

Counting Winners

- The first step to make a plan is to count your winners
 - If you do not have enough then you start to look for ways of generating more winners
- **Winners are sure tricks that can be taken at the outset without the opponents gaining the lead**
- Count winners combining the two hands, then go through suit by suit
 - Start with the Ace, then King, Queen, etc. Stop as soon as you are missing one.
- Don't count cards as winners that *may* make tricks later - count only the winners now
- When playing in no trumps, count winners only
 - When playing in suit contracts, count losers as well as winners