

**Board B.1**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ 10 7  
♥ A Q J 3 2  
♦ A Q 10  
♣ A 6 2

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

Dbl

?

This is a strong 17 count. It's perfectly reasonable to agree to double and correct with hands like this. The danger comes if the opponents raise clubs preemptively. Say in the auction:

1C-X-3C-P-P-?

Now what?

A good hand to discuss with partner. My style is to overcall 1 ♥ with this hand since I think it's worth about 18 points and hence isn't too strong to overcall 1N.

**Board B.2**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A K 7

♥ 8 7 6

♦ K Q 9

♣ A Q 6 3

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

?

A classic double. I have points and I don't know what to do. I would overcall 1N, but I don't have a heart stopper. That's a fatal flaw when opener had length in the suit.

**Board B.3**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A K Q

♥ 10 5

♦ A K 9 8 7 3 2

♣ 7

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

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Another good hand to discuss with partner. Is this a 1 ♦ overcall or a double and rebid diamonds?

My style is to double and bid diamonds. because we might easily want to be in 5 ♦ on hands that partner will pass 1 ♦. It's not so much that I am afraid that the auction will pass out, as that I am afraid that partner won't be able to make sensible decisions later in the auction if they don't know my trick taking potential.

**Board B.4**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ Q 10

♥ A Q 2

♦ A 10 7

♣ A Q 5 3 2

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♠

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18 HCP and a 5 card minor. In your partnership do you double or bid 2 ♣?

My style is to overcall 2 ♣ and then back in with double. This is largely because I really don't like the ♠ QT and don't want to encourage partner to compete in hearts with only 4.

**Board B.5**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A K 10 5

♥ 6

♦ A K 8 5 4 2

♣ K 4

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

Dbl

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Another good one to discuss. Especially if you play equal level conversion doubles (ELCD). My style is to double and then bid diamonds. I jump to 3 ♦ if I am playing ELCD.

**Board B.6**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A 9 8 2

♥ A K 8 6 5

♦ J 7 5

♣ A

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

?

Trick question. You also want hearts to be trump. Just pass.

**Board B.7**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ K 10 3

♥ A J 4

♦ A 3

♣ K J 10 9 6

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

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compare and contrast with B.6. I still want clubs to be trump but 1 ♣ is not generally an effort to make clubs trump whereas 1 ♥ is an effort to make hearts trump. I happily overcall 1N here as I expect my club length to be useful most of the time whereas my heart length in the previous hand is only useful with hearts trump since RHO has at least 5 as well.

**Board B.8**

East Deals

None Vul



♠ A K J 10 4

♥ 7 4

♦ A 8 6

♣ K J 9

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♦

?

Another good borderline hand to discuss with partner.

My style is to overcall 1 ♠.



**Board B.9**

East Deals

None Vul



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

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

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This time it's a minor and the suit is weaker. We had 16 HCP on 8 and 17 on this one, but I am more inclined to overcall 1N rather than 2 ♦ even with the tenuous stopper.

**Board B.10**

East Deals

None Vul



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

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♠

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Who knows what singleton kings are worth? I would overcall 2 ♦.