Bridge Assistant

User's Guide

Bridge Software from SoftTech

1. GETTING STARTED

This section introduces you to Bridge Assistant and gets you started. I hope you find the program useful. For more information on specific topics see the online help.

Introduction

Bridge Assistant is a bridge program that is designed to help you improve aspects of your bridge game by studying hands on your computer.

Installing Bridge Assistant

To install Bridge Assistant see the file readme.doc. This file also contains other information about the program that you should be read.

Starting Bridge Assistant

Bridge Assistant works in Windows. Therefore before attempting to start it you should start Windows. If you do not know how to it is recommended that you read the Windows User's Guide and familiarise yourself with the Windows environment. Once windows has started you can start Bridge Assistant in a number of ways:

1. Double-click the icon.
2. Use the File-Run option in program manager.
3. Double-click bridge.exe in file manager.

The Bridge Assistant program now runs. An initial screen appears which gives you easy access to the readme.doc file and shareware help file. Press OK to move to the program.

First Glance.

If the program has been set up correctly you should now see the main window of the program. This has the usual Windows appearance. If you are not familiar with its components - menu, status bar, maximise box, etc. - you should refer to the Windows User's Guide.

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Using Bridge Assistant

Bridge Assistant works by enabling you to generate interesting hands to study. You can also use the program to save hands that you come across elsewhere; in play, for example, or in books and magazines.

Context Sensitive Help

Bridge Assistant has an easy to use interface and extensive context sensitive help. This can be accessed most easily in the following ways:

Toolbar:

Keys: SHIFT+F1

To use select the button or press the key combination above; the cursor will then change shape. Then simply select any menu item, click on a toolbar button, or any part of the program window for which you want information and the help system will start and move you directly to the correct topic.