



REFRESHER COURSE FOR INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED PLAYERS

Initial Seminar held on Zoom.

Set hands play on IntoBridge, so that guidance during the hands can be easily provided via video & live chat.

The General level of each seminar will be of Intermediate standard, containing some refresher aspects of topics already covered but often will cover new areas as well. Occasionally some more advanced concepts will be discussed. References and further reading options will be provided after each seminar.

Each of the 3 series of courses are provided as a set of 6 Seminars, cost for each set of 6 is £59. Although attendees can choose which seminars to attend (cost is then £12 per seminar) & should be paid in advance for each Set of 6.

No	Topic	Description
1.	1NT – Stayman & Transfers	Review of basic Transfer & Stayman. Advanced sequences, Strong hands with Slam intentions, Options if your 1NT is doubled including Exit Transfers. Set hands play (10).
2.	Defence to 1 NT by opponents	Penalty Doubles, Natural Defence to 1NT opening by Opponents & the Multi Landy Defence. Set hands play (10).
3.	Dealing with interference to your 1NT Opening	Natural Defence to Opponents 1NT Overcall, Other defences such as Lebensohl. Set hands play (10).
4.	Hand Evaluation (1) (Balanced hands)	Different Shapes, Intermediates, and honour combinations. How these affect your valuation of a balanced hand. Set hands play (10).
5.	Hand Evaluation (2) (Unbalanced hands)	Distributional factors such as Singletons, Long suits etc. The importance Aces & Kings, A review of Losing Trick Count & adjustments. Set hands play (10).
6.	Game Tries – Major Suits	After 1H – 2H (or 1S - 2S) how do you proceed to see if a game is possible? Various types of game tries are covered. Set hands play (10).
	End of Seminar Set 1	

No	Topic	Description
7.	Scoring & Tactics at Pairs and Teams Bridge	At Pairs overtricks are vital, at Teams you must bid your vulnerable games. This seminar looks at how an understanding of scoring and its use during the auction and play will improve your scores. Also includes Law of Total Trumps. Set hands play (10).
8.	Declarer Play – Understanding the Opening Lead & Bidding (1)	Declarer Play, how to interpret the opening lead. How to interpret the Bidding (or lack of bidding) Set hands play (10).
9.	Declarer Play – Understanding the Opening Lead & Bidding (2)	Declarer Play, continuing the theme of interpreting the opening lead and the Bidding (or lack of bidding) Set hands play (12) Extra boards.
10.	Declarer Play – Planning	Using the inferences learned in the previous 2 seminars, putting it all together to form a plan. Including interactive quiz & extra set hands Play (12)
11.	Leads, Signals & Discards	Leads (Standard), Attitude, Count and discards. A review of various methods and techniques. Set hands play (10).
12.	Defensive Techniques – Interpreting Opponents Bidding	Understanding declarers hand, interpreting the bidding, Counting the Points played to find the best defence. Set hands play (10)
End of Seminar Set 2		
13.	Game Tries – Minor Suits	After 1D – 2D (or 1C-2C) how do you proceed to see if a game is possible? Normally you want to see if 3NT is on, but how to get there? Various types of NT game tries are covered. Set hands play (10).
14.	Pre-emptive Bidding – Various Options	Review Weak Two's & Pre-empts generally, including the Multi 2d Opening (both weak & strong hands). Set hands play (10)
15.	Pre-emptive Bidding – How to deal with opponents pre-empts	How to proceed when your opponents have made a pre-emptive bid, including dealing with the Multi 2d. Set hands play (10)
16.	Slam Bidding	Bidding Slams, how to identify a potential slam and progress the bidding. Introducing Keycard Blackwood (Not RKCB). Set hands play (10).
17.	Competitive Bidding (1)	Overcalls, Cue bids, Keeping the bidding alive (Balancing), Bidding to the Level of your fit & incorporating Law of Total Trumps (from seminar 7). Set hands play (10)
18.	Competitive Bidding (2)	Takeout Doubles, Negative Doubles & Penalty Doubles. How to progress after a double by partner. Set hands play (10)
End of Seminar Set 3		