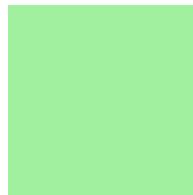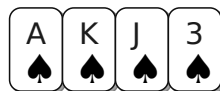# Suit handling, the hunt for the queen

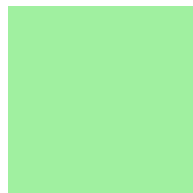## Suit handling when you are missing the queen :

If we assume that communications are nor an issue, depending on the number of cards held by your camp and on the honors held, you shall use one of the maneuvers below :

- If your camp has 9 cards led by Ace King , you'll draw them upfront hoping for a 2-2 beak ot he remaining cards 2-2 (probability 40%...to which you should add the odds of the queen singleton (12,5%,)
- with fewer than 9 cards, the finesse is best the probability it works is roughly 50%..but it is not always possible : You need a tenace in one hand or consecutive cards in the other.
- with fewer than 9 cards, you may sometimes increase the propability of success of your maneuver By starting with a high honor (probe) before going for the finesse

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A	K	J	3
♠	♠	♠	♠

10	4	2
♠	♠	♠

Exercise 4654 : With 8 cards in your camp, you should finesse. To maximize your chances of making 4 tricks, send a probe first, the play small to the King Jack tenace

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A	5	3	2
♠	♠	♠	♠

K	J	10	9	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠

Exercise 4665 : With 9 cards in your camp do not finesse the queen. Draw the Ace and if both opps follow, then draw tour king

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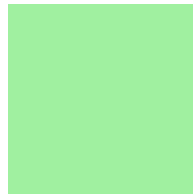By playing practice boards, accessing lessons, tips and review sheets targeted just for you.

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Note:

- With fewer than 9 cards in the suit, directly try the finesse
    - If you can play a probe whilst still being able to finesse on the 2nd round... Do it...
    - Play a high honor first in a way that preserves your tenace
- With 9 cards, play Ace, King and Queen upfront Star with the honor that preserves your tenace
    - If the play situated after the tenace does not follow, you'll play the obvious finesse on the second round

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| A ♠ | J ♠ | 10 ♠ | 3 ♠ |

| K ♠ | 5 ♠ | 4 ♠ | 2 ♠ |

Exercise 4655 A probe with the King preserves your Ace Jack tenace. Play King, then small to the 10.

| A ♠ | K ♠ | J ♠ | 10 ♠ | 5 ♠ |

| 2 ♠ |

Exercise Q4666 Impossible to send a probe here ; You would not have a crd left to try the finesse!

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Probabilities

- With fewer than 9 cards, it's easy...The finesse has a 50% chance of succeeding !
- With 9 cards
    - Split Probability
    - 2-2 - 40%
    - 3-1 - 50%
    - 4-0 - 10%

The probability of Queen in singleton : $50\% * (1/4) = 12,5\%$

Probability of 2-2 (that necessarily includes the queen: 40%).

The chances of success adds both, or 52,5%So with 9 cards led by Ace King , It is preferable to Draw Ace King, rather than try the finesse ...Even more if you consider that with a 4-0 break (10%) you may still be able to capture the Queen with a finesse .

A	3	2
♠	♠	♠

K	J	10	9	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠

Exercise 4667 With 9 cards, no direct finesse; Start by drawing the ace, Not the King, so as to preserve your ace Jack tenace. I West does not have any, you can still take the queen with the obvious finesse on East.

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Important probabilities !

	probabilities
2 cards missing	
Split 1-1	52%
Split 2-0	48%
3 cards missing	
Split 2-1	78%
Split 3-0	22%
4 cards missing	
Split	50%
Split	40%
Split	10%
5 cards missing	
Split	68%
Split	27%
Split	4%
6 cards missing	
Split 4-2	48%
Split 3-3	36%
Split 5-1 ou 6-0	close to 0