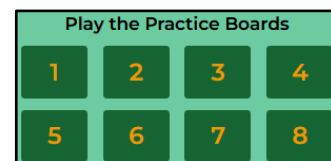


Playing the Minibridge Practice Boards Online

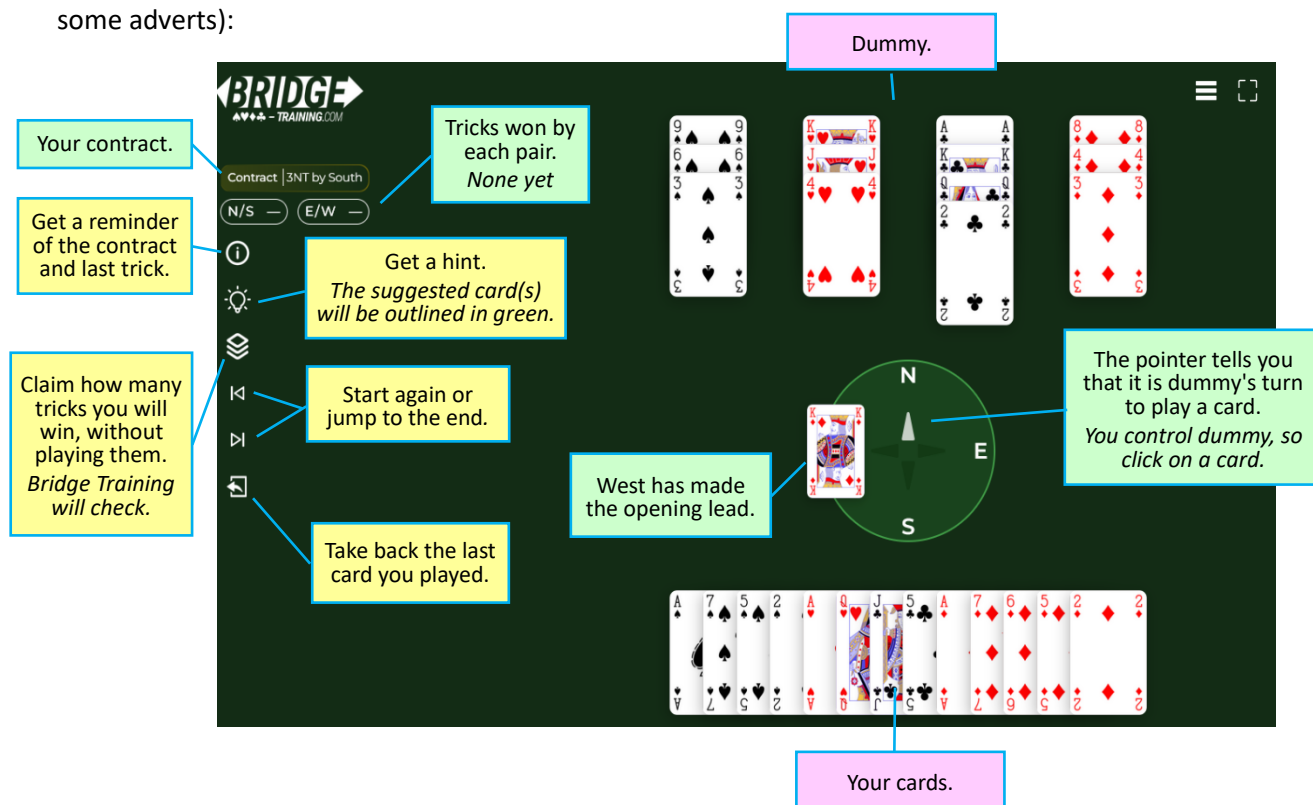
You can practise online on your own after each lesson, playing any or all the boards again and reading my notes about them. The links to them are on your Student Resources page of the BridgeWithNick website.

To play a board, just click on its link. This will take you to **BridgeTraining**, a French website (with an English-language version!). It is free and you do not have to register; you can play each board as often as you want.



PLAYING THE CARDS

You will usually be the declarer so that you can practise declarer play. You will see something like this (plus some adverts):



Dummy.

Your contract.

Contract 3NT by South

N/S — E/W —

Tricks won by each pair.
None yet

Get a hint.
The suggested card(s) will be outlined in green.

Get a reminder of the contract and last trick.

Claim how many tricks you will win, without playing them.
Bridge Training will check.

Start again or jump to the end.

Take back the last card you played.

West has made the opening lead.

The pointer tells you that it is dummy's turn to play a card.
You control dummy, so click on a card.

Your cards.

Click on the cards that you want to play from dummy and from your hand.

If you make a mistake, click on the *take back* button: 

After each trick, all four cards will stay on the table until you click once anywhere on the screen to signal that you are ready for the next trick.

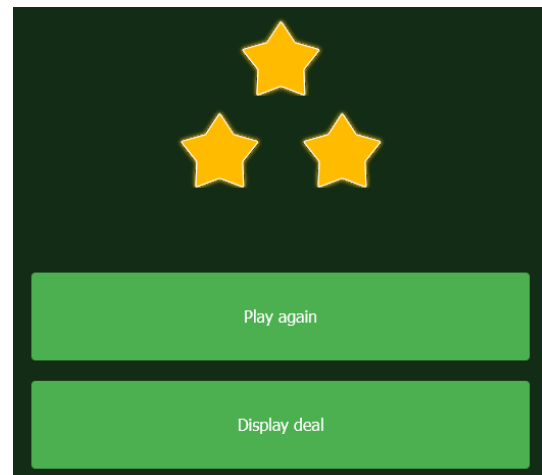
REVIEWING THE PLAY

After the last trick, Bridge Training will award you up to three stars if it thinks you have done well, and will show you two options:

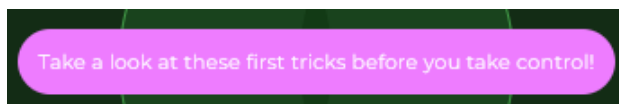
Play again returns to the start of play.

Display deal shows all four hands and my notes on how I think the declarer should play.

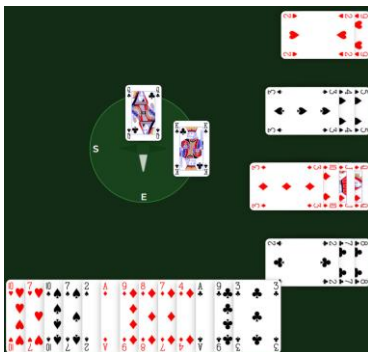
If you want to play another board, exit the Bridge Training website and select a new board on your BridgeWithNick resources page.



OCCASIONAL VARIATIONS



Sometimes, Bridge Training will play your cards for the first few tricks, so that you reach a position that gives you something useful to practise.



Sometimes, you will be a defender, not the declarer, so that you can practise defender play. Your cards will still be at the bottom of the screen and dummy will be on your left or right.