Mike Rothwell's Hand Generator

version 4.8

Guide

Hand Generator works with Microsoft Word to make it easy to generate bridge hands and bidding.

Hand Generator works on all versions of Windows and also on Mac computers.

It does not work on Open Office or Word Starter.

INTRODUCTION

Hand Generator is a macro which works with Word to make it easy to generate bridge hands and bidding.

Each hand can be stored in a library for future retrieval. Hand Generator makes sure that the deal is valid (i.e. 13 cards in each hand and no duplications). You can also generate random hands. You can specify 1, 2 or 3 hands and generate random cards for the other hands.

You can also load hands from pbn and dlm files as produced, for example, when using dealing machines, such as Duplimate or Dealer4.

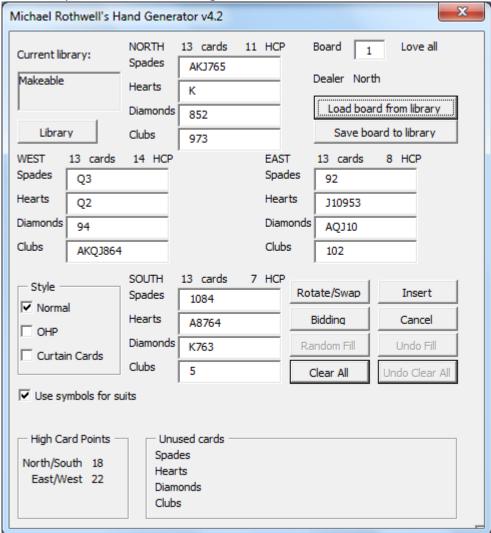
You can save hands in pbn and dlm format so that you can use them in other programs or use them to deal hands using dealing machines.

Hand Generator costs £10 (more if you wish or £5 if you think that £10 is too much). You can pay by cheque (made out to M. A. Rothwell and sent to The Bower, Yealand Conyers, Carnforth, LA5 9SF) or by BACS to sort code 11-05-36, account 00143657.

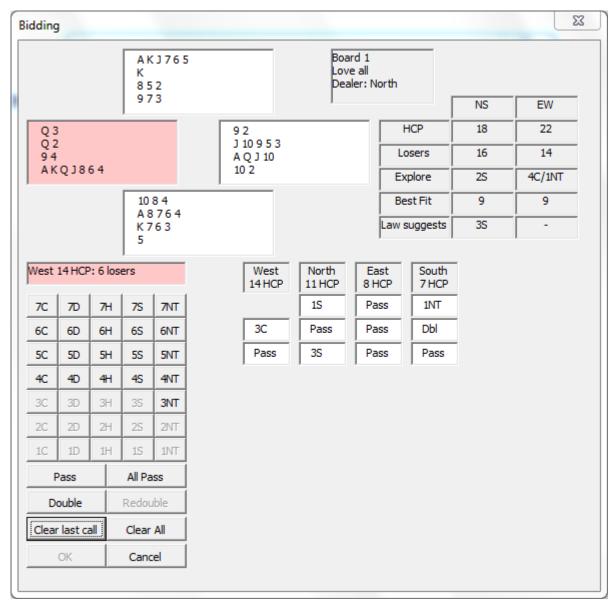
You can download and use it free of charge for 30 days from: www.thebower.co.uk/handgenerator

HAND GENERATOR

This example shows a hand being created in Hand Generator

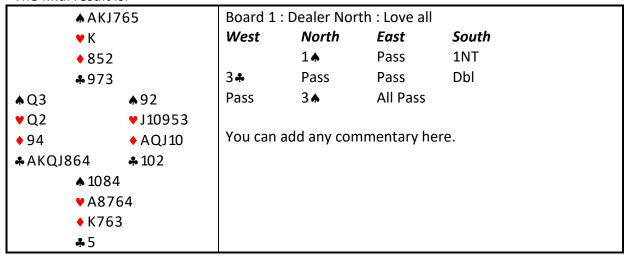


Clicking on "Bidding" produces the following screen:



The suggested bidding is in the process of being input.

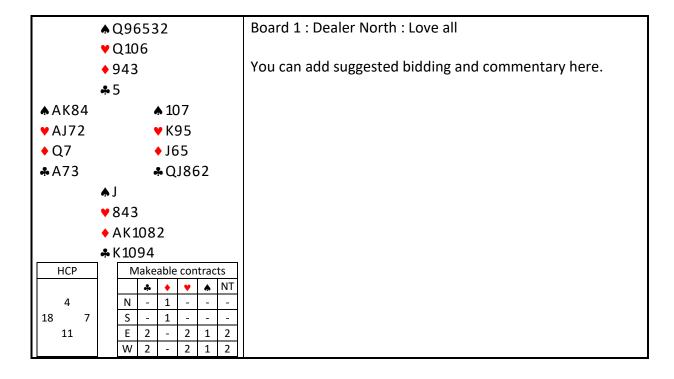
The final result is:



IMPORT

You can import hands in pbn or dlm format. For example, if you use dealing machines or programs that generate bridge hands you can them import them into Hand Generator.

This is an example of a hand imported in a pbn file which contains information on makeable contracts.



SUIT SYMBOLS

The macro also makes it very easy to enter the suit symbols $\spadesuit \lor \bullet \clubsuit$ into your document as you type.

EXAMPLES

The following pages show some more examples.

			I						
∧ KQ103		Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all							
	♥ 72		West	North	East	South			
	♦ AKJ53			1♦	1♥	Dbl			
	♣ K5		Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠			
♠ 872		♠ 95	All Pass						
♥ Q93		♥ AKJ105							
♦ 92		◆ 10874	-	-	t here or i	mport from another word			
♣ J7643		♣ A2	document.						
	♠ AJ64								
	v 864								
	♦ Q6								
♣Q1098									
	♠Q982		Board 2 :	Dealer East	: NS vulne	erable			
	♥ 653		West	North	East	South			
	♦ 75				1 ♦	1♥			
	♣ Q532		1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass			
↑ 753		♦ AJ10	3NT	All Pass					
	∨ K1074 ∨ 2		You can a	lter the defa	ault font an	nd size of print			
♦ A98	◆ KQJ1064		i ou can a	You can alter the default font and size of print.					
* 987	∧ K64	♣ AJ10							
	AK64 ♥AQJ	0.8							
	◆ 32	30							
	• K64								
★ 10863		Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable							
	♥ 432	-	West	North	East	South			
	◆ Q108	34	200	= - -		1			
	• Q100 ♣ KJ		1•	Dbl	2♥	4 🏠			
♦ 42	-1- 1√J	♠ Q95	All Pass		- ·	- ***			
₩ 42 ∀ KQJ65	5	★ Q93							
◆ J2	,	◆ 65							
♣A1054	1	♦ 9873							
→ A 1034									
♦ AKJ7 ♥ 7									
♦ AK973									
♣ Q62		Decid 4 5	\aala::\44:::\	Δ11 l · · ·	.hla				
S:A109 H:KQ864		Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable West North East South							
	D: 108	7	1D	1H	<i>East</i> Dbl	South Pass			
	C:A74		2D	Pass	3NT	All Pass			
S:74		S:KQ62							
H:52 H:AJ10		If you untick the box "Use symbols for suits" then you get							
D:AKJ942	2	D:Q75	this.		,	, 0			
C:K63		C:Q98							
	S:J853								
	H:973								
	D:63								
	C:J1052								

You can display hands in large print format for use on OHPs or just for display.

★ K Q 10 3
▼ 72
★ A K J 5 3
★ K 5
★ 87 2
★ 9 5
▼ A K J 10 5
★ 9 2
★ 10 8 7 4
★ A 2
★ A J 6 4
▼ 8 6 4
▼ 8 6 4
▼ Q 6
♣ Q 10 9 8

Board 1

You can print out fronts of curtain cards for hand records or if you want players to make up the hands.

North - Hand 1 Dealer North: Love all AKQ103 72 AKJ53 K5	East - Hand 1 Dealer North: Love all ♦ 95 ▼ AKJ105 ◆ 10874 ♣ A2	South - Hand 1 Dealer North: Love all AJ64 864 Q6 Q1098	West - Hand 1 Dealer North: Love all ♦872 •Q93 •92 •J7643
North - Hand 2 Dealer East: NS vul AQ982 ✓ 653 ✓ 75 AQ532	East - Hand 2 Dealer East: NS vul AJ10 2 KQJ1064 AJ10	South - Hand 2 Dealer East: NS vul *K64 *AQJ98 *32 *K64	West - Hand 2 Dealer East: NS vul ↑753 ▼K1074 ↑A98 ♣987
North - Hand 3 Dealer South: EW vul ♠ 10863 ♥ 432 ♦ Q1084 ♣ KJ	East - Hand 3 Dealer South: EW vul AQ95 VA1098 65 A9873	South - Hand 3 Dealer South: EW vul AKJ7 7 AK973 Q62	West - Hand 3 Dealer South: EW vul
North - Hand 4 Dealer West: All vul A 109 VKQ864 108 A74	East - Hand 4 Dealer West: All vul AKQ62 VAJ10 Q75 AQ98	South - Hand 4 Dealer West: All vul AJ853 973 63 J1052	West - Hand 4 Dealer West: All vul ↑74 ▼52 ↑ AKJ942 ♣ K63

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You can also print out the backs of the curtain cards.

WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
HAND 1	HAND 1	HAND 1	HAND 1
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
HAND 2	HAND 2	HAND 2	HAND 2
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
HAND 3	HAND 3	HAND 3	HAND 3
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH
HAND 4	HAND 4	HAND 4	HAND 4
WEST	SOUTH	EAST	NORTH