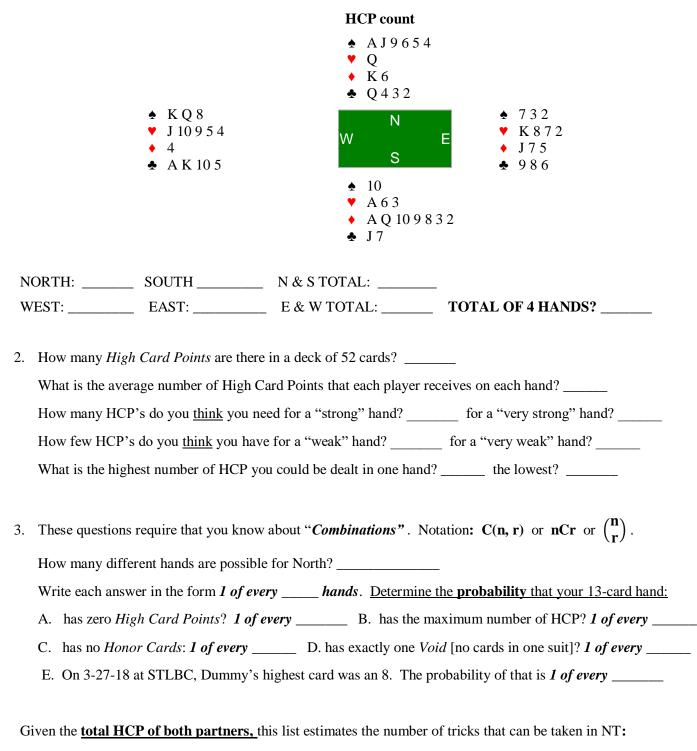
HIGH CARD POINTS (HCP)

An excellent first step in accessing the strength or weakness of your hand is to total your High Card Points (HCP).

ACE: 4 points; KING: 3 points; QUEEN: 2 points; JACK: 1 point

NOTE: The Aces, Kings, Queens, Jacks, and Tens are all called HONOR CARDS but the Ten gets zero HCP.

1. Determine the <u>High Card Points</u> for each of these four hands. Check that the sum of all four is 40.



<u>20-22</u>: 1 NT; <u>23-24</u>: 2 NT; <u>25-26</u>: 3 NT; <u>27-28</u>: 4 NT; <u>29-31</u>: 5 NT; <u>32-35</u>: 6 NT; <u>36+</u>: 7 NT