

B-Bridge

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There is an introductory game that teaches one about tricks and trump. It is called B-Bridge. It is fun for the whole family and is a good way to get beginners into the game of bridge.

On any given deal one must predict how many tricks one's hand will take. Unlike bridge, you have to get exactly your predicted number of tricks or you do not get the 10 point bonus for making your prediction. You also get a point for each trick you get if you guess correctly and lose a point for how many tricks by which you miss your target.

Example:

Your RHO dealt eight cards to everyone and put the remaining cards face down off to the side. These cards are out of circulation.

Spades are trump. You predict first and will make the opening lead to trick one. You hold the following:

♠A3 ♥K ♦A432 ♣2

I would say two tricks and lead the ♥King. If it holds, I have enough diamond backing that I can likely pitch the ♦Ace on a Club before the fourth round of Diamonds is played. If it loses I would ruff a club with the ♠Ace and cash the ♦Ace. In the off chance it gets ruffed, I would hope to ruff another club. If the ♦Ace holds, I exit with the ♠3.

The ♥King is a discovery card. You discover whether the ace is out of circulation or the person with the ace wants to take it later, hoping to perhaps mess you up.

The ♥King is a bare or frozen honour and the ♦Ace is a buffered or guarded honour.

Subsequent Rounds:

The dealer passes the cards to his Left Hand Opponent who deals the next round. Each new deal, everybody gets a decreasing number of cards and trump revolves from Spades to Hearts to Diamonds to Clubs to No Trump and then back to Spades again. You normally play from 13 cards each all the way to one card each. You may stop or go back to 13. It is best that one card round has a trump and is not no trump.

The dealer guesses last and cannot make the trick total wanted equal to the trick total available. If you miss your guess, your goal is to make as many people as you can also miss their guess. That is why B-Bridge stands for Bugger-Bridge. It is also called Oh Hell or screw your neighbour.

Multiple decks:

If you have 5 people and want to start with thirteen cards, use two decks and take out 39 low cards. All the two's, three's, four's, five's and seven sixes. The first card played beats the card of the same rank. For example, the first Ace played to a trick beats the second ace played to the trick.