



## 2015 Introduction Series

- **Wed 7pm**
- **Fri 10 am**

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- *'Director Please'*

### Resource websites:

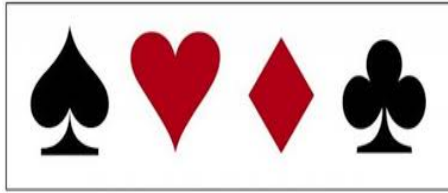
- <http://otagobridgeclub.org.nz/>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contract\\_bridge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contract_bridge)
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acol>
- <http://www.nzcba.co.nz/teaching-materials.html>
- <http://www.abf.com.au/teaching-and-learning/getting-started/>

### Players:

- **4 players, in two opposing partnerships**
  - **North South v East West**
- **Seating determined by 'toss of coin'**
  - **Winners sit North South**

### Deck of Cards:

- **52 cards in 4 suits of 13 cards each**
- The suits *ascend alphabetically*



- **'Majors'**

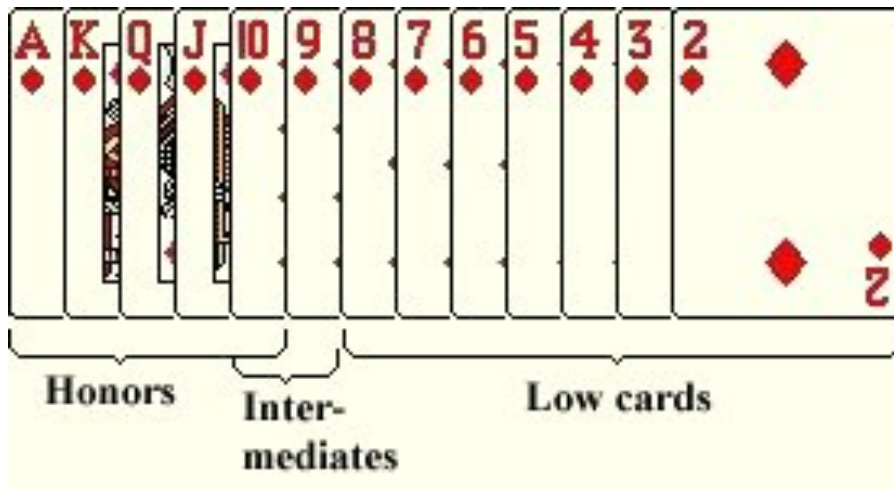
- Spades ♠
- Hearts ♥

- **'Minors'**

- Diamonds ♦
- Clubs ♣

- The cards are **ranked**:

- Ace (A), King (K), Queen (Q), Jack(J), (*honours*)
- 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2



### Hand Evaluation:

- **Points (HCP)**
  - 10 points per suit
  - Ace - 4, King - 3, Queen - 2, Jack - 1
- **Shape**
  - Number of cards in each suit



**HCP = 12; Shape - 3235**

### **Start of Play:**

- **Withdraw** cards from the board **'face down'**
- **Count** the cards to ensure you have **13**
  - *'Director Please'*
- **Sort** your hand into **suits**

### **Play of Hand:**

- Declarer's left hand opponent (LHO) makes the first lead **'face down'**
- The card is not turned over until **'thank you partner'** is heard
- Each Player must **'follow suit'**
- The card is **played** directly **in front** of each player
- Cards are **turned face down** at the **end** of each trick
- **Winning** tricks are turned **upwards**; **losing** tricks placed **sideways**
- At the end of plays cards are shuffled and placed face down in slots

