

Beginners: Lesson 4

Bidding and Play Practice where Suits are Trumps:

- Not all deals are made in heaven.
- Sometimes you have to work hard with your partner during the Bidding to find a contract.
- Many times you will be in a **Part Game** and must play the best you can.
- You are yet to learn, more bidding techniques...**No Trumps** - next 2 weeks, and using **Doubles** - week 7

Highly Recommended: Read Chapter 7 and do the exercises

Some Tips for Today:

- At times you have accurately bid your points to establish your Contract, but the “Distribution” in the Opponents hands may bring you down. Not to worry, all other players in the competition will have the same problem.
- If you hold 8 cards in a Major suit and opening points immediately bid “Game”, ie **4♠ or 4♥** should be your first bid.
- Try your hardest to be honest to your partner – not “too creative” with your bidding
- Think carefully about your lead card, consider how the opponents have bid. A good lead can make or break a contract.

Playing Tip:

- Play the **Honour** from the hand with the **shorter holding first**. (*win from the short hand first*)

Eg 1 Your hand Dummy
 A Q 8 K 4

Play the K from Dummy then return to your hand. Try A then 8, can you return to the Q?

Eg 2 Your hand Dummy
 A 8 K Q J

Play the A from your hand then use the 8 to go to Dummy. Try the 8 to K then back to the A can you return to Dummy?

Eg 3 Your hand Dummy
 A K 8 Q J T 7 5

Play the A and K from your hand then use the 8 to go to Dummy.

Eg 4 Your hand Dummy
 Q 8 K J 5

When you need to find the A, still lead from the shorter side

Next Week: No Trumps – Homework/Preparation...read Chapter 9 (finish with Stayman on p77) of *The Language of Bidding*