



# Adventures in Bridge

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## *This Week in Bridge*

### Using the Law of Total Tricks in Competition

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#### Hand Evaluation

- Adjusting the Law
  - Double Fits – Bid More
  - Outside “Excellent Void” – Bid More
  - 4333 = 3-card support
  - 5332 = 4-card support
  - Location of Honors
    - Points in Our Suits
    - Points in Partner’s Suits
    - Points in the Opponent’s Suit
    - Queen and Jacks – slow tricks

#### Raising Partner

- Raising a Preempt
  - Simple Raise
  - Jump to Game
  - 5-Level
- Raising Partner’s Major
  - Jump Raises
    - 3-Level in Comp
    - 4-Level in Comp
  - Simple Raise
    - 4-card
      - Raise and Re-Raise
    - 3-card
      - Raise and Double
      - Raise and Re-Raise – shape to violate
- Raising Partner’s Minor
  - Estimate Partner’s Length
    - Raise Diamonds with 4-cards and Shape
    - Raise Clubs with 5-cards
    - Sometimes raise Clubs with 4-cards?