

♣ **Gary's** ♦
♥ **Top Bridge Tips** ♠

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Arrive Early

- Be in the playing area at least 20 minutes before game time.
- This allows your mind time to settle down from the busy bustling of traffic and the anxiousness that being in a hurry often creates.
- Time to be calm and quieten yourself.
- Time to adjust your senses and get comfortable with your surroundings (even if it is your regular Bridge club).
- Time to check out last weeks results, catch up with a few friends and say hi to the staff.
- Time to grab a coffee or tea or water.
- Time to spread the joy of yourself with others.

Arrive Late

- You have no time for any of the above.
- You have 30 seconds to find your partner and pick up your cards, because it is your turn to bid! Whew!!
- The first three or so hands of Bridge turn into a fluster of mishaps as you just aren't prepared.
- This disastrous first round can easily snowball into a game you wished you hadn't come to.