

# Hand Evaluation and Defensive Falsecards

Presenter: Bob Burgdorf

## Macro/ hand evaluation

## Micro/ Falsecards

Salute to giants of bridge: Ely Culbertson, Edgar Kaplan, Alfred Sheinwold, Hugh Kelsey, Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen, Alvin Roth, Jeff Rubens, Mike Lawrence. Please read anything of theirs.

### HAND EVALUATION

Location, Location, Location.

IN and OUT----- examples.

emphasis from Marty Bergen.

**Adjustments to the old 4/3/2/1 count.** (*Many upgrades, few downgrades*)

A. Start-- Count your points

**A&10** are + and **Q&J** are --. Examples of honor quality.

upgrades- suit quality- Add 1 point for 3 or more honors in any 4+ suit.  
suit length - Add 1 point for 5 cards, 2points for 6 etc.

B. Dummy points- If you are dummy.

upgrades- 1 point for a doubleton  
2 points for singleton and 3 card support  
3 points for singleton and 4 card support  
For a void, add as many points as your number of trumps.

C. Declarer Points- when fit is found

upgrades- 2 points for a singleton  
4 points for a void  
1 point for TWO doubletons  
ADD another point for each card over 5 and another point  
for any side suit of 4 or 5 cards .

D. downgrades- short honor suits

**KQ/KJ/QJ/Qx/Jx/K/Q/J** Minus 1 point for each

Practice and examples on the white board.

This hand evaluation method is very aggressive and helpful. A little practice and your hand evaluation will be near expert status.

## **DEFENSIVE FALSECARDS**

Give the declarer a losing option when you can.!!! If you don't, he won't go wrong. If you don't try, there is no chance.

The most common and some uncommon situations will be placed on the board and discussed.