	
	3♠s	A◇	=	140	
	2♠s	4◇	+1	140	
	2♠s	9♡	=	110	

West passes and North has a borderline opener of 1♣ (pass is reasonable). East passes and South bids 1♠; West passes and North rebids 1NT, showing 12-14 balanced. (Don't make this 1NT rebid with shortness in partner's -- or any -- suit: balanced means balanced.) South rebids 2♠ and this should end the auction and nine tricks should be the result. After the 1NT rebid, even new suits are not forcing, except for the unbid minor, a useful modern convention called New Minor Forcing which makes a good Wikipedia read.

Board # 5

Dealer: North

Vulnerable: N-S

NORTH
♠ KQT5
♡ 8
◇ Q653
♣ QJT2

WEST
♠ J873
♡ QT76
◇ AT8
♣ 63

EAST
♠ 6
♡ AK9532
◇ J72
♣ 984

SOUTH
♠ A942
♡ J4
◇ K94
♣ AK75

HCP:
10
7 8
15

N-S have 25 combined points.
Suitable Level: Likely Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	6	6	5	5
♠	9	9	3	3
♡	4	4	9	9
◇	9	9	3	3
♣	10	10	3	3

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4♠n	A♡	=	620	
	4♡e*	A♣	-2	300	
	3♡e	2♠	-1	50	
	4♠s	Q♡	-2		200

North passes and East has the type of 2♡ opener that they put into textbooks. South makes a takeout double, and West should raise to ... how high? A known ten-card fit, favourable vulnerability? 4♡ is the right answer and some might even try 5♡ to maximize the pressure. Nine tricks are the limit in hearts or spades with perfect defence, but 4♠ might slip through at some tables, so sacrificing in hearts is not too costly.

Board # 6

Dealer: East

Vulnerable: E-W

NORTH
♠ 73
♡ AKJ76
◇ Q864
♣ K6

WEST
♠ AJ64
♡ T98
◇ KJ
♣ J974

EAST
♠ K852
♡ 32
◇ AT93
♣ AT5

SOUTH
♠ QT9
♡ Q54
◇ 752
♣ Q832

HCP:
13
10 11
6

E-W have 21 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	5	5	8	8
♠	3	3	10	10
♡	6	6	7	7
◇	5	5	8	8
♣	3	3	10	10

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	3♡n	2♠	-1		50
	3♡n	2♠	-2		100
	2♠w	A♡	=		110
	3♠w	K♡	+1		170

I'd open the East hand 1◇ but pass is reasonable. If East opens 1◇, West will respond 1♠ and North will overcall 2♡ but the E-W spade fit is uncovered. If East passes, North opens 1♡ and East will likely get in the second time with a takeout double. South will raise to 2♡ but West will compete with 2♠. Tough to get to the 4♠ game which makes with the Q♠ onside, but N-S pairs persisting in hearts may find a good sacrifice if they avoid getting doubled.

Board # 7

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: Both

NORTH
♠ Q3
♡ KQ4
◇ AT7
♣ 98432

WEST
♠ T98765
♡ T76
◇ K92
♣ Q

EAST
♠ AK4
♡ AJ852
◇ QJ86
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ J2
♡ 93
◇ 543
♣ AJT765

HCP:
11
5 18
6

E-W have 23 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	6	6	6	6
♠	3	3	10	10
♡	3	3	10	10
◇	3	3	9	9
♣	8	8	5	5

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4♡e	J♠	-1	100	
	4♡e	J♠	-1	100	
	4♡e	J♠	-1	100	
	4♡e	A♣	=		620

Two passes to North, who might open a light 1♣ in third seat, but probably will pass, allowing East to open 1♡. If North does open 1♣, South should blast to 3♣ or even 4♣ after East overcalls 1♡, but if North passes, South will too and West will raise to 2♡, allowing East to bid 4♡. 4♡ is tough to make: to avoid two heart losers declarer finesses the J♡ first, then leads the ten, dropping South's nine on the second round. 5♣ doubled goes for 800, a bit much especially when some declarers fail to make 4♡.

Board # 8

Dealer: West

Vulnerable: None

NORTH
♠ AQJ54
♡ A6
◇ J985
♣ 62

WEST
♠ K632
♡ Q983
◇ K64
♣ T8

EAST
♠ 7
♡ KJT54
◇ 32
♣ K9543

SOUTH
♠ T98
♡ 72
◇ AQT7
♣ AQJ7

HCP:
12
8 7
13

N-S have 25 combined points.
Suitable Level: Likely Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	10	10	1	1
♠	12	12	1	1
♡	5	5	7	8
◇	11	11	1	1
♣	8	8	4	4

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4♠n	4♣	+2	480	
	4♠n	3◇	+1	450	
	4♠n	5♡	=	420	
	3♠n	5◇	+3	230	

West passes and North opens 1♠. East tries a Michaels Cuebid with 2♠, showing 5-5 in hearts and an unspecified minor, but South bids 4♠, ending the auction. The bid by East suggests that trumps are about to split poorly and the hand plays out well with the K♠ and K♣ both onside, allowing a heart to be pitched on the J◇ once trumps are all drawn. The 25 combined points make twelve tricks, losing only to the K◇.

Board # 9

Dealer: North

Vulnerable: E-W

NORTH
♠ Q
♡ KJT85
◇ 84
♣ KJT96

WEST
♠ KJT542
♡ Q4
◇ 2
♣ AQ52

EAST
♠ 76
♡ A73
◇ JT963
♣ 743

SOUTH
♠ A983
♡ 962
◇ AKQ75
♣ 8

HCP:
10
12 5
13

N-S have 23 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	8	8	5	5
♠	6	6	7	7
♡	10	10	3	3
◇	9	9	3	3
♣	7	8	4	4

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4♡n	7♠	=	420	
	4♡n	7♠	=	420	
	3◇s	4♡	-1		50
	4♡n	7♠	-1		50

South opens 1◇ after two passes and West overcalls 1♠, or perhaps even 2♠ to put maximum pressure on N-S. North has an easy double of either call, but must realize that South is not expecting 5-5 in the unbid suits. After South rebids diamonds, North should rebid hearts (even at the three level) to show the distributional hand, and 4♡ is easily reached. North wins the spade lead and should lead the 8♣ to trick two, hoping for a club ruff or two. With the Q♡ onside, ten tricks come in easily.

Board # 10

Dealer: East

Vulnerable: Both

NORTH
♠ 743
♡ T976
◇ K6
♣ A962

WEST
♠ T985
♡ AQJ85
◇ A52
♣ J

EAST
♠ J6
♡ K43
◇ J873
♣ QT74

SOUTH
♠ AKQ2
♡ 2
◇ QT94
♣ K853

HCP: 7 12 7 14

N-S have 21 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	7	7	6	6
♠	8	8	5	5
♡	6	6	7	7
◇	7	7	6	6
♣	9	9	4	4

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	2Nw*	4♠	-1	200	
	3♣n	3♡	+1	130	
	2♠s	J♣	=	110	
	3♠s	J♣	-2		200

East passes, South opens 1◇, and West overcalls 1♡. North passes and East raises to 2♡. South best call is to double for takeout, inferring support for any of the unbid suits. North chooses 3♣ (or may even try passing the double of 2♡ hoping for a penalty). Either works: 3♣ should roll home despite the bad break and in hearts West can be held to seven tricks with best defence.

Board # 11

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: None

NORTH
♠ J96532
♡ 6
◇ 76
♣ QT97

WEST
♠ 7
♡ KQJ3
◇ AJT32
♣ K85

EAST
♠ K8
♡ 9854
◇ K4
♣ AJ632

SOUTH
♠ AQT4
♡ AT72
◇ Q985
♣ 4

HCP: 3 14 11 12

E-W have 25 combined points.
Suitable Level: Likely Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	3	3	7	6
♠	9	9	4	4
♡	2	3	10	10
◇	3	3	8	8
♣	3	3	9	9

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	3♠n	9♡	=	140	
	3♠n	A♣	=	140	
	4♡w*	2♠	-1	100	
	4♣e	4♣	-1	50	

South has another minimum 4-4-4-1 opener and starts with 1◇. If West passes, North may try an ultralight 1♠ response and the big fit will be discovered. If West ventures a 1♡ overcall on the four-card suit (this is the type of hand where this might work: opening strength, RHO opens in your long suit), North will pass and it will be the E-W major suit fit that is discovered. If 1◇ is passed around to East, East should not let the auction die in 1◇: double or 2♣ is better since partner may have passed a strong but awkward hand.

Board # 12

Dealer: West

Vulnerable: N-S

NORTH
♠ A
♡ AKQ53
◇ A97
♣ QJ73

WEST
♠ J98
♡ J62
◇ KQT643
♣ 5

EAST
♠ KQT542
♡ T8
◇ J52
♣ 92

SOUTH
♠ 763
♡ 974
◇ 8
♣ AKT864

HCP: 20 7 6 7

N-S have 27 combined points.
Suitable Level: Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	13	13	0	0
♠	7	7	6	6
♡	13	13	0	0
◇	6	6	7	7
♣	13	13	0	0

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	6♡n	K♠	+1	1460	
	5♠e*	A♣	-4	800	
	4♡n	K♠	+3	710	
	3♡n	2♠	+4	260	

13 tricks are available if North-South can get there in the auction. West starts with 2◇ and North doubles. East isn't going quietly and bids 2♠, and South should bid 3♣, starting an amazing N-S sequence: 3◇ - 4◇, 4♠ - 5◇. North shows first round control and cuebids spades to show a huge hand with first round spade control. South cooperates by cuebidding diamonds twice, the first showing second round control and the second almost certainly indicating a singleton or void, and slam interest. From there, who knows?!

Board # 13

Dealer: North

Vulnerable: Both

NORTH
♠ AT7
♡ J
◇ AK973
♣ AJ62

WEST
♠ KQ98543
♡ Q8
◇ J5
♣ 53

EAST
♠ -
♡ AT9754
◇ Q84
♣ T874

SOUTH
♠ J62
♡ K632
◇ T62
♣ KQ9

HCP:
17
8 6
9

N-S have 26 combined points.
Suitable Level: Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	9	9	3	3
♠	7	7	5	5
♡	7	6	6	6
◇	10	10	3	3
♣	9	9	3	3

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	3Nn	4♣	+1	630	
	3♠w	A◇	-4	400	
	3♠w	A◇	-3	300	
	3Ns	Q♡	-2		200

North starts with 1◇ and East overcalls 2♡. South has just enough to bid 2NT, which should get West doubled in 3♠ if that is West's choice; if West passes, 3NT from North is the obvious call. The K♠ lead allows South to win in dummy and lead a low diamond: hoping to get four diamonds, four clubs, and the A♣. The Q♡ lead is better for E-W, but if East ducks, South should as well, hoping for two spades, the K♡ eventually, two diamonds, and four clubs. The spades behave as hoped and 3NT makes!

Board # 14

Dealer: East

Vulnerable: None

NORTH
♠ AT74
♡ 8
◇ AKJ952
♣ K9

WEST
♠ 86
♡ K754
◇ 8643
♣ T52

EAST
♠ 95
♡ AJT63
◇ QT
♣ A764

SOUTH
♠ KQJ32
♡ Q92
◇ 7
♣ QJ83

HCP:
15
3 11
11

N-S have 26 combined points.
Suitable Level: Game

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	7	7	2	2
♠	11	11	1	1
♡	6	6	6	6
◇	11	11	1	1
♣	8	8	5	5

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4♠s	6◇	+2	480	
	4♠s	4♡	+1	450	
	4♠s	K♡	+1	450	
	3♡n	A♣	-1		50

East opens a minimum 1♡ (pass is reasonable) and South overcalls 1♠. West should make a pre-emptive raise to 3♡, but North has the best hand at the table and will get the pair to 4♠, which is an easy make. After an opening bid and an overcall, a jump raise is pre-emptive: with a good hand, West would start with a double or perhaps even a cuebid.

Board # 15

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: N-S

NORTH
♠ 53
♡ AT43
◇ QT2
♣ AKT6

WEST
♠ AKQT74
♡ 872
◇ 863
♣ 3

EAST
♠ J96
♡ Q5
◇ K5
♣ QJ9754

SOUTH
♠ 82
♡ KJ96
◇ AJ974
♣ 82

HCP:
13
9 9
9

N-S have 22 combined points.
Suitable Level: Partscore

Available Tricks:

	N	S	E	W
NT	7	7	2	2
♠	6	6	7	7
♡	11	11	1	1
◇	11	11	2	2
♣	7	7	6	6

Players	Contract	Lead	Result	NS	EW
	4◇s	A♠	+1	150	
	3◇s	A♠	+1	130	
	3♠w	2◇	-2	100	
	3♠w	2◇	-1	50	

South passes and West opens 2♠. North makes a takeout double and East raises to 3♠. South probably should try 4♡, even with only nine points. 4♡ or 4♠ may make, or 3♠ may make and 4♡ is a reasonable sacrifice. North has implied some sort of support for South's diamonds, so there should be a source of tricks available in 4♡. In fact, there are eleven tricks available if both red queens are located by declarer.