**Olicana Bridge Club**

**Beginner Lesson 1**

**Declarer Play**

**In**

**No Trump Contracts**

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| **Counting Immediate (Top) Tricks** |

This forms part of the planning process when playing a hand of bridge when there is no trump suit.

This is referred to as No Trumps

When you can see dummy count ***Immediate Tricks*** (Also known as ***Top Tricks***)

Both terms mean the same thing.

Look at your own hand and dummy.

For each suit:

work out

how many tricks you can win in that suit

before the opposition can win a trick in that suit.

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| **Dummy** |
| ♠ A K 8 3 |
| ♥ A 9 7 2 |
| ♦ A 7 5 |
| ♣ K 7 |
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| ♠ 7 5 4 2 |
| ♥ K 8 6 |
| ♦ 10 8 |
| ♣ Q 9 4 2 |
| **Your Hand** |

**Spades** : You have the ace and king in your hand.

You can win 2 tricks.

The next time you play the suit the opposition are likely to win with the queen.

You have 2 Immediate (Top) Tricks.

**Hearts** : You have the ace in your hand and the king in dummy.

It does not matter that they are in different hands.

Tricks you win in dummy count towards your total.

You can still win 2 tricks.

The next time you play the suit the opposition are likely to win with the queen

You have 2 Immediate (Top) Tricks.

**Diamonds** : You have the ace in your hand.

You do not have the king in your hand or dummy.

When you next play this suit the opposition will win with the king.

You have 1 Immediate (Top) Trick.

**Clubs** : You do not have the ace in your hand or in dummy.

The first time this suit is played the opposition will win with the ace.

You have no Immediate (Top) Tricks.

Try the following exercises……..

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| **Exercise 1 Counting Immediate Tricks** |

Count the Immediate Tricks in each suit in each of the following pairs of hands.

Add up the Total Immediate Tricks for each pair of hands.

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| **1.1** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ A K 8 3 | ♠ 7 5 4 2 |  |  |
| ♥ A 9 7 2 | ♥ K 8 6 |  |  |
| ♦ A K Q | ♦ 10 8 |  |  |
| ♣ A K 5 | ♣ Q 9 4 2 |  |  |
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| **1.2** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ K 9 8 | ♠ Q 7 6 |  |  |
| ♥ A Q 5 4 | ♥ K 3 2 |  |  |
| ♦ Q 8 7 4 | ♦ A K 9 5  |  |  |
| ♣ K 7 | ♣ Q J 4 |  |  |

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| **1.3** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ A K J 5 4 | ♠ Q 3 |  |  |
| ♥ Q J 3 | ♥ A K 10 8 2 |  |  |
| ♦ A Q 5 | ♦ J 6 |  |  |
| ♣ Q J | ♣ A K 10 9 |  |  |
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| **1.4** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ A Q 8 6 | ♠ K J 7 5 |  |  |
| ♥ K Q 6 5 | ♥ 9 7 3 2 |  |  |
| ♦ A | ♦ K Q 7 |  |  |
| ♣ A K Q 2 | ♣ J 10 |  |  |
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| **Exercise 1 Counting Immediate Tricks** |

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| **1.5** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ A 5 4 | ♠ K J 8 7 |  |  |
| ♥ A 7 3 2 | ♥ K Q J 6 |  |  |
| ♦ A 3 2 | ♦ K Q J |  |  |
| ♣ 9 7 6 | ♣ A Q |  |  |

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| **1.6** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ J | ♠ A Q |  |  |
| ♥ A Q 10 6 | ♥ K 5 4 |  |  |
| ♦ K Q 10 9 5 | ♦ A J |  |  |
| ♣ A K 9 | ♣ Q J 6 5 4 2 |  |  |
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| **1.7** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ K Q 10 9 5 | ♠ A J |  |  |
| ♥ A Q 10 | ♥ K 5 4 |  |  |
| ♦ A K 8 | ♦ Q J 6 5 4 2 |  |  |
| ♣ K J | ♣ A Q |  |  |
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| **1.8** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ 10 2 | ♠ A K 8 |  |  |
| ♥ A Q J 10 2 | ♥ 6 4 |  |  |
| ♦ K 5 4 | ♦ A 10 2 |  |  |
| ♣ Q 6 2 | ♣ A K 9 8 5 |  |  |

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| **Exercise 1 Counting Immediate Tricks** |

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| **1.9** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ A K 7 6 2 | ♠ Q 9 |  |  |
| ♥ Q 8 7 4 | ♥ J 3 |  |  |
| ♦ 8 | ♦ A K 7 6 |  |  |
| ♣ K Q 3 | ♣ A 10 9 7 5 |  |  |

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| **1.10** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♣ K Q 3 2 | ♣ A J 9 7 5 |  |  |
| ♥ 9 8 4 2 | ♥ J 10 |  |  |
| ♦ K Q 2 | ♦ A 9 8 3 |  |  |
| ♣ K 10 | ♣ A J 9 8 4 |  |  |

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| **1.11** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ A Q 9 6 | ♠ K 10 7 2 |  |  |
| ♥ J | ♥ Q 8 |  |  |
| ♦ Q 9 2 | ♦ A J 8 6 |  |  |
| ♣ A J 8 5 2 | ♣ Q 9 4 |  |  |

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| **1.12** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ K 7 6 4 2 | ♠ Q 9 8 3 |  |  |
| ♥ 8 5 | ♥ A 6 3 |  |  |
| ♦ A 6 3 | ♦ Q J 2 |  |  |
| ♣ 10 6 5 | ♣ K 8 3 |  |  |

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| **1.13** |  |  |  |
| **Your Hand** | **Dummy** |  |  |
| ♠ 5 3 | ♠ A Q 9 6 |  |  |
| ♥ A K 4 3 2 | ♥ Q 5 |  |  |
| ♦ 10 6 3 | ♦ A K Q 9 |  |  |
| ♣ A Q 2 | ♣ J 10 4 |  |  |

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| **Exercise 2 How Many Tricks Can You Expect To Win In A Suit** |

Please cover the right hand side of the page.

How many tricks can you expect to win in each of the following single suit combinations?

Does it matter in which order you play the cards?

If so, in what order should you play them.

There is a useful principle to follow when cashing Top Tricks

Play : The High Cards from the Shorter Hand First

Remember this as:

High Cards - Short Hand First

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| **2.1** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ A Q 2 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ K 4 3 |  |  |
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| **2.2** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ A Q J 9 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ K 10 |  |  |
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| **2.3** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ A Q 10 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ K J 9 |  |  |
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| **Exercise 2 How Many Tricks Can You Expect To Win In A Suit** |

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| **2.4** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ A Q J 10 9 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ K |  |  |
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| **2.5** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ A Q J 3 2 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ K 10 |  |  |
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| **2.6** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ K J 9 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ Q 10 8 |  |  |
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| **2.7** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ K J 9 6 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ Q 10 8 7 5 |  |
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| **Exercise 2 How Many Tricks Can You Expect To Win In A Suit** |

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| **2.8** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ Q J 9 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ 10 8 7 |  |
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| **2.9** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ Q J 9 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ 10 8 7 6 |  |
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| **2.10** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ K 4 3 2 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ A Q 6 5 |  |  |
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| **2.11** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ K 4 3 2 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ A Q 5 |  |  |
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| **Exercise 2 How Many Tricks Can You Expect To Win In A Suit** |

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| **2.12** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ K 4 3 2 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ A 7 6 5 |  |  |
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| **2.13** |  |  |  |
| **Dummy** | ♠ K 4 3 2 |  |  |
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| **Your Hand** | ♠ A 6 5 |  |  |
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