

STAMFORD BRIDGE CLUB

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COUNTING CARDS
(Revision)

IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Giving Yourself the Best
Chance

Avoiding guesswork when
you can be certain

LISTEN TO THE BIDDING.
IT MAY GIVE VITAL CLUES
TO WHERE KEY CARDS
ARE.

WATCH THE PLAY OF THE
CARDS. YOU MAY BE
ABLE TO COUNT THE
OPPONENTS' HANDS AND
WORK OUT WHERE KEY
CARDS ARE.

COUNTING

One of the most important skills in bridge.

Simply: to know how many trumps have gone.

Preferably: to know how many of each suit have gone.

COUNTING A SIDE SUIT IS CRUCIAL IF PART OF YOUR PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH THE SUIT TO GIVE DISCARDS.

CORRECT PLAY
YOU CAN INDICATE TO PARTNER HOW MANY CARDS YOU HAVE IN A SUIT. THIS ENABLES PARTNER TO KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THE SUIT:

WHEN GIVING COUNT, USUALLY

HIGH/LOW SUGGESTS EVEN no

LOW/HIGH SUGGESTS ODD no

DISCOVERY PLAY

IN SOME HANDS, BY PLAYING
OFF TOP WINNERS, YOU CAN
WORK OUT THE SHAPE OF THE
OPPONENTS' HANDS AND
DEDUCE WHERE KEY CARDS ARE