

ABOUT SVEN'S CARD PLAYING STRATEGIES

(for beginning and intermediate players)

Even the most brilliant bidding is in vain if you can't follow it up with reasonably good playing. Many people who liked *Sven's Decision Tables* for bidding asked me to produce something similar for playing. Thinking about that for a while I decided to supplement the decision tables with a small collection of good, representative examples of the kinds of problems you come up against in the playing of the cards. I think they are worth a look whether you play Bridge socially or in a club.

Salient points about *Sven's Card Playing Strategies*:

- Recommended strategies for defenders include choosing a good opening lead, as well as typical play in second and third seat. All illustrated by examples.
- Recommended strategies for declarers include counting the number of certain tricks, and then taking them, as well as predicting trump split, trumping, pulling trumps, finessing, early leads (including the Rule of Eleven), promoting honour cards, retaining entries and when to duck a trick (including the Rule of Seven). All illustrated by examples.
- As a Bonus I have included a few practical accessories my wife and I use when playing Bridge socially at the Bridge table, such as our Bidding Pad, our Bridge Scoring Tables and our Scoring Pad.
- For what it is worth I have listed 30 pertinent Questions I have asked myself over time about Bridge as well as the Answers I have come up with.
- Finally I have summarized our System Card, including Bidding Methods and Defensive Lead Signals.

I hope you find my Bridge booklets useful and I am happy to receive email comments about either of them.

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