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Beginning Bridge ... Lessons from the Bridge Doc Standard American...

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Bridge 1

Card Pack

Your pack of cards should contain 52 cards. With four suits (Spades, Hearts, Diamonds and Clubs) Each suit should hold the following card types one of each Ace, King, Queen, Jack (also known as aka: knave) 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2.

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Bridge Players

Four players make up a bridge play. Players are designated by four compass points at the table. North, East, South and West. (Partners are usually North/South and East/West)

Opening Bids 6
at the Level
of One

Bridge Partners

Two people make a partner team. Partners are chosen by picking a card from the pack and the two players who draw the highest cards play together against the other two.

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Bridge Playing Hands

Each of the four players are dealt 13 cards. These 13 cards make up the players hand.

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Suits

There are four suits in Bridge.

Note that these suits are not equal and rank as Major and Minor

Please commit to memory the order of suits and value of these suits and cards for ease of play

Major Suits

- Spades
- Hearts

Minor Suits

- Diamonds
- Clubs

The denominations of the suits for Value (or scoring) run as follows: Ace, King, Queen, Jack (also known as: knave) 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2.

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Eg: Ace is the highest value card in each suit with the Two as the lowest value card

Honor Cards

Honor Cards are the top five cards in each suit eg: Ace, King, Queen, Jack and 10. These cards are also known as high cards and are the hold the most value and are the most powerful cards in the game in order of suit. Each of these Honor cards is assigned a value.

Ace = 4 points

King = 3 Points

Queen = 2 points

Jack = 1 point

10 = although an honor card it does not qualify for a high card point value

Distribution

Points are also counted for singletons (one card in a suit), doubletons (2 cards in a suit) or voids (no cards in a suit). Singletons count as one; doubletons count as two; voids count as three. Distribution points only matter for suit contracts... not for no-trump contracts.

Dealing

At a Bridge Club or when playing online the cards are generally pre-dealt by the computer.

However if you are playing at home then the dealer first shuffles the cards and then starting to the left, the dealer deals all 52 cards, one at a time in a clockwise direction. The next deal would be to the left on completion of this current hand of play.

Bidding

Any bid that is stated must be higher than any previous bid in that game. Players are entitled to say "pass" or "no bid" if they wish... In actual fact, today, bidding boxes with bidding cards are used for the auction. Players rarely "say" their bids. Only in cases where one or another player has a vision problem are bids spoken aloud.

There are two key components to bidding:

1. **Auction bid** – Teams choose how many tricks they believe they will successfully secure on this hand. The team which says they will take the most tricks has just confirmed a contract. (minimum 7 tricks and maximum 13 tricks)
2. **Playing the cards** – Playing the game determines if the team that took the contract is going to take the bid number of tricks.

The prime purpose of bidding is to exchange information with your partner and to gain information about your oppositions hand and tactically control the game.

Dummy is not an insult in bridge!

The dummy is the partner of the declarer. He is a silent player whose hand rests face up on the table and whose cards are played during the hand by the declarer.



OPENING BIDS AT THE LEVEL OF 1

Ranking of Suits - the ranking of bids from highest to lowest

NT NoTrumps

♠ Spades

♥ Hearts

♦ Diamonds

♣ Clubs

These are listed in descending order: NoTrumps (NT) is the highest bid winning over suit bids:

Spades is the highest ranking suit followed by hearts then by diamonds and the lowest ranking suit is clubs

Comment: *The importance of this ranking is to do with winning the bidding for a contract. You can win the contract at any level by bidding a higher ranking suit*

♦ OPENER'S FIRST BID

The first person to make a bid (other than pass) is called the opener. You should have at least 13 TP to open the bidding.

Start with your longest suit – “Length before Strength”.

When you open with a bid at the level of 1 you are saying that you expect to win at least 7 tricks out of the 13 tricks available in the game. This bid also nominates the suit you bid as the trump suit.

The rules differ according to whether you open a major or minor suit.

THE MAJOR SUITS ARE SPADES ♠ AND HEARTS ♥

1 ♠ or 1 ♥, opening bids

- 13-21 TP
- promises a 5-card suit
- open longest suit
- with two 5-card suits, open the higher ranked suit

Hand 1.

Your Hand

♠ A K Q J

♥ J 5 4 3 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 5

Your Bid

The correct opening bid here is 1♥ Even though the spade suit is stronger, the heart suit is longer and should be bid first.

MINOR SUITS - DIAMONDS ♦ AND CLUBS ♣

1♣ or 1♦ opening bids

- 13-21 TP
- your better minor suit
- promises at least a 3- card suit
- open longest suit, regardless of quality
- with two 4-card suits, open the lower ranked suit

Hand 2.

Your Hand

♠ A K Q J

♥ 3

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ A Q 3 2

Your Bid

The correct opening bid here is 1♦. With two 4-card minors open the higher. You can bid your spade suit later, if possible.

Unit 222 Valentine Sectional

FEBRUARY 8 - 11, 2017

ZOO FARI CONFERENCE CENTER, 9715 West Blue Mound Road - Milwaukee
(Adjacent to and east of the Milwaukee County Zoo)

Wednesday - 2/8: 9:30 a.m. 299er Pair Game
2:00 p.m. 299er Pair Game

Thursday - 2/9: 9:30 a.m. 299er Pair Game
2:00 p.m. 299er Pair Game

Saturday - 2/11: 9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 299er Pair Game (Single Sessions)

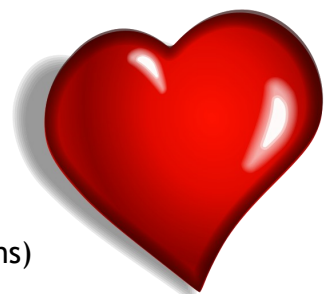
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Strata for 299er games: 0-50, 50-100, 100-300
(Strats may be adjusted as attendance warrants)



STANDARD AMERICAN

BIDDING GAME -WHAT IS IT?

"Game" has a special meaning when you play bridge We now know that the opener needs 13 TP to start the bidding. Opener's partner is called the **responder**. Responder needs only 6 HCP to make a minimum bid but, if they have enough points (26) in their combined hands they should bid to "Game."

"GAME" IS:

When to bid "Game."

You need at least 26 points between you and your partner to bid "Game."
If responder has 13 points or more, then it is right to bid game. This is because:
13 (opener) + 13 (responder) = 26 TP

3NT or 4♠ or 4♥ or 5♦ or 5♣

Scores the partnership a big points bonus

Bidding 3NT requires winning 9 tricks

Bidding 4♠, 4♥ requires winning 10 tricks

Bidding 5♦, 5♣ requires winning 11 tricks

♥ WHICH "GAME" TO BID?

1. "Game" in opener's Major suit (26 TP's and a Fit in trumps between you and your partner)

If you have 4 cards in your partner's suit, you have at least 8 trumps between you. Partner has promised at least 4 with the opening bid. Having 8 trumps is called a **FIT**. If you have a fit in a major, that will be the best place to play your game.

2. "Game" in Notrumps (25 HCP's between you and your partner)

If you don't have 4-card support for your partner's major suit, you should usually bid 3NT.

3. "Game" in opener's Minor suit (27 TP's between you and your partner)

Bid game in a minor suit only when game in no-trump is not a good proposition !

Standard American Quiz

1. How many HCP in these hands?

(a)

♠ 76
♥ AQ98
♦ AQ76
♣ AK6

(b)

♠ Q32
♥ KJ876
♦ Q76
♣ A6

2. What do you open with these hands?

(a)

♠ AK98
♥ Q986
♦ 54
♣ AQ4

(b)

♠ AK982
♥ Q9876
♦ 5
♣ K4

(c)

♠ 92
♥ Q9
♦ AKJ875
♣ AQ4

(d)

♠ K9
♥ Q76
♦ A765
♣ AQ42

(e)

♠ AKQ2
♥ A9832
♦ 5
♣ 1098

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(f)
♠ AK92
♥ K432
♦ 5
♣ AQ42

Standard American Lesson 1 Quiz Answers

1. How many TP in these hands?

(a)
♠ 76
♥ AQ98
♦ AQ76
♣ AK6
19 TP

(b)
♠ Q32
♥ KJ876
♦ Q76
♣ A6
13 TP

2. What do you open with these hands?

(a)
♠ AQ98
♥ Q986
♦ 54
♣ AQ4
1♣ -longer minor.

(b)
♠ AK982
♥ Q9876
♦ 5
♣ K4
1♠ -the higher ranking 5-card suit.

(c)
♠ 92
♥ Q9
♦ AKJ875
♣ AQ4
1♦ -the longest suit.

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(d)

♠ K9

♥ Q76

♦ A765

♣ AQ42

1♦ - with two four card minors, open the higher.

(e)

♠ AKQ2

♥ A9832

♦ 5

♣ 1098

1♥ - longest suit.

(f)

♠ AK92

♥ K432

♦ 5

♣ AQ42

1♣ - no five card major so open your longer minor.

WUMBA Winter Sectional, Ripon, WI, January 27 – 29, 2017

ROYAL RIDGES, 1 Westgate Drive, Ripon, WI 54971 (Highway 23/W Fond du Lac St.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 27 1:30 PM 299er Pairs

6:30 PM 299er Pairs

Saturday, January 28 9:00 AM 299er Pairs

1:30 PM 299er Pairs

7:00 PM 299er Pairs

Sunday, January 29 9:00 AM 299er Swiss (Three Team Minimum)

Fish & Chicken Buffet Served at Royal Ridges between Sessions Friday

(Separate Purchase - \$10.00 which includes tax)

Famous Prime Rib Buffet Served Following First Session of Swiss on Sunday

299er Pairs: Stratified by the Director

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Bill Erickson Memorial Spring Sectional

FOUNTAIN BANQUET HALL, (WEST HALL/USE FRONT ENTRANCE ON THE RIGHT)
8505 DURAND AVENUE, STURTEVANT, WI

March 24, 25, 26 - 2017

Friday, March 24

9:30 AM 2:00PM

Stratified 299er Pairs Stratified 299er Pair

Saturday, March 25

9:30 AM 2:00 PM

Stratified 299er Pairs Stratified 299er Pairs

Sunday, March 26

9:30 AM 2:00 PM

Stratified 299er Pairs Stratified 299er Pairs

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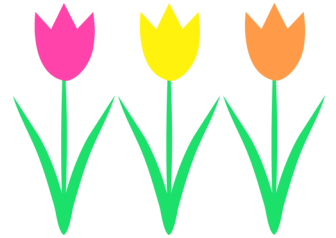
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Strata for 299er Events

0-50/50-100/100-300

0-5 Points Play Free

Strata may be adjusted as attendance warrants.



**Bridge is not a matter of life and death...
It is far more important than that!**



Note: We are no longer snail mailing any issues of this newsletter.

Snail mail has become cost prohibitive. The newsletters are available online only at the District 13 website.

To access the site and find the newsletters, go to:

<http://acbl-district13.org/ArticlesAndNewsletters.htm>

Newsletters at this address go back to 2001. You can read them, print them, and enjoy them from there.

District 13 2016/2017 Grand National Teams

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 11:00 and TBA & Sunday, February 26, 2017, 11:00 and TBA

**Hilton Northbrook, 2855 North Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook, IL
Telephone: (847) 480-7500 Call for Bridge Rate!**

The Championship Flight and Flight A events will take place over four sessions and will be concluded in a single weekend. ****In Flight B alone, there may be two teams remaining at conclusion of play on Sunday. These teams will be responsible to determine a final date and place (area club) at which to play their Final. The Coordinator will work with the teams to find suitable arrangements for Final.**** (See CoC on the District 13 website for more information.) Flight C will be a two-session Swiss Team event played to conclusion on Sunday only.

There will be no competition among flights. Players must choose the flight in which they plan to play.

Flight	Masterpoints	Club Qualifying
Championship	Unlimited	None
Flight A	Fewer than 6000 points	None
Flight B	Fewer than 2500 points	Determined by Unit
Flight C	Non Life Master and fewer than 500 points	Determined by Unit

Flight eligibility is established by **ACBL's September 2016 masterpoint cycle**. This information was produced on August 6, 2016 in Horn Lake, MS. **Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.**

Players must reside in District 13. Each member of the team must be a paid member in good standing with the ACBL. Club qualifying may be required at the discretion of each Unit. A Flight B or C team may qualify under the rules of any Unit where a plurality of team members reside.

In addition, players who are currently, or have ever been in the past, members of another bridge organization, whether domestic (e.g., American Bridge Association) or foreign (e.g., Polski Związek Brydza Sportowego), must submit information on their past and/or current ranking in that organization. Submissions must be in writing (email is fine) and must be received by the District GNT Coordinator or District 13 Director at the time of registration for the event. The information submitted may be used to assign a conversion to ACBL masterpoints for purposes of verifying flight eligibility.

****An entry in the CHAMPIONSHIP Flight is a commitment to play in the National Final. Entries in lower flights may play to conclusion before declaring intent. We understand your reluctance to commit in advance.****

GNT Coordinator:

Stan Subeck
847-509-0311 stansubeck@prodigy.net



Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 18, 2017 by contacting:

Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, (847)-509-0311 Home, (708) 927-6819 Cell, stansubeck@prodigy.net, or by registering on line at <http://bridgeinchicago.com> if and when it is available

Entering teams must have a written confirmation either by email or letter. No team without such a written confirmation should assume that entry has been verified. It is important to know in advance the teams entered. Captains should bring the confirmation with them to the site and be prepared to present it when buying an entry.

For more complete information,
please consult your conditions of contest on the District 13 website at <http://acbl-district13.org/>

WinterFest Chicago Sectional

January 26-29, 2017

Wyndham Glenview Suites, 1400 N. Milwaukee, Glenview

Events for I/N Players
(0-500 Masterpoints Non-Life Master)
Stratification: 0-100, 100-300, 300-500

THURSDAY, January 26

9:30 Swiss Teams
2:00 Swiss Teams
7:30 Swiss Teams

FRIDAY, January 27

9:30 Stratified Pairs
2:00 Stratified Pairs
7:30 Stratified Pairs

SATURDAY, January 28

9:30 Stratified Pairs
2:00 Stratified Pairs
8:00 Stratified Pairs

SUNDAY, January 29

10:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
(2 sessions) More chances for Silver Pts

Tournament Chair: Tom Dressing 847-215-0310 tom@ Dressing.org

Join us January 28 at 5:30 p.m. for the Annual CCBA Dinner and Meeting.

Cost: \$15.00 (CCBA subsidized)

Send Reservations and Checks to Judy Riehs, 847-215-7695, 731 Hapsfield Lane, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Judymriehs@yahoo.com

Tables of 10 may be reserved if prepaid by January 21
Tickets will be held for pickup at the tournament site.



Upcoming STaC's ... Sectionals at the Clubs... Silver Point Awards

CCBA Winter STAC

Feb 27 - Mar 5

At the clubs

D13 Spring STAC

May 1 - May 7

At the clubs

District 13 Spring Regional

April 3 - April 9, 2017

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI

On Route 50, 1/2 mile East of Route 12

Call 262-248-8811/800-558-3417 on or before March 18th to ensure the Bridge Rate!

Monday, April 3

7:30 KO Teams I: Session 1
7:30 Single Session Stratified Pairs Side Game to benefit the Grass Roots Fund

Tuesday, April 4

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**
9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 KO Teams I: Sessions 2, 3, 4
2:00, 7:30 KO II: Sessions 1 & 2

Wednesday, April 5

9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series I: Sessions 4, 5, 6 (single sessions)
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**
9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)
2:00, 7:30 KO II: Sessions 3 & 4
2:00, 7:30 KO III: Sessions 1 & 2

Thursday, April 6

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)
9:30 & 2:00 Stratified Daylight Senior Pairs
2:00 & 7:30 KO III: Sessions 3 & 4
2:00 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Team

Friday, April 7

9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series II: Sessions 4, 5, 6 (single sessions)
2:00 & 7:30 KO IV: Session 1 & 2
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Saturday, April 8

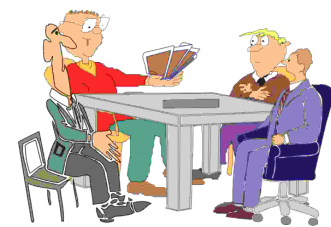
9:30, 2:00 299er Pairs (single sessions)
9:30, 2:00, 7:30 Side Game Series III: Sessions 1, 2, 3 (single sessions)
2:00 & 7:30 KO IV: Session 3 & 4
2:00 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Stratiflighted Pairs (0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+)**
9:30, 2:00 & 7:30 **Player's Choice Gold Rush Pairs (0-100; 100-300; 300-750)**

Sunday, April 9

10:00 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (7 rounds)
Flight A/X/Y
B/C/D Stratified

* **Player's Choice: Player specifies which 2 sessions when purchasing entry**

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Intermediate & Newcomer Events 0-299er Masterpoints

0-5 ACBL members play FREE all week

Tuesday - Saturday
Single Session Games
at 9:30, 2:00
Stratified 299er Pairs

**Mid-Chart for Top Bracket of the KO's
& Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams**
Stratified Games: A: 2000+; B: 750-2000; C: 0-750

Stratiflighted Teams:
A: 5000+ X: 3000-5000 Y: 0-3000
B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

Stratiflighted Pairs: 0-1500; 1500-3000; 3000+

Gold Rush Pairs: 0-100; 100-300; 300-750

Newcomer Events: 0-5/20/50/100/200/300

Masterpoint Averaging When Permitted!



We adhere to ACBL default handicapping.
We handicap KO's when there is only a single bracket.

Fresh Fruit
Hospitality Suite!!!
Daily Bulletins

Students play for half price with valid student ID card!
Kibitzers: Golf, Tennis, Spa
Free Lunch with Entry on Wednesday and Sunday

