



Beginning Bridge - Seminars 1-20

Topic	Description of Seminar
1. Mini Bridge - Playing in Trumps & No Trumps	Introductory Session explaining the general outline of the game of bridge, its terminology, and counting points.
2. Introducing Declarer Play	How to win tricks and create tricks, planning the play so that when you are in control, you can “make” your “contract”.
3. Basic Defence – Opening Leads	When you are first to play, the basic guidelines on what to lead in order to give the defence the best chance to defeat the “contract”
4. Scoring & Revision of Declarer Play & Opening Leads	How to score at Bridge and what does vulnerability mean? A recap of the 2nd and 3rd seminars on play & defence
5. How the auction works, opening 1NT, balanced hand responses	Opening the Bidding, how it all works and the most common bid 1 No Trump explained. How to start a discussion with your partner to find your best “contract”

6. Responding to 1NT Opening including Stayman	Further into the Bidding, detailed conversations with partner, including one very common convention
7. 1NT Bidding & responses continued	Continuing the discussion of 1 No Trump Opening and responses. This area forms the building blocks of Bidding at Bridge
8. One level suit opening' and limit raises	Opening the bidding with 1 of a suit, and for the opener's partner, how to support them when you also have that suit.
9. New suit responses – opener's weak rebids	Having opened 1 of a suit and partner has responded, how to progress and find your best contract when you have a minimum opening
10. Opener's rebid with a stronger hand	Having opened 1 of a suit and partner has responded, how to progress and find your best contract when you have a strong opening
11. Declarer Play @ No Trumps	Declarer Techniques, such as finessing, and how to set up a long suit. How to move between your hand and dummy (entries)
12. Declarer Play @ Suit Contracts	Declarer Techniques, such as finessing, when to draw trumps and when to ruff. Discarding which cards to discard, which to keep.

13. Defensive Play Techniques	As a defender the position you are in 2nd to play, 3rd to play etc. makes a huge difference to the way you play. This seminar uncovers the secrets of great defence
14. Suit Opening - Progressing the auction.	Further into the auction, how to find the right contract, when you do not have an obvious fit.
15. Overcalls & Responses (Suit & NoTrumps)	Competitive bidding, up to now your opponents have been silent. Usually is not the case, how do your bids change?
16. Simple 'Takeout' Doubles and Penalty doubles	Introducing the double, when your opponent's have opened and you cannot overcall, what can you do? What does a double of 1NT mean?
17. Opening 2NT & Responses	The strong and balanced 2NT Opening and responses. This shows 20-22 points, partner must respond with very little
18. Opening 2 Clubs & Responses, Slam bidding.	The Strongest bid in your System, showing 23+ points or a very strong hand with 9 playing tricks. How to bid a Slam
19. Pre-emptive Openings @ 2, 3 & 4 levels	Introducing Preemptive bidding, (or how to make life difficult for your opponents). Weak opening bids at the 2, 3 and 4 levels
20. Defending against Preemptive Openings	How to find your best contract when your opponents have made life difficult with a preemptive opening. You now have very little bidding space left