

Beginning Bridge for Whist Players

Wednesday Afternoons from 24th Feb.



Bath Bridge School

Bridge For All is the acclaimed teaching system devised by the English Bridge Union.



Bidding methods are not universal. But in the UK almost everyone uses a system called Acol, and Standard English Acol, as recommended by the EBU is what we teach. A game starts with a bidding period when the players exchange information in an attempt to reach their best contract. It then moves on to the play of the hand where one partnership tries to achieve their contracted number of tricks, and their opponents try to stop them.

This course is tailored to those who can play whist, and therefore are already familiar with the basics of card play.

Learn & Play

The teaching method combines tutorials with practice; so you will be learning by playing from day one. This is important since going up the learning curve requires lots of practice.

Each week there will be handouts that summarise what has been taught plus hand records with commentaries.

How Long Will it Take to Learn Bridge?

There is no easy answer to this question. Much depends on how quickly you learn, and almost equally on how much time and effort you put into learning and practicing outside the classroom. Bridge is very much a game of mistakes. So the more you play, the quicker you learn!

Most people require a full year to gain confidence in playing bridge outside a teaching environment. The keenest, will be ready to play competitively in a bridge club after two years of practice and lessons, but most bridge players play more sociably, often in each other houses. The aim of this course is that everyone should be able to play with other learners or helpful friends after a single term. And continuation courses and playing opportunities are offered.

Bridge is underpinned by a large amount of bridge literature, and learning software. And there is no doubt that your learning curve will be much shorter if you take advantage of these offerings. But experience has underlined that different people learn in different ways. The book that best suits one person, may not suit another. A range of learning books and software will be available for inspection. The EBU books will be available for purchase.

Is The Course Suitable?

The course will appeal to:

- Whist players wanting to convert to bridge
- Anyone returning to bridge after a long gap is encouraged to talk with Phil Cooke to establish if this is the best starting point. Call me on 01225 310 232 or send an email

When and Where?

The course will be on Wednesday afternoons, from 2pm to 4.30 pm starting on the 24th February. Venue: Central Bath (*Museum of Bath at Work in Julian Rd.*). The planned dates are the 24th Feb to 31st March plus 2 mutually agreed Wednesdays after Easter.

To Book a Place

The cost of the eight week term 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 reserve a place please complete and send the slip below with a cheque for £20, made out to Bath Bridge School.

www.bathbridgeschool.com

Alternatively call Phil Cooke on 01225 310232

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Please reserve _____ place(s) at the 8 week Beginning Bridge Course for Whist players starting on 24th February 2010.
My contact information is:

Name Tel No. email

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Post Code I enclose cheque for

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