

Brush Up Your Bridge

Lots of hands to improve your bidding and play



The course is aimed at improving both your bidding and play of the cards. The emphasis will be on gaining understanding and becoming a better partner. Standard English Acol is the assumed bidding system. This is important since being able to play Acol is the key to being able to partner virtually anyone in the UK. Whilst experienced club players may choose to play a different system when playing tournament bridge with their favourite partner, they would have started out by playing Acol.

On the first week there will be a review of the Acol bidding system. This helps to bring out problem areas and ensures that everyone is trying to use the same system. Afterwards there will be hands to play that combine to illustrate the topics discussed.

Successive weeks will have a theme on bidding, defence or declarer play, with a talk plus prepared hands to play that will help you to remember and apply the methods. There will also be handouts that summarise the information in an easy to use format.

Over the course the hands that you play will be selected to bring out important aspects of opening the bidding, responding, overcalling and doubling, the opening lead, planning the hand, basic defensive signals, and some of the ways that enable extra tricks to be made.

Your Teacher & The Format

The course will be given by Phil Cooke, an experienced tutor and lecturer, and a Full Member of The English Bridge Union Teachers Association.

Each afternoon there will be an illustrated talk, handouts that summarise the information, plus hands to play. Numbers will be limited to a maximum of ten, so that there is time to give individual attention, and to adapt the rate of progress to best suit those attending.

There will of course also be refreshments. Besides adding to the social aspect of the afternoon these breaks provide an opportunity to get to know the other players, and establish new opportunities for playing bridge.

Is It Suitable?

The course will appeal to anyone that already plays bridge and wants to improve. Those attending previous courses have been social players, those returning to bridge after a long gap, and recent students wanting to consolidate their bidding and play in a learning environment. The course is also very suitable for anyone that has played bridge abroad and wanting to understand the British bidding system. The course is also potentially suitable those who have learnt some basic bridge from friends but now want a more structured way forward. **Note:** *anyone in this category please discuss before booking a place.*

All teaching is in accordance with Standard English Acol. The course is supported by handouts and the excellent text books produced by the English bridge Union, which are available for inspection and purchase.

If you want to know more, or to discuss something please call Phil Cooke on 01225 310232.

When & Where

The course will be held on Thursday afternoons, 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, at the tutor's home at 11 Russel Street. The course will run for 8 successive weeks, starting on the on 29th January and ending on the 19th March.

To Book a Place

The cost of the complete course is £80, inclusive of refreshments and handouts. To reserve a place requires a deposit of £25. If after the first week you decide that the course is not for you, your deposit will be fully refunded.

Please complete the slip below, and send with a cheque for £25, made out to Bath Bridge School, to the address below.

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Please reserve.....place(s) at the Brush up Your Bidding Course. Starts on 29th January 2009. My contact information is:

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