



Is it a puzzle or is it a game of cards ?

Arguably this is the best card game in the world

WHAT IS THIS GAME CALLED BRIDGE ?

- Bridge is a game a little like Five Hundred and is derived from a card game called Whist. It involves two partnerships playing against each other to win tricks and gain points.
- There are two parts to each hand of Bridge - the bidding and the play. During the bidding each pair decides if they think they can make a contract of a number of tricks and whether they would like to have a trump suit or if they would play the hand without a trump suit (no-trumps).
There are four suits: ♣ Clubs, ♦ Diamonds, ♥ Hearts, ♠ Spades
- The two pairs then compete in an "auction" to decide which pair will try to make the contract by bidding to make a number of tricks greater than the other pair.
- Once a pair has nominated a contract, they will play the hand and try to take the required number of tricks they previously bid. The other side, known as the defenders, will attempt to defeat the contract.
- Points, dependent on the number of tricks made and suit, are either given to the pair that chose a suit as trumps, or no trumps, if they make the contract. If the defenders defeat the contract, the defenders will score the points.
- At the end of each session of Bridge, your scores are compared with the scores of all the other players. The luck of being dealt 'good' hands is therefore removed. Other players will have the same cards as you - it is therefore a comparison of how well you did with the cards verses the other player that matters.
- Bridge is a stimulating card game is a beneficial exercise for the memory, keeps wits sharpened and provides friendship a loyalty that extends beyond the bridge tables.