1: How many points in a bridge deck?

Review:

Key point targets: 3NT 4H/4S 5C/5D small slam grand slam

High card points (HCP): A = 4, K = 3, Q = 2, J = 1 How accurate is this?

Length points: Dummy points:

Some N/S hands to consider:

1	**2**	**3**	**4**
NORTH	**NORTH**	**NORTH**	**NORTH**
S Qxxx	S Qxxx	S Jxx	S Qxxx
H x	H x	H x	H K
D Kxxx	D xxxx	D Kxxx	D xxxx
C xxxx	C Kxxx	C xxxxx	C xxxx
SOUTH	**SOUTH**	**SOUTH**	**SOUTH**
S AKxxxx	S AKxxxx	S Axxxxxxx	S Axxxxx
H xx	H Ax	H xx	H xx
D AQx	D Qxx	D AQx	D Kxx
C xx	C xx	C ___	C AQ

Assuming spades are trumps and dummy is north, what are the point counts for these hands?

1	2	3	4

How many tricks could/should be made in a spade contract?

1	2	3	4

What can we learn from these examples?

- How many points in a deck?
- Our point count method is far from perfect
- Good locations of honors:
- Bad location of honors:

Planning the play – start by counting losers in the hand with long trumps (in these examples that is South)