



Beginning Bridge - Seminars 1-20

| Topic | Description of Seminar |
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| 1. Beginning 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 & Basic Defence. | <p>How to win tricks and create tricks, planning the play so that when you are in control, you can “make” your “contract”.</p> <p>When you are first to play, the basic guidelines on what to lead</p> |
| 3. Scoring & Revision of Declarer Play & Opening Leads | How to score at Bridge and what does vulnerability mean? A recap of the 2nd seminars on play & defence |
| 4. 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” |
| 5. Responding to 1NT Opening including Stayman | Further into the Bidding, detailed conversations with partner, including one very common convention |

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| 6. 1NT Bidding & responses continued | Continuing the discussion of 1 No Trump Opening and responses. This area forms the building blocks of Bidding at Bridge |
| 7. 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. |
| 8. 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 |
| 9. 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. |
| 10, Review of Bidding covered so far, | 1NT openings and responses, 1 Level bidding and raises. New Suit responses and Rebids with weak and strong hands. |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| 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 |

