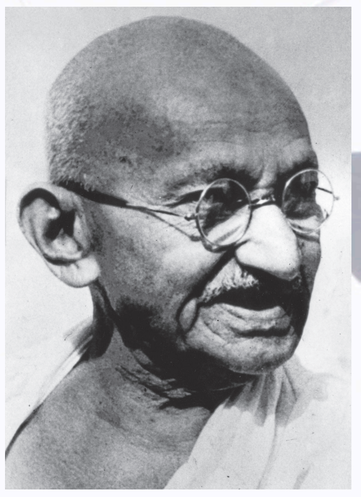
PLAY BRIDGE

"The most entertaining and intelligent card game the wit of man has so far devised" *W. Somerset Maugham*

Bridge can be played socially or competitively, and is popular worldwide with people of all ages, genders and backgrounds. These are just a few of the millions who have enjoyed this great game...

Bill Gates



Mahatma Ghandi

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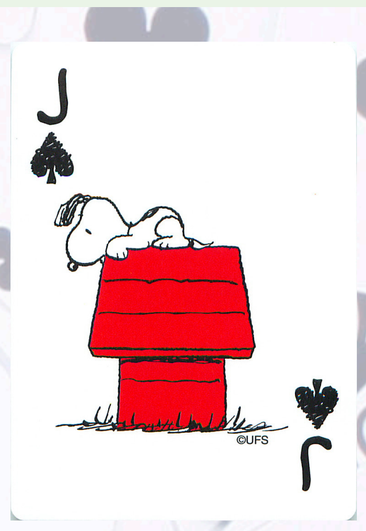
Martina Navratilova

James Bond



Snoopy

These celebrities love bridge:

"No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table."

Martina Navratilova, nine times Wimbledon champion

"I am obsessed with bridge. Bridge is the king of all card games."

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft and philanthropist

"Acting is my living, but bridge is my passion. I'd rather be playing bridge than making a bad movie."

Omar Sharif, actor

"Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players and who were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day."

Warren Buffett, business magnate and philanthropist

"Bridge is utterly compulsive once it has got hold of you. It isn't too hard to learn and the joy is that you can play it and actually start enjoying it before you get very good. You can take it on at any level that you want.

The big problem is that very soon after you start you want to be brilliant."

Alex James, bassist in Blur

It won't become repetitive

There are 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000 (or 53 octillion) possible different deals. The odds of seeing the same deal twice make the chances of winning the lottery look excellent.

It can make some people a little obsessive

A wife in Arkansas filed for divorce on the grounds that her husband refused to make up a four at bridge.

Myrtle Bennett shot and killed her husband after he played badly. She was acquitted of his murder.

You may see it played at the Olympics

Bridge is a sport recognised by the International Olympic Committee and was considered for inclusion in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

It is one of five officially recognised Mind Sports, along with chess, draughts, Go, and xiangqi.

English Bridge Union

The governing body for bridge in England

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The national charity for the promotion and development of bridge

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