Nancy Drew: Scopa!

Instructions:

1) There are four suits in this Nancy Drew Scopa deck; KoKo Kringle, Magnifying Glass, Key, and Coin.

2) Each suit has ten cards, the 7 being the most valuable card. Three cards are face cards; 8, 9, and 10.

3) When taking a “trick” in the game, each card is worth what it is. Five is five points, for example. However, when scoring at the end of the game, 7s are the most valuable. Face cards are called primes.

4) To play, deal three cards to each player. Place four cards face up in the play area. (If three 10s appear, the cards are re-dealt.) The player who did not deal the cards goes first.

5) When it is your turn, you must play one card only from your hand. Look in your hand. If you have a 2, and there is a 2 in the play area, you must take them (a “trick”) and add them to your collection. If you have no matches, you must discard one card from your hand into the play area.

6) If you have no matches, but have a high numbered card, like a 9, you may collect cards that add up to 9. You may take a 3 and a 6 if it is available to match to your 9.

7) You take turns until you both run out of cards in your hand. The dealer deals out 3 cards to each player and the plays start again.

8) If you take the last card in the play area, you cry “Scopa!” and receive a point.

9) Continue taking tricks and discarding cards until all 40 cards have been played. Then add up your points. Whoever has 11 or more points wins. Continue playing rounds until someone reaches 11 or more points.

10) Whoever takes the last trick at the end of the game gets all the cards left in the playing area. This doesn’t count as a Scopa point.

Scoring Points:

- Score 1 point for each Scopa
- Score 1 point for having the most cards
- Score 1 point for picking up the 7 of coins
- Score 1 point for picking up the most coin cards
- Score 1 point for getting highest score in primes (see chart value to the left.)

Value of the Primes:

- 7’s are worth 21
- 6’s are worth 18
- 1’s are worth 16
- 5’s are worth 15
- 4’s are worth 14
- 3’s are worth 13
- 2’s are worth 12
- 8’s, 9’s, & 10’s are 10