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To: Fellow Bridge Players

From: Bill Voedisch

**Re: A Tutorial on “Opening Leads” and “Signals”**

I have put together the attached tutorial on what I think is the most mysterious part of the convention card for many players: the bottom of side 2, “OPENING LEADS” and the companion section on “Signals.”

There are many card combinations shown featuring honors (“honors in combination”), and one of the cards is highlighted as the correct opening lead “Versus Suits” and “Versus No Trump.” At No Trump, do you know why the J is the correct lead from AJTx? What should partner play with K73 with the Q in dummy? What about with **no** Q in dummy?

Do you know why the J is the *wrong* lead at a suit contract?

The attached answers these and many other questions on “Opening Leads” and “Signals.” It is meant to be a complete, stand-alone document that can be used at your own pace. I encourage partnerships to review this together. *Print it out and takes notes right on the document.*

If you have questions or comments, you may email me, or TXT to 651-303-0225.

Our goal is to eventually hold a “Q and A” session at the Woodbury Bridge Club on this topic, where you bring your questions. It would take place at a Monday 11 AM “coaching” time.

If you and your partner(s) can get in synch on Opening Leads and Signals, your game, and your results, will improve.