

## **Fran Hosts a Poker Game (Part 2)**

It turned out that Kevin had played more card games when he was a child than Fran had. He consulted his phone to look up the rules of High Low, Seven Card Stud, Texas Hold-em, and other poker games he remembered.

The group liked playing Texas Hold-em, a game in which some cards were put in the middle of the table turned up. Everyone could see and use those cards with the cards in their hands to create their best hands. The rules were a little complicated. Everyone teased Kevin who kept looking at his phone and explaining new details of the game.

“The game is half over, and I still don’t know how to play,” said Fran.

Kevin shuffled the decks like a pro which made everyone laugh.

Bill joked, “You only have to see Kevin shuffle to understand that we are playing with a card shark!”

Rick asked, “How did you learn to shuffle like that?”

Kevin said, “I spent a lot of time shuffling when I was a child. I know how to whistle too!” But when Kevin demonstrated his whistle, he was not as good as he remembered.

The group played for low stakes, with chips having the value of nickels and dimes. Bill turned out to be the big winner and won six dollars by the end of the night. Kevin was the best player, but luck was not with him, so he ended the night two dollars “in the hole.”

Everyone said that it would be fun to have another cards night, now that they knew how to play.

After her friends left, Fran felt exhilarated. Everyone said that the evening was the most fun they had had in quite a

while. Fran felt that her plan to do something new with friends was a triumph.