



Hand Evaluation - Extended Point Count - Course Outline -Seminars 1-3

This is a 3 seminar course. Hand Evaluation, HCP (High Card Points) are insufficient to provide a comprehensive method of fully evaluating your hands potential. Extended Point Count is a way of adding to standard HCP for strengths & weaknesses, along with shortage points. The first two Seminars will consist of a 45 minute presentation and are followed by a 75 minute guided play session with prepared set hands.

Topic	Description of Seminar
1. Extended Point Count, Basic System	How to value your hand initially (without shortage points) for both balanced and unbalanced hands. Adding for length and honour strengths, deducting for lack of shape negative values.
2. Developing your Evaluation throughout the bidding process	Adding for shortage points, when and in what circumstances. Evaluating your hand when partner or opponents bid a suit which you have honours in.
3. Interactive Practice	This is a full session on Hand Evaluation using actual hands from an EBU club tournament. Guided play enables you to practice the techniques learnt to assess hands accurately.

