

Brush Up Your Bridge

Lots of hands to improve your bidding and play

The course is aimed at improving your bridge: 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.

On the first week there will be a review of the Acol bidding system (the preferred bridge bidding system in the UK) when the opponents are silent. In subsequent weeks the focus will be on the auctions where both sides enter the bidding. Specific attention will be given to the most frequently encountered situations, The Overcall, The Takeout Double, and the much misunderstood Pre-emptive bidding. Time will also be spent on methods of coping with these bids, including The Negative Double.

The hands that you will play will be selected to bring out various aspects of bidding, play and defence. And much of the teaching will be aimed at improving your defence and card play.

Those attending are encouraged to play bridge at least once a week outside the lessons. Often this is accomplished by informal arrangements to meet in each others homes, or by attending the Monday afternoon bridge sessions, where help is available.

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 so that there is time to give individual attention, and to adapt the rate of progress to best suit those attending.

Is It Suitable?

Those attending previous courses have included.

- Social players wanting to improve
- Those returning to bridge after a gap
- Recent beginners wanting to consolidate their bidding and play in a learning environment
- Those who have played bridge abroad and now want to understand the British bidding system.

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 or in The Museum of Bath at Work in Julian Road, depending on numbers. The course will run for 8 weeks, starting on the on 4th Feb. and ending on the 25th 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 £20. If after the first week you decide that the course is not for you, your deposit will be fully refunded.

To book a place please complete the slip below, and send with a cheque for £20, made out to Bath Bridge School.

Have to Miss a Week?

If you are unable to attend you will be offered a free lunchtime tutorial plus playing session. These sessions are held in The Museum of Bath at Work on pre-announced Mondays.

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Please reserve.....place(s) at the Brush up Your Bidding Course. Starts on 4th Feb. 2010. My contact information is:

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Please send slip and cheque to: Bath Bridge School, 11 Russel Street, Bath, BA1 2QF