# How to Play BRIDGE

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ARTICLE No. 1

"Bugs" Baer, the well-known humorist, has some amusing ideas of the game of Auction Bridge, of which the following are some of the gems:

"The present game of Bridge is derived from the ancient Persian game of Garrump. It is played by four people, two on a side, and eight kibbitzers, who are roving umpires. The most important part of Bridge is the feature known as the convention. This idea was derived from the Signal Corps of the United States Army. The conventions inform your partner what cards you hold in your hand.

"The game starts by the dealer bidding the strength of his hand. The strength of the hand should go right from the fingers up to the brain. But with most bidders it stops at the wrist. Having bid one club, the bidder looks at his partner like a mouse in a vinegar barrel. This convention means that he wants to be taken out.

"His partner takes him out by bidding three spades. This takes his partner out, but puts them both in deeper. The opponents glare at each other. The dealer then bids five diamonds and is doubled by his partner, who has joined his opponents. This play is given to illustrate the fact that every Bridge player is really playing three people, his two opponents and his partner. It is the only game in the world in which everybody is a teacher. It is the only game in which nobody is a pupil. Everybody plays a good game over the bidder's shoulder. We never met a bad Bridge player in our life.

"There are fifty-two cards in the deck. Thirteen cards are dealt to each player. After you have been playing a few months you realize that thirteen cards are not enough. When you contract to make one spade this means you must take seven tricks. The first six tricks are known as the book. And that extra seventh trick is the whole Carnegie library. It makes no difference how you play the hand. The real playing is reserved for the post-mortem after the final card is played. Then all four players paw around the cards, call each other names and otherwise act like strangers in a gentlemen's club."

The following hand was recently played in England and has been sent to the writer for analysis:

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| | Hearts — 3, 2<br>Clubs — J, 7, 6, 4, 2<br>Diamonds — K, 5, 3<br>Spades — A, 8, 6 | |
| Hearts — K, 8, 7, 5, 4<br>Clubs — none<br>Diamonds — Q, J, 10<br>Spades — K, Q, J, 10, 9 | Y<br>A B | Hearts — 6<br>Clubs — 10, 9, 8, 5<br>Diamonds — 9, 8, 4, 2<br>Spades — 7, 5, 3, 2 |
| | Z<br>Hearts — A, Q, J, 10, 9<br>Clubs — A, K, Q, 3<br>Diamonds — A, 7, 6<br>Spades — 4 | |

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid four hearts, A doubled and all passed. A led the king of spades. How should Z play the hand to make game against any defense? Figure this out before reading the following solution.

The mistakes that most players will make with this hand are as follows:

(1) Allowing A to win the first trick. In this case, if the ace of spades is played from Dummy on the second round A can defeat the contract if he refuses to win the first trick in hearts.

(2) A great number of players after winning the first trick with the ace of spades in Dummy would make Dummy lead a club, which, according to them, A should trump, and in this way let Z make his contract. These players fail to see that if A, instead of trumping, discarded diamonds (his partner B holds a trick in diamonds) the contract must be lost by Z if A, when trumps are led and finessed, takes the first trick.

The correct solution is that Z takes the first trick in Dummy with the ace and leads a heart, playing the nine from his own hand. Then (1) if A wins with the king and then plays spades, Z allows him to make two tricks in the suit and Z wins the rest; or (2) if A refuses to win the second trick with the king of hearts, Z should play the ace of hearts and then the ace of clubs. A can then make only his three trumps.

**Problem No. 1**

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| | Hearts — 3, 2<br>Clubs — none<br>Diamonds — 10, 9, 8, 7<br>Spades — 5, 2 | |
| Hearts — J, 10, 9<br>Clubs — 7, 6<br>Diamonds — none<br>Spades — J, 10, 9 | A B | Hearts — K, Q<br>Clubs — K, Q, J, 10<br>Diamonds — none<br>Spades — K, Q |
| | Z<br>Hearts — A, 4<br>Clubs — A, 4, 3, 2<br>Diamonds — none<br>Spades — A, 4 | |

Diamonds are trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y Z play the hand so that they will win all of the tricks against any defense? Solution in the next article.

## STUDY CLUB HAS MEETING MONDAY

(Continued from page one)

Miss Stryker a national worker of Guild. A Franklin branch of the Guild was organized with Mrs. W. B. McGuire as president, Mrs. J. S. Sloan, secretary, Mrs. Smith Harris, treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Johnston and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan together with the Executive Board of Directors.

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Jehu says he will retire from active business of any kind. All his numerous friends will miss his kindly face from the shop on the court house square.

## FOREST FORCE MEETS AT WILSON LICK SEPT. 27-28

On September 27 and 28 the members of the fire protective force of the Nantahala National Forest met at Wilson Lick, 16 miles from Franklin on the crest of the Nantahala Range. Thirty members of Uncle Sam's fire control organization gathered from Clay, Graham and Macon counties in North Carolina, Rabun County in Georgia and Oconee county in South Carolina. Fires in the forest seemed a remote possibility on those two days of heavy rain and muddy roads but fifteen years experience has taught the organization that heavy rains only make more luxuriant growth of brush and leaves for the frost to kill and scatter, and dry days with stiff winds are inevitable in October, November and December.

The meeting was chiefly concerned with preparedness for fires—the more effective use of the forest's seven lookouts for 300 fire fighters, and 278 miles of telephone line and splendid road system to reduce the size of the fires that occur on and near the forest. Progress has been made in this direction since 1925 but forest officers feel their equipment and skill can not be fairly tested except over extended periods of varying weather conditions. They must be prepared to handle the bad years.

Guests at the meeting were Messrs. Beichler, Jess and Fred Slagle of the North Carolina Forest Service, and Supervisor Mattoon and Ranger Jared of the Pisgah National Forest.

## FRANKLIN GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT ENDS

The September tournament of the Franklin Golf Club ended September 30, with Frank I. Murray leading in the first flight, and G. L. Houk, runner up. Then contest terminated on the 19th hole. Murray had previously eliminated Steve Porter and Dick Jones.

The second flight was led by G. A. Jones and the third by John Davis, local high schol boy.

The next monthly tournament which will be the last of the season, will be held October 19th and 21st. This will be a handicap match, putting the newer and weaker players on an equal footing with the old heads.

## HOLLY SPRINGS LOCALS

We were glad to have Rev. A. S. Solesbee with us again last Sunday, and hope to get him for our pastor for the rest of the year.

Five were baptized at Holly Springs last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sarah Kinsland who has been sick for a long time, is able to be visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nath Penningland now.

Miss Lenwood Ingram left Sunday for Athens, Ga., to train for nursing.

It was a beautiful day Sunday and there were several at preaching.

We are working hard in school to try to pass our grades Christmas.

The "Willing Worker Society" had a nice program planned for Friday afternoon and everybody enjoyed it very much.

Last Friday at opening exercise our room quoted over two hundred verses of poetry, a few of them being of the jingle family.

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