

## U3A Bridge

### Lesson 4: Play in Suit Contracts

1	2	3	4
♠ AKQJ10 ♥ ----  ♠ 654 ♥ 874	♠ AKQJ10 ♥ 654  ♠ 432 ♥ ----	♠ AKQ54 ♥ 65  ♠ 9872 ♥ ---	♠ AQ543 ♥ 654 ♦ A54 ♣ A3  ♠ KJ987 ♥ 8 ♦ K32 ♣ 9876
<b>RUFF PURPOSELESS</b> Ruffing hearts does <u>not</u> gain any tricks, always make 5 trump tricks just by playing them out	By ruffing Hearts with dummy's 432 extra tricks are <u>gained</u> , now make 8 trump tricks. <b>RUFF IN THE SHORT TRUMP HAND</b>	Similar but can draw 2 rounds of trumps before ruffing	Can draw trumps as you have plenty, then concede a heart and ruff 2 hearts to make contract

5	6	7	8
♠ AKQJ54 ♥ A32 ♦ A5 ♣ 65  ♠ 632 ♥ 87 ♦ KJ87 ♣ J987	♠ AKQJ10 ♥ 6543 ♦ 32 ♣ K3  ♠ 876 ♥ 2 ♦ AKQJ10 ♣ 8654	♠ A654 ♥ AQ104 ♦ A876 ♣ 2  ♠ 10932 ♥ KJ92 ♦ 4 ♣ A543	♠ AKQJ54 ♥ 632 ♦ AK54 ♣ ---  ♠ 9872 ♥ 5 ♦ 654 ♣ 98632
♣ A and K are cashed and then a trump is played. <u>Count tricks</u> – only 9, must get in a ruff to make 10. Win trump and play ♥A and ♥3, now can get a ♥ ruff for tenth trick	♦ 5 is led against 4♠. Count tricks – 10, draw trumps and take winners. If you try for ♥ ruffs can be cut off from ♦ winners. Contract is safe so make it.	K♦ led against 4♥. Only 7 tricks – do not draw trumps, <b>CROSS RUFF</b> to make all trumps separately. Remember to cash A♠ first.	A low trump is led against 4♠. You have 8 tricks, 6 spades and 2 diamonds. Win lead and immediately play a heart, gain 2 tricks by ruffing 2 hearts in dummy.