

Leads and Signals

Opening Leads

Good	Bad(sometimes)	Ugly(mostly)
Top of a sequence.g.QJ10...	From a doubleton xx	Unsupported ace
Partners suit	Singleton trump except when partner has doubled	Underleading an ace
MUD (middle up down from xxx)	Honour card	K from Kx
From your longest suit when holding declarers trump suit		Q from Qx
Trump when holding 4 or more		
Trump when partner has Doubled		
Fourth highest in NT(rule of 11)		
Low card promising an honour		

Signals

(a) When leading

The lead of a low card tells partner you have an honour in that suit.The lead of a high card (not an honour) tells partner you have no interest in that suit

The lead of an Ace promises the king

The lead of an honour indicates a sequence

(b) Attitude signals

When partner leads a suit you can indicate if you like it or not there are two possible ways
i.e High encourage ...I like this suit continue with it or
Low encourage...I like this suit... (this has the advantage of not wasting a high card)

(c) Discard Signals

When you can't follow suit your discard can indicate to partner which of the remaining suits you prefer. There are several ways to do this.....

Low encourage...play a low card in the suit you like

Odds and Evens....an odd card says I like this suit an even card says I don't like this suit