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The game consist of three players. 32 cards are used from a regular playing deck of 52 cards the two through six of each suit are excluded from play. The trump suit ranks: Queen of Clubs, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, Jack of Clubs, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, then Diamonds Ace, Ten, King, Nine, Eight, Seven. The nontrump suits rank Ace, Ten, King, Nine, Eight, and Seven.

Each player receives ten cards. The remaining two cards are placed face down in the blind or widow.

Beginning with the player to the left of the dealer, each player has the opportunity to pick the blind or pass the blind to the next player. The player that picks the blind discards two cards and proceeds to play against the remaining two players.

Play begins with the player to the left of the dealer. Each player must follow suit. A player that can not follow suit may play any card. A trick is won with the highest ranking trump or the highest ranking card of the suit led. The winner of the trick then leads the next time.

The object of the game is to win points. The point values are:

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| Ace | 11 |
| Ten | 10 |
| King | 4 |
| Queen | 3 |
| Jack | 2 |

The games scores as follows:

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| 61 to 90 points | 2 game points |
| 91 or more points(Schneider) | 4 game points |
| Winning all the tricks (Schwarz) | 6 game points |

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Select the menu "Game" and "New" to begin a new game and deal. Your hand is dealt face up on the lower right of the playing board. The blind is dealt face down on the right side of the playing board.

After the deal each player may choose to play or pass the blind. When it is your turn, you will be asked to "Pick" or "Pass" the blind. If you pass the play continues to the next player, if you pick you must first choose your discard before play will continue. The blind will be turned face up if you choose to pick.

Use the mouse to select and play cards. After the a card has been selected the boarder of the playing card is highlighted. When a trick is complete the "Continue" button pops-up in the upper left corner. After you have reviewed the trick press the "Continue" button to continue play.

After each hand you will be prompted to deal again. Select "Deal" to continue play or "Stop" to end the game. You may begin a new game by selecting the menu option "New" under the "Game" menu.

The scores appear on the right hand side of the playing board. The scores are reset after each "New" game and continue to accumulate with each new hand.

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Sheepshead (Schafkopf in German) is a game of cards that was taught to me by my grandfather and father at an early age. It is a favorite with my family, friends, and particularly my fiance, Laura.

Sheepshead for Windows is Shareware. Although this game has a copyright, this only prohibits anyone from selling this software. Please copy and distribute this game.

The game was written in Borland C++ 3.0. This started as an exercise in object-orientated programming and developed into much more. I hope you enjoy it.

Creating this game has been both fun and challenging. The computer plays better than I did when I first learned the game, but would not fair well against my father, so I keep working at it. If you enjoy the game, a \$10.00 donation would be appreciated.

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