Bisley

Bisley is among those interesting games in which the entire deck is laid out, face up, at the start of the game. You can do as much planning as you like, for no information about the game is denied you.

Layout Size: Scrolling required on small screens. Medium screens may require a little scrolling on very rare occasions.

Difficulty: Bisley needs some thought, but is a fairly easy game to beat. Once you've mastered its principles, you can expect to win more than half of your games.

Rules: Separate out the four Aces, and place them in a vertical row to start the foundations. There are four more foundations to the left of the Aces, which start out empty. Shuffle the remaining cards and lay them out face up in 13 tableau piles, four with three cards each and nine with four cards each.

Top cards of tableaus are available for building on each other, and on the foundations. Tableaus build up or down in suit; empty tableaus are never filled.

The four foundations that started with Aces build up in suit. Kings may be played to the empty foundations, which build down in suit. Each suit therefore has two foundations, one that starts with Ace and one with King. The goal is to move all cards to the foundations. (It looks odd to win a game with fewer than 13 cards in each of the foundation piles, but this is normal in Bisley: the 13 cards of each suit will be divided between the suit's two foundations.)

(See picture: Bisley. The King, Queen, and Jack of Clubs may be played to the foundations. Don't make the mistake of moving the 9 of Spades onto the 8 of Spades to get at the 10 of Clubs! Instead move the 8 onto the 7 of Spades, then the 9 onto the 10, then the 8 back onto the 9 and the 7 onto the 8. Now the 10, 9, 8, and 7 of Clubs are all free to move to the foundations.)

On the Screen: Solitaire Till Dawn will lay out the cards for you, and will place the Aces on their foundations.

When you drag a King to an empty foundation, you'll find that you're only allowed to play it directly opposite the Ace of the same suit. This keeps the

foundations neatly paired by suit, and makes the layout much easier to read.