

## U3A Bridge

### Lesson 5: Opening Leads in Suit and No Trump Contracts

This week we look at the card to lead in certain combinations. Next week we will consider what your lead might be given the bidding and other circumstances

1	2	3	4
K 10 7 4 or Q 8 7 4 3 or 10 8 7 4 but A 10 7 3	A K 7 3  A K 7 5 3  *A K J 10 5	K Q J 4 or Q J 10 4 or 10 9 8 6 or J 10 6 or 10 9 3	K J 10 6 or Q 10 9 8 4 but A 10 9 6
Lead 4 <sup>th</sup> highest in each case 4 But DO NOT underlead an A against a suit contract. Against NT lead 3	Against a Suit lead the A in all cases (NB A promises K) v NT with 3 or 4 lead K (v NT shows KQ or AK) With 5 lead 4 <sup>th</sup> highest BUT with * Lead A – asks partner to throw Q, if hasn't Q, signals length	Lead top of sequence	The first two are interior sequences, lead second highest Don't lead away from A in suit but in NT lead 10

5	6	7	8
K J 9 8 7 or K 9 8 6 K Q 10 9 8	7 4 2	K Q 10 9 (or more) But K Q 10 5 3	A Q 7 6 3
Lead 4 <sup>th</sup> – interior sequences must be headed by J or 10 Lead K, interior sequences have a gap after top card	3 small – if you have raised partner in the suit lead the 7, if you have given preference lead the 2 – both give partner info. Unlikely lead otherwise but if you do v suit lead 2. v NT lead 7	With KQ109 Lead Q – asks partner to throw J if has it But not from holdings without 9	Rare lead v suit (hope for 2 tricks but could lose one by lead)  v NT 4 <sup>th</sup> highest – may lose one trick but gain more - and if partner has K!