

## ABOUT OUR COURSES

### Our Courses

- All courses last for eight weeks (unless stated), once a week.
- You must be a Club member to take a course. Free membership is included in the price for Beginner and Next Step.
- All eight week courses and weekends cost £145.
- All courses are carefully constructed, fun, interactive and stimulating.
- Whichever course you choose will make a huge difference to your Bridge, especially if it is backed up by practice in our many Supervised Rubber Bridge sessions.

### Special Features

- If you cannot make a lesson, come to that same lesson at another time (without letting us know).
- You will receive clear notes and some wonderful coloured sheets.
- You will each receive a special ARBC folder, in which to put your notes.

### Weekends

- For those who prefer the intensive course, rather than the once-a-week approach, we teach the Beginner, Next Step, Intermediate, Improver and Advanced Courses in a weekend. Includes lunch both days, 10.00 - 16.30. Dates of all weekend courses now fixed until Easter 2009 (see page 6).

### Next Step

Next Step is an essential practical course, consolidating and extending the basic principles covered in Beginner. It is also suitable for those who have played some Bridge outside. Free Club membership until January 2009 included.

NEXT STEP	Wednesday 14.45 - 16.15 Andrew	Thursday 20.35 - 22.05 David	Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30 David	Wednesday 18.40 - 20.10 David
1. Notrump Play	24th Sept	25th Sept	30th Sept	1st Oct
2. Trump Play	1st Oct	2nd Oct	7th Oct	8th Oct
3. Bidding Unbalanced Hands	8th Oct	9th Oct	14th Oct	15th Oct
4. Finding Fits	22nd Oct*	16th Oct	21st Oct	22nd Oct
5. Overcalling	29th Oct	23rd Oct	28th Oct	29th Oct
6. Opening Bids at the 3 Level	5th Nov	30th Oct	4th Nov	5th Nov
7. The Opening Lead	12th Nov	6th Nov	11th Nov	12th Nov
8. The Defence	19th Nov	13th Nov	18th Nov	19th Nov

Next Step in a Weekend - 6th - 7th Dec 10.00 -16.30 (David)

### Intermediate

Our most popular course, Intermediate covers all basic aspects of the game. Many repeat it – and all say it was most worthwhile!

INTERMEDIATE	Tuesday 18.45 - 20.15 Andrew	Wednesday 13.00 - 14.30 Andrew	Tuesday 11.45 - 1.15 David	Monday 20.35 - 22.05 Richard
1. Bidding as Opener	23rd Sept	24th Sept	30th Sept	6th Oct
2. Bidding as Responder	30th Sept	1st Oct	7th Oct	13th Oct
3. Making Tricks (1) with trumps	7th Oct	8th Oct	14th Oct	20th Oct
4. Making Tricks (2) without trumps	21st Oct*	22nd Oct*	21st Oct	27th Oct
5. One Notrump	28th Oct	29th Oct	28th Oct	3rd Nov
6. Overcalling	4th Nov	5th Nov	4th Nov	10th Nov
7. The Opening Lead	11th Nov	12th Nov	11th Nov	17th Nov
8. The Defence	18th Nov	19th Nov	18th Nov	24th Nov

Intermediate in a Weekend - 11th - 12th Oct 10.00 -16.30 (Richard)

## MORE COURSES...

### Intermediate Play

The ideal follow-on from Intermediate: a perfect bridge (excuse pun) between Intermediate and Improver. The play themes will link in with Intermediate, giving you the confidence to move forward. I'm sure it will make a big difference to your game.

<b>INTERMEDIATE PLAY</b>	<b>Thursday 10.00 - 11.45 David</b>	<b>Tuesday 11.30 - 1.15 Richard</b>	<b>Monday 18.35 - 20.20 Richard</b>
1. Force	25th Sept	30th Sept	6th Oct
2. Length	2nd Oct	7th Oct	13th Oct
3. Position - The Finesse	9th Oct	14th Oct	20th Oct
4. Drawing Trumps	16th Oct	21st Oct	27th Oct
5. Trumping	23rd Oct	28th Oct	3rd Nov
6. Defending Notrump Contracts	30th Oct	4th Nov	10th Nov
7. Defending Trump Contracts (1)	6th Nov	11th Nov	17th Nov
8. Defending Trump Contracts (2)	13th Nov	18th Nov	24th Nov

### Improver

This has proved a big success; I have noticed a huge rise in the level of those who have taken the course. There are six carefully constructed set deals per week. The themes include all the basic conventions to equip you for a decent game.

<b>IMPROVER</b>	<b>Monday 18.35 - 20.20 David</b>	<b>Thursday 11.15 - 13.00 Richard</b>	<b>Monday 14.00 - 15.45 Richard</b>
1. Uncontested Bidding Review	29th Sept	2nd Oct	6th Oct
2. Signalling in Defence	6th Oct	9th Oct	13th Oct
3. Stayman	13th Oct	16th Oct	20th Oct
4. Take-out Double	20th Oct	23rd Oct	27th Oct
5. Penalty Double	27th Oct	30th Oct	3rd Nov
6. Blackwood	3rd Nov	6th Nov	10th Nov
7. Strong Twos	10th Nov	13th Nov	17th Nov
8. Weak Threes	17th Nov	20th Nov	24th Nov

Improver in a Weekend - 8th - 9th Nov 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard)

### Improver Play

This universally well-received course practises the bidding themes of Improver, whilst introducing exciting and essential play themes to improve your game. Once you have completed the Improver Play course, you are well equipped to face the big wide world of ARBC Gentle Duplicate and beyond. Repeat viewing highly recommended, especially for course-junkies (no need to rush into Advanced).

<b>IMPROVER PLAY</b>	<b>Thursday 18.35 - 20.20 David</b>	<b>Tuesday 13.30 - 15.15 Caroline</b>	<b>Monday 16.00 - 17.45 Richard</b>
1. Signalling in Defence	25th Sept	30th Sept	6th Oct
2. Finesse or Drop	2nd Oct	7th Oct	13th Oct
3. Retaining the finesse position	9th Oct	14th Oct	20th Oct
4. Throwing Losers	16th Oct	28th Oct*	27th Oct
5. Setting up a long suit	23rd Oct	4th Nov	3rd Nov
6. Trumps - draw or delay?	30th Oct	11th Nov	10th Nov
7. TOP Defence	6th Nov	18th Nov	17th Nov
8. Pot Pourri	13th Nov	25th Nov	24th Nov

## TAKING YOUR BRIDGE TO A NEW LEVEL...

### Advanced

A recent restructuring of this course sees a change in content, presentation and deals (six per week). Suitable for duplicate players, or experienced social players, I have thought very carefully about the themes. They will surely illuminate and fascinate.

ADVANCED	Tuesday 20.30 - 22.15 Andrew	Wednesday 10.15 - 12.00 Caroline
1. Losing Trick Count	23rd Sept	1st Oct
2. Uncontested Bidding Review	30th Sept	8th Oct
3. Coping with Intervention	7th Oct	15th Oct
4. Fourth Suit Forcing	21st Oct*	29th Oct*
5. More ways to Signal	28th Oct	5th Nov
6. Unassuming Cue Bid	4th Nov	12th Nov
7. More uses of Double	11th Nov	19th Nov
8. Notrumps	18th Nov	26th Nov

Advanced in a Weekend - 4th - 5th Oct 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard)

### Advanced Play

I have recently rewritten this course, with new themes, new deals and new handouts. I am sure you will find it really quite eye-opening.

ADVANCED PLAY	Tuesday 15.30 - 17.15 Caroline
1. Principle of Restricted Choice	30th Sept
2. Suit Combinations	7th Oct
3. Communication	14th Oct
4. Cooperative Signalling	28th Oct*
5. Card-placing	4th Nov
6. Seven-card fits	11th Nov
7. Fun with trumps	18th Nov
8. Elimination and Throw-in	25th Nov

### Advanced Defence

A good defender is a popular partner - and a Duplicate winner. Take your defence to a higher level with this brand new course.

ADVANCED DEFENCE	Wednesday 20.30 - 22.15 Andrew	
NEW • NEW	1. Defending Notrumps	24th Sept
	2. Defending Trumps	1st Oct
	3. Second hand plays	8th Oct
	4. Third hand plays	22nd Oct*
	5. Attitude Signal	29th Oct
	6. Discarding	5th Nov
	7. Scoring Ruffs	12th Nov
	8. Trump Promotions	19th Nov

### Caroline's Conventions [Pay by Session - £20]

Caroline invites you to learn some key conventions that will improve your Bridge no end. With such a charismatic teacher, how can you turn her down? *(For details see Teaching Schedule - Page 6)*

### David's Delights [Pay by Session - £20]

Some wonderful, instructive deals from our Bridge whiz, perfect for Duplicate players. *(For details see Teaching Schedule - Page 6)*

\* please note these weeks are not consecutive