

NED KELLY

Aim just under the iron.

A TRICK-TAKER FOR TROOPERS
Glenrowan, 28 June 1880

2-5	20-30	12+	72
PLAYERS	MINUTES	AGE	CARDS

About the game

A must-follow trick-taker where every player is a trooper in the cordon round the Glenrowan inn, and the target is an iron suit.

The leader fires blind. Then a Ned card is turned to show the line: how high you can aim. The best shot at or under it hits Ned and takes the reward. The shot just over it rings off the iron and into the inn, and at the end of each hand the Royal Commission censures whoever holds the most Inn cards. The biggest share of the reward wins.

One trick, shot by shot *(real card faces)*



THE LEADER
Fire into the dark
The leader commits a card before anyone knows how high Ned stands. Everyone else must follow its suit.



THE NED CARD
Turn the line
The Ned card shows how high you may aim, and what a hit is worth: £100, £200 or £300.



THE HIT
Just under the iron
The highest card at or under the line, in any suit, hits Ned and takes his card and its reward.



THE RICOCHET
Just over, into the inn
The lowest card over the line clips the iron and takes the Inn cards in the middle. Nobody over? They pile up. At each hand's end the Royal Commission censures whoever holds the most: −£500.

Why it plays differently

- **Two cards matter in every trick.** The best shot under the line scores; the nearest shot over it goes into the inn.
- **Night runs into dawn.** Low lines pay £100 early; high lines pay up to £300 later. Save your 10s, 11s and 12s.
- **The lead is a bet.** You fire before the line is known, and the player who hit Ned must fire blind again.
- **Risk you can count.** The Inn pile grows until a ricochet takes it, and every holding is open: a near miss is a judgement call.

Train — THE POLICE SPECIAL

Lantern — THE WARNING

Gun — THE SIEGE

Fire — THE INN BURNS

Small box, 72 cards: 48 trooper cards (4 suits, 1-12), 12 Ned cards (6 Night, 6 Dawn) and 12 Inn cards, piled face down and taken by ricochets. Score on paper.
Status: playable prototype with full deck, rule book, a browser version and a Tabletop Simulator module.

Play it online in your browser!
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