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THE BRIDGE REPORT

by Bob Sutton

Point count is what I will be discussing this month. As you know, there are 40 points in a Bridge deck of cards, with 10 in each suite.

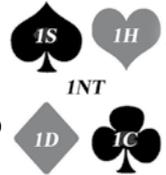
As I have stated in previous articles, it takes 25 points for a No Trump bid to achieve a game, 26 points to reach game in Hearts and Spades, 29 points in Clubs and Diamonds, 33 points for a Small Slam, and 37 points for a Grand Slam. Or, if you count tricks taken, you will need 9 tricks in No Trump, 10 tricks in Hearts and Spades, 11 tricks in Clubs and Diamonds, 12 tricks for a Small Slam and 13 tricks for a Grand Slam.

Note: It is extremely rare to be dealt 13 cards in a single suite, which would ensure a Grand Slam if playing in a suite.

Remember, count your points. To find out if Slam is a possibility use the Gerber convention by bidding *4 clubs* (if clubs have not been bid) to find out how many Aces your partner has in their hand and then bid *4 No Trump* to ask for Kings. Or, if clubs have been bid, use the Blackwood convention by bidding *4 No Trump* to ask for your partner's number of Aces and then *5 No Trump* for Kings.

Have an enjoyable New Year!

If you would like to be a part of our Bridge group, come on over to the NKCC and socialize, watch, learn, or play on **Fridays** from **1 to 4 p.m.**



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