



WizBridge+ Level 4

Pushing the experienced Bridge player to the limit!

Level 4 of WiZBridge+ is a new, fun, but yet an ***extremely challenging slant*** on your favourite game.

The main problem with computerised Bridge programs always tends to be the bidding. The human (that's you!!) not being quite in sync with computer partner, which can lead to some horrific contracts, not to mention smashed screens!



Level 4 of WiZBridge+ eliminates the bidding, and puts the onus of arriving at the optimum final contract on your shoulders, and yours alone!

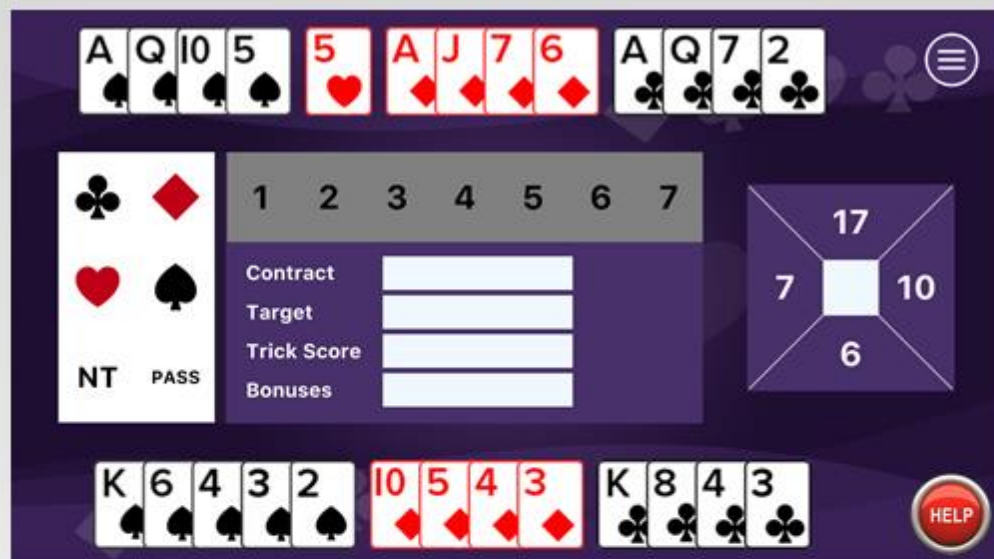
If you've arrived here and bypassed Levels 1-3, here's a quick synopsis of WiZBridge+, with the Level 4 'twist'!

You are seated South. All players declare their HCP-count in turn. If your side (N/S) have the majority of points, the North hand is revealed to you (and only you at this stage) You evaluate both hands, and declare the contract. But here's the twist ... **you cannot rely on overtricks to make up the score.**

In 'normal' Bridge, bidding and making 3S scores 140Pts (90 + 50 Part Score bonus) Bidding 1S, making 2 overtricks scores exactly the same, so there's never a compulsion to bid 3 when a bid of 1 'buys' the contract.

In WiZBridge+ we have incremented the Part Score Bonus by 10Pts for each level. So bidding 1S still earns 50Pts bonus, but bidding 2 gets you 60Pts, 3 - 70Pts and 4 earns 300pts as before. But now bidding 5S earns 310Pts!!

Are you starting to get the idea? ... there's no slouching or hiding in this game. Because, if 3S is the optimum contract, and you bid 2S, you'll lose by 10Pts ... because you can be sure the Robot will bid 3S!!!





Have a look at this (lovely) hand. The 'slam' isn't on, but game in Spades is more than comfortable. In Bridge you'd bid 4S and make this, with one or two overtricks, with your eyes closed.


However this isn't Bridge – it's WIZBridge+, where every bid-level counts. If you meekly bid 4S, and the Robot bids 5S, you'll lose by 10Pts. Ouch

5S is by no means certain, but you will have to push yourself if you want to match, or beat the Robot

Practice Mode - Level 4 Hand 2 of 8

Hand Result	
 Sam Smith	 WizBridge+ Robot
5 S by N	Contract 4 S by N
11 / +1	Target / Result 10 / +1
180	NS Trick Score 150
310	NS Bonus 300
490	Win 450

Score Card >



As it turned out, it was the Robot that bid meekly on this hand, stopping in 4S. Your 5S bid would have beaten Robot by 10Pts. However you also played it better, so you've also got an extra overtrick. Nice!

In Level 4, you also have the opportunity to 'steal' contracts from EW when NS have the minority of points (it's the WiZBridge+ equivalent to sacrificing)

Please read the Level 3 document which deals with 'stealing', and the rationale behind it, at length.