

FAMOUS BRIDGE QUOTES

- It is not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents. Alfred Sheinwold
- The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in. Alfred Sheinwold
- We believe that contract is particularly attractive to people with a scrappy disposition. Frank Perkins
- Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster. Rueful Rabbit
- Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners. Alfred Sheinwold
- Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people. Ian Truscott
- One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts. Alfred Sheinwold
- Where's the hand you held during the auction? A comment Jan Janitschke has made when dummy hits.
- South: Alert! --- East: Yes? --- South: I'm requested to further miss-describe my hand.
- It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones. Alan Sontag
- Most bridge players prefer consistency in their partners rather than brilliance. Matthew Granovetter
- The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master contract player. Ely Culbertson
- A knowledge of the mechanics will suffice to put a player in a commanding position in the post-mortem. To become a member of the upper crust calls for more, much more. Resilience, imagination, occasional flashes of inspiration, these are the hallmarks of quality. And this transcends the realm of science. Victor Mollo
- The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
- Card sense is when it's technically right to do something, the little man that sits on my shoulder or anyone else's shoulder says, "Don't do that." And you say to yourself, "Well, wait a minute, that's the right way to play." And he says, "Yeah, but you don't wanna play that way." That instinct is card sense. It's almost an ability to feel where the cards are. It's something that you can't buy, you can't find; you're born with. The ability to do the right thing at the wrong time or really to do the wrong thing at the right time. Barry Crane
- I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list, but I know learning to play better is definitely last. Eddie Kantar

- I'd like a review of the bidding with all the original inflections.
- The average defender operates in a fog of uncertainty. H. W. Kelsey
- Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes. Frank Stewart
- A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer. Alfred Sheinwold
- The real secret of the expert is to make logic seem like flair. Hugh Kelsey
- If you play bridge with your wife as partner, you need at least 20 points to open, and it wouldn't hurt to have 25. Joe James
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- AND from my pickup partner at a recent tournament--when asked what system he played, Dan said "Substandard."