# Easy Lessons in Auction Bridge

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## *Article No. 1*

### *Introduction*

The purpose of this particular series of articles is to give a short summary of the game of Auction Bridge, so that even a beginner can acquire sufficient knowledge of the game, both of bidding and play, to enable him to play a creditable game. The best way to acquire the knowledge of the rules necessary for the beginner is to study the first thirty-one rules of the Laws of Auction of the Whist Club of New York, which are to be found in any standard book on Auction. In case such a book is not available, read carefully this

**Summary of the Laws of Auction**

*Partners and Deal*—Auction Bridge, as played by four people, requires two packs of cards with different backs. Jokers are not used. One pack is shuffled and spread face down on table, so that players may draw for partners. The players drawing the two lowest cards play against holders of the two highest. Ace is low in cutting, and, in case of duplicate draws, Spades have preference over Hearts, then Diamonds and Clubs. Holder of lowest card chooses his seat at table, and one pack of cards. Holder of third lowest takes his choice of opponents' seats. Second hand (player at dealer's left) shuffles dealer's cards, which are cut by person at dealer's right. Dealer's partner shuffles the "still" deck and places it at his right, ready for second hand to use for next deal. Thereafter, this shuffling of the still deck always is done by partner of current dealer, while deal is going on.

Thirteen cards are dealt, one at a time, to each player, starting with player at dealer's left. Players can not look at their cards until deal is complete. If a misdeal, by reason of a card being faced or otherwise exposed or an incorrect number being given to any player, same dealer deals again. Deal passes to left.

*Bidding*—Any one of the four suits may be declared trump, or the hand may be played without trump, the so-called "No Trump." Dealer bids first. He may "pass," or bid one or more in Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, Spades, or No Trump, which rank in the order named. A bid of one indicates that bidder, to fulfill his contract, must take one odd trick. An odd trick is one trick more than six. A bidder has to take six tricks, or his "book," before he can start to score. Therefore seven, or seven odd tricks, is highest possible bid.

Each of the other players, starting with player at dealer's left, may pass, double, or overbid the dealer. To overbid, it is necessary to bid the same number of tricks in a suit which ranks higher, or a larger number of tricks in a suit which ranks lower than that named by dealer. The bidding goes round to the left until three players in succession pass, except that, if it be the first round, and the first three players pass, the fourth is given an opportunity to bid.

Should all four players pass on the first round, the cards are dealt by the next dealer, with his own pack.

In bidding, the number of tricks contranks the value of the tricks. For instance, three Clubs, which count trick value of 18, outranks two No Trump, worth 20 points.

*Doubling*—Any player may double an *opponent's* bid; and his or his partner may redouble or bid something else outranking the doubled bid. By doubling, the opponent indicates that he can "set" the bidder; by redoubling, bidder asserts his confidence in his own make.

Doubling increases the value of the tricks (not the honors) in *scoring* but not in *bidding* (see *Scoring*). Example: two Spades *overbids* two Hearts doubled and redoubled, although in scoring two Spades counts only 18 trick score, whereas two Hearts redoubled counts 64.

A higher bid by any player cancels any previous double or redouble.

*The Play*—The declarer is the player who *first* named the winning suit, regardless of any bids or suits named between his first calling the suit and its final bid by himself or his partner. His partner is "dummy." Player at left of declarer leads any card; then dummy lays down his cards face up, and sorted into suits. Dummy thereafter must not touch his cards. Their play is left entirely to declarer. Each player must follow suit led if he can; otherwise trump or discard as he likes. Cards rank from Ace down to Deuce, and trumps always win. When there is no trump, highest card or highest trump, if trumps be played on trick, wins trick; in No Trump, highest card of suit led wins. Winner leads for next trick. Declarer leads from dummy hand when tricks are taken by card from that hand. First six tricks taken by declarer are his "book." All over the book count toward game. If declarer has bid three, he *must* win three tricks over his book, or nine tricks.

*Scoring*—Only the declarer's side can score towards game, and the *game score is the only score that goes below the horizontal line on the score card.*

**Below the Line Declarer Scores**

for each trick over his book.

**Above the Line Declarers or Opponents Score**

for "Honors" as held by them when cards are dealt. The honors are the A, K, Q, J, and Ten of a trump suit; or the four Aces when there is no trump.

| Table of Count | Clubs | Diamonds | Hearts | Spades | No Trump |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Each trick over 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 3 honors (simple) | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 30 |
| 4 honors | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 40 |
| 5 honors | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | — |
| 4 in one hand | 48 | 56 | 64 | 72 | 100 |
| 4 in one hand 5th in partner's | 54 | 63 | 72 | 81 | — |
| 5 in one hand | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | — |

Doubling doubles these trick (not honor) values; redoubling multiplies them by four. Thirty trick points constitute a game, but all over thirty, are scored. Excess points on one game can not be counted on next. Partners winning two games complete a rubber.

For winning 12 tricks, or Little Slam, there is a bonus of 50 honor points; for Grand Slam, or 13 tricks, 100 points.

Declarer also gets a bonus of 50 honor points if he makes a doubled contract, plus a bonus of 50 points for each trick taken *above* his contract. If declarer redoubles, these bonuses are 100 each.

When opponents "set" the declarer, the opponents score 50 honor points for each trick by which declarer falls short of his contract; 100 for each trick if bid has been doubled; 200 if redoubled.

If declarer fulfills his contract, he scores for every trick he takes in excess of his bid; if he does not make amount bid, he can score only his honors as held. *When contract is defeated, nothing is scored below the line.*

Penalty for a revoke by declarer is 50 in honor points, which opponents score above the line. When opponents revoke, declarer may take 50 honor points or 2 of opponents' tricks for first revoke; each additional revoke by opponents entitles declarer to 50 honor points. Declarer can use tricks taken on a revoke to make good his contract, but cannot use them to obtain additional bonus in his honor score by reason of the bid having been doubled or redoubled; nor can he use them to count Slam or Little Slam not otherwise obtained. *A revoking side can score only honors as held.*

Winners of two games in trick points receive 250 points bonus in honors.

*Winning Rubber*—At the end of a rubber, the complete score of each side, including the 250 won by one set of partners for winning two games, is totalled, and the side with the greatest complete total of points wins the rubber.

**Save this article. Further instructions next week.**

## Republican Conference Adopts Party Pledges

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to further bridge the gap that exists between producer and consumer, thereby enabling the farmer to realize a greater profit for his toil.

**Labor Policy Stated.**

The republican administration in Oregon established a board of conciliation and we pledge its continuance. This board has secured industrial peace in Oregon by assuring labor of a fair deal in all controversies with employers, and insuring capital that its opportunities for investment in the industries that employ labor will not be harassed by agitators who are enemies of both labor and capital, and we commend the leaders of organized labor in this state for their earnest co-operation in keeping the I. W. W. menace from Oregon.

The republican party has always been the friend of labor. Through its tariff policies it has provided the laborer with employment and protected him from the cheap labor of European and Asiatic countries. We believe that the man who earns his living by daily toil is entitled to more than a living wage in order that he may live under American standards and give his children the advantages of a proper education.

**Living Wage Favored.**

We believe that unless the laboring man is sufficiently well paid to enable him to save something from his weekly wage, that neither the state nor the nation can rise to its highest possibilities. To this end we would request that the national labor board define the full and complete meaning of the "living wage," which is has enunciated on various occasions, in order that both labor and the public may have a more definite understanding of what should be expected of both of them in the solving of this great economic question.

We invite the attention of the people to the worthy achievements of the present state administration as an evidence of its right to further confidence.

It has taken the most constructive step in the interest of tax reduction and equalization in the appointment of the tax investigation committee.

It has conducted a relentless warfare against the narcotic evil and has lent every assistance to the local authorities in squelching ourselves to a continuation of this policy.

**Law Declared Enforced.**

It has scrupulously stood for law enforcement without fear or favor, and will continue to lend every means at its disposal to the enforcement of every law upon the statute books, and to the inculcation of respect for the constitution, the law and the courts.

It has given the farmers of the state a co-operative marketing law with the idea of enabling them to secure greater returns for their toil.

It has established a board of conciliation with the result that labor controversies in Oregon have been few and have generally been so amicably settled that better relations between employer and employee exist in Oregon than in nearly any other state.

It has been responsible for the submission of a soldier bonus measure to the people which was calculated to be not only a small appreciation of the people of this state for the splendid service of her young men rendered the nation in the late war, but was so designed as to be of greatest possible service to those returned soldiers in rehabilitating themselves and in making it as easy as possible for them to secure homes of their own. This state was the pioneer in soldier bonus legislation. The provisions of this measure placed the gravest responsibility upon the executive, and we feel a justifiable pride in the conservative and businesslike method of their administration.

**Budget Law Passed.**

It has passed, upon the recommendation of the governor, a budget law that will effect hiterto impossible economies in state expenditures.

It has made it possible to report that at no time in our history have the state institutions been in better condition, and each and every one of them has been and is being conducted upon strict businesslike principles. Only a few years ago it was deemed imperative in many well-informed quarters that the state should at once have to spend half a million dollars for a new penitentiary. Radical changes in methods introduced by the present administration has made the present prison fairly habitable.

It has made the numerous appointments coming under executive control with an unusual fidelity to the interests of the state and the office concerned, and with utter disregard to the building of a personal political machine. At no time in the state's history have the governor's appointments been so universally commended. The importance of this fact cannot be over emphasized, for upon these appointments very largely depends the successful administration of the people's affairs.

**Americanism is Protected.**

It has represented a thoroughgoing Americanism in all its activities, the governor at all times keeping in mind the solemn oath he had registered to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the state and of the United States, and all efforts to subvert the constitution and the laws, whether by syndicalism or otherwise, have been promptly and severely frowned upon, so that the I. W. W. gained no serious foothold here, while at the same time equal personal rights of all citizens under our flag have been jealously protected and safeguarded.

It has carefully administered the irredeemable state school fund, lending $1,000,000 dollars a year to the farmers of Oregon and returning thousands of dollars of interest into the state school fund, and by the wise administration of the same has been able to serve many farm owners, and at the same time fully protect the interests of the state.

**Road Commission Praised.**

It has exhibited a thoughtful regard for the best interests of the state in the appointment of the personnel of the state highway commission, the capable members of which give their services without remuneration. Under their guidance the state highway programme has been carried on rapidly and so successfully that the federal director of public roads has adopted the Oregon programme as a standard for the nation.

With these evidences of efficiency and a careful attention to the best interests of all the people during the past four years as well as many others that will readily be recalled, and with these promises for the future, we believe we have a just cause to present to the voters of this state, and that we have a right to expect every republican voter in Oregon to show his loyalty to and his confidence in his party and in a republican form of government (where the will of the majority must be the will of all if popular government is to live) by voting for all candidates from governor down who have been honored by receiving the republican nomination. With abiding faith in the unfailing fairness and justness of the people, we present our cause to them for approval.

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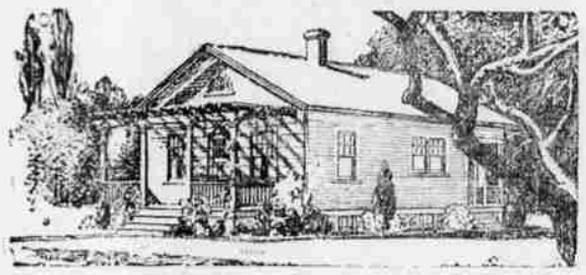
Still, every once in a while you find a bachelor of 35 who doesn't think he is a hit with the ladies.

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