

Continue the Suit Lead: You may often hear “Why didn’t you return my suit?” Opening up a new suit often costs a trick. The opening leader has no choice, but thereafter the defenders may avoid giving away tricks if they continue the same suit. Continuing the suit led can also help you find out what to do next, but it also tells your partner what you hold in that suit.

Love All
Dealer South

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

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

♠ 9 6		
♥ K J 7 5 4		
♦ A 7 4		
♣ A K 3		

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Partner leads K♠. Can you see four defensive tricks? In this scenario you would be wise to overtake with your A♠ and then lead your singleton diamond and hope for a ruff. Once you win with your A♥ then you can lead back to West’s spade winner and hope they will then lead a diamond for you to ruff.

Golden rule here is not to continue the suit led when you have a ruff available elsewhere to be set up.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

Did you know that each position in bridge has its own responsibilities?

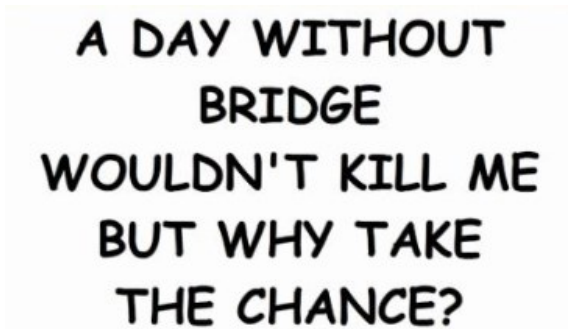
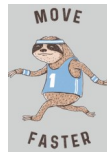
South is in charge of entering the contract details into the tablet. At the end of the hand passing the tablet to **East** to confirm and sharing the results (quietly) with the rest of the table.



North is in charge of ensuring that the correct board is being played and that the board is in the correct orientation, also the bidding pad - always helpful to write the lead card to help South with entering the opening lead.



West should pass the board back to the next table, also ensuring that the boards are placed in the correct orientation and then moving on quickly to the next table so that the other two opponents can start counting and sorting their cards.



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