

HAND RECOGNITION AND COUNTING – LESSON #1

When considering the value of those six cards dealt to you, there are several factors to consider.

1. What is the potential value of those four cards retained subject to a favorable starter card?
2. Is there a potential pegging value and are you in need of pegs as determined by board position?
3. If your crib, are you placing cards of value or cards which are known to add increased value to crib?
4. If not your crib, are you choosing cards of low value to opponent? For example, if you discard a five to opponent crib and you are holding less than 8 points, your hand value may be two points or less as your hand values has been negated by opponent crib value.

Have observed the following hands in recent club play. Consider these in light of tonight's lesson and keep these examples in mind, as you will probably pick up one of more of these in play to follow this class.

DEALT	DISCARD MADE	OWN	PONE	COMMENT
6-6♣-7♣-8♣-9♣ -J	9-J(pone)	6-J	6-J	needed 20 points to win
7-7-10-10-A-K	7-7(own)	10-10	A-K	10-K in total defense
6-3-4-8-J-Q	6-8(own)	J-Q	6-Q	
10-2♣-A♣-K-J♣-5♣	A-2(pone)	10-K	10-K	Keep flush for six points
10-9-9-K-4-4	10-K(own)	4-4	10-K	
4-5-6-7-7-Q	4-Q(own)	7-7	4-Q	Start with nine points!
Q-7-8-2-3-J	7-8(pone)	7-8	8-Q	Toss 7-8 only in end game
A-K-2-J-5-8	A-2(pone)	A-2	A-K	Retain 2-5-J-8 = four
K-A-4-Q-J-2	2-J(own)	A-4	2-K	Start with 5 on your crib
6-Q-2-A-9-K	Q-K(own)*	6-9	Q-K	Q-K to own if pegs are big
A-7-10-J-A-8	10-J(own)*	7-8	10-J	
7-5-A-8-6-5	A-8(own)	5-5	A-8	Start with 9 points
2-5-2-K-9-3	5-K(own)	5-9	5-9*	Start with 8 instead of 4
J-J♦-3♦-K♦-6-6♦	6-6(own)	J-J	6-J	
5-8-K-J-J-5	5-8(own)	8-K	8-K	Discuss sacrifice limits
Q-8-10-7-5-Q	7-8(pone)	7-8	7-10	
5-8-4-Q-6-9	8-9(pone)	8-9	8-Q	9-Q if total defense
10-6-J-7-2-5	2-J(own)	10-J	2-10	
9-J-9-8-Q-5	8-Q(own)	9-9	8-Q	

7-K-5-10-A-3

A-7(own)

A-3

A-K

4-J-6-2-10-K

6-K(pone)

10-J

10-K Zero hand – make best dis

*Pay close attention to board position if making these discards.