

BridgePal User Manual

Welcome to BridgePal, the computer version of the card game of bridge. Here's your chance to learn, practice, or just enjoy the game of bridge without needing three other players. BridgePal is played just like bridge, except the computer shuffles and deals the cards, bids and plays three hands, and does the scoring. You will bid and play the South hand. If your team gets the bid, then you play both the North and South hands.

BridgePal is a "shareware" program, so you are encouraged to try it out and make copies for friends. If you like the program and continue to use it, we ask that you acknowledge your use by sending in a \$9.95 registration fee. When you register, please include any comments or suggestions you have regarding BridgePal. Ideas for additional features, new or revised bidding conventions, and improved play strategies are especially welcome. If your idea is included in BridgePal, we'll send you a free disk with the latest version which includes your suggestion.

SETTING UP

To begin with, it is a good idea to copy the BridgePal diskette to another floppy or a hard disk, and save the BridgePal disk as a backup. Floppy users can format a new diskette (FORMAT B:/S), put the BridgePal disk in the A: drive, and then make the new disk copy (COPY A:*. * B:).

Hard disk users can log on to their fixed disk (usually drive C:) and see the DOS prompt: C>. You will probably want to set up a sub-directory for BridgePal, for example one called "BP". To do that, type "MKDIR \BP" and press <Enter> to create the sub-directory, then type "CHDIR \BP" and press <Enter> to change to the new directory. Finally, insert the BridgePal diskette into floppy drive A, and type "COPY A:*. *" and press <Enter> to copy the files to your hard disk.

LOADING

At the DOS prompt, type "BRIDGE" and push <Enter> (Note: if you have an EGA card, type "BPEGA" instead). The program will load into memory, and ask "CGA Color (Y/N)"? If you have a color monitor then reply Y (for Yes). All other users should reply N (for No) to this question. The next thing you see is the BridgePal Menu.