



Introduction to Bridge

Presenter/s

Date

INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE - General Play

The first card played is called the **opening lead**.

The aim of the game is to take as many **tricks** as possible

A trick is 4 cards, one contributed by each player in turn

Play progresses **clockwise** round the table

Every player must **follow suit** (play a card of the suit first led) if he can. If he has none of that suit he discards from another suit.

The card with the highest value in the suit that was **initially led** wins the trick.

Play progresses clockwise round the table

Count your **High Card Points** (HCP)

Ace **A** = **4** points

King **K** = **3** points

Queen **Q** = **2** points

Jack **J** = **1** point

Each suit total = **10** points

Each deal total = **40** points

No void

No singleton

No more than one doubleton

Shape can be

4,3,3,3

e.g.

♠ A 9 7 3

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K T 5

♣ A Q 3

4,4,3,2

e.g.

♠ A 9 7 3

♥ Q 9 6 2

♦ K T 5

♣ A 3

2,3,3,5

e.g.

♠ A 8

♥ Q 9 6

♦ K T 5

♣ A J T 9 3

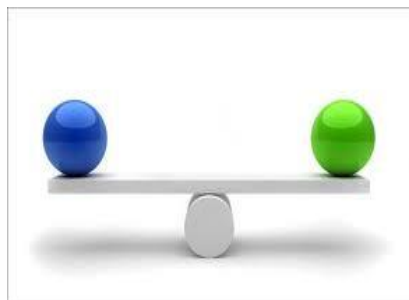
♠ K 7 3
♥ T 9 6 2
♦ K Q 5 4
♣ 9 3

How many High Card Points?

8 HCP

Balanced or unbalanced?

Balanced



♠ A 9 3
♥ A K J T
♦ 6
♣ A K 9 5 2

How many High Card Points?

19 HCP

Balanced or unbalanced?

Unbalanced



- Basic bridge terms & their meaning e.g. high card points, winning tricks, a trump suit, ruffing, the concept of a work suit
- how to evaluate your hand counting high card points
- that bridge is a partnership game
- who is the opener & responder, declarer & dummy, and who are the defenders
- the difference between balanced & unbalanced hands
- that the trump suit beats other suits
- as declarer, how to make a simple plan to win the tricks you need.

INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE - Hand 1

NO TRUMP CONTRACT

North is the dealer

N/S likely makes:

2 spades

3 hearts

2 diamonds

2 clubs

Total 9 tricks

West
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ JT 6 3
 ♣ Q 9 8 7 6

North
 ♠ A K 9
 ♥ A K Q
 8
 ♦ 9 5 4



♠ T 5 4
 ♥ 5 3 2
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ A K 5 3

South

Lead
 ♠ 6

East
 ♠ Q J 7 6 3
 ♥ JT 7 4
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ J 4

Auction

N	E	S	W
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

- **North** is the Declarer
- **East** is Defender on lead
- **South** becomes Dummy

Here the As & Ks win the tricks

INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE - Hand 3

SUIT CONTRACT

South is the dealer


E/W are partners

West's ♣K is winning

so East plays low

West plays ♣Q, East plays low

West plays ♦K, North the ♦A, East can now trump with

	North			
	♠ K			
	♥ K Q 7			
	♦ A T 9 8 7 5 4			
	♣ 5 4			
				
West		East		
♠ 7 3 2	Lead ♣ K	♠ 9 8 6 5 4		
♥ T 5		♥ 8 6 3		
♦ K Q J 2		♦		
♣ K Q J 6		♣ A T 8 3 2		
	♠ A Q J T			
	♥ A J 9 4 2			
	♦ 6 3			
	♣ 9 7			
	South			

Auction

S	W	N	E
1H	Pass	4H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- **South** is the Declarer
- **West** is Defender on lead
- **North** becomes Dummy

Introduces the concept of trumping