

Bridge Suppers and Weekends

Bridge Suppers:

Ingredients: 8 bridge playing friends of mixed ability, 2 bridge tables and 8 chairs, 3 packs of cards (boards would be better), simple 3 course supper (see recipes below), drinks, 8 pens or pencils, a scoresheet for each player (see following pages).

Method: Start about 18h00 so it's not a late night. Serve the players a drink. Assign each player a number from 1 to 8 (those are the numbers in the bottom left hand corner of the score sheet showing who plays with whom against whom). Play the first 3 hands / boards. Serve the starter course. Play 2 more rounds of 3 hands / boards each. Serve the main course. Play 2 more rounds of 3 hands / boards each. Serve the dessert. Play a final round. The winner gets to host the next bridge supper, preferably with a different mix of friends.

Bridge Weekends:

Ingredients: beach cottage or rural retreat with enough beds, 8 bridge playing friends of mixed ability, 2 bridge tables and 8 chairs, 16 bridge boards, food (with each one contributing), drinks, 8 pens or pencils, 4 scoresheets per player (see following pages – print both sides + extra copies).

Method: Friday evening start with drinks and dinner. Assign each player a number from 1 to 8 (those are the numbers in the bottom left hand corner of the score sheet showing who plays with whom against whom). Play 2 rounds of 8 boards each. Sleep and leisurely breakfast. Morning spent hiking or sight seeing. Light lunch. Play 2 more rounds of 8 boards each. A leisurely stroll followed by drinks and a braai. Play 2 more rounds of 8 boards each. Sleep and leisurely breakfast and stroll. Play final round robin round of 8 boards. Check the scores with A the winner, B second, etc. Play the final round where A partners F etc as per the table. The winner gets to organise the next bridge weekend, preferably with a different mix of friends.

Brian's Bridge Stew:

Depending on how fast you can chop up an onion, this takes 15 minutes to prepare.

Ingredients: 12 beef or pork sausages cut into 1.5 cm slices (best done with sharp knife while frozen), 2 onions chopped, 2 cloves garlic crushed, 1 can tomato and onion, 2 cans cannellini beans drained, 1 tablespoon Moroccan rub, half cup red wine (optional) or beef stock.

Method: fry onions, garlic and frozen sausage pieces till onion translucent. Add all the other ingredients and stir. Allow to cook slowly on low heat for an hour. Serve with rice. Delicious!

Brian's Trump Chops:

Ingredients: 8 juicy lamb chops, 2 onions, 2 cloves garlic, fresh chopped ginger, dried peach or apricot, beef stock, sherry, tablespoon wholegrain mustard, Moroccan rub, curry powder, half cup chopped parsley, Worcester sauce, flour, salt

Method: Coat chops in flour flavoured with Moroccan rub and salt and fry briefly. Place close together in flat dish and put chopped dried peach / apricot between. Fry onions, garlic and ginger. Mix 400 ml of beef stock with 2 tbsp sherry, 2 teaspoons wholegrain mustard, 1 teaspoon curry, 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce, half cup chopped parsley and rest of flour and add to onion mix once onions are slightly brown. Stir it up and pour over the chops. Bake in oven at 160 degrees for 90+ minutes. Divine!

Player #: _____ Name: _____

Bridge Supper Scoresheet

Board	Contract	By	Lead	Tricks	Score	Partners	Diff	IMPs	Totals
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Grand Total									

Diff	IMPs
20-40	1
50-80	2
90-120	3
130-160	4
170-210	5
220-260	6
270-310	7
320-360	8
370-420	9
430-490	10
500-590	11
600-740	12
750-890	13
900-1090	14
1100-1290	15
1300-1490	16
1500-1740	17
1750-1990	18
2000-2240	19
2250-2490	20
2500-2990	21
3000-3490	22
3500-3990	23

Round	NS 1	EW 1	NS2	EW2	Boards
1	12	34	56	78	17-20
2	67	13	45	28	21-24
3	27	68	14	35	25-28
4	26	37	48	15	29-32
5	16	25	38	47	17-20
6	17	24	36	58	21-24

Bridge Weekend Scoresheet

Player #: _____ Name: _____

Rounds: _____

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to save paper*

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5	58	23	16	47		
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7	78	45	13	26		
8	AH	BG	DE	CF		