

NEVER A DULL DEAL:
FAITH, HOPE AND PROBABILITY
IN BRIDGE



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In Bob MacKinnon's bestseller, *Bridge, Probability and Information*, the author introduced readers to the mysteries of information theory and Bayes Theorem, and their surprisingly practical applications for bridge players. In this sequel, he takes these same ideas further, exploring the application of the concepts to opening leads, declarer play, bidding theory, hand evaluation and the correct strategy at different forms of scoring.

Along the way you'll meet a girl named Florida, whose sister is remarkably probable. You'll discover the right way to play *Let's Make a Deal* if Monty Hall's game had involved four doors and not three. And you'll find out which partner to choose if you absolutely must win that special club matchpoint game: Steady Eddy, who usually finishes a board or two above average, but occasionally much better, or Swinging Sam, who is as likely to score a bottom as a top on any deal.

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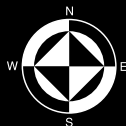
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