

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 the end of the year (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 September 2008 included.

NEXT STEP	Monday 20.30 - 22.00 David	Wednesday 9.45 - 11.15 Benjamin	Wednesday 18.40 - 20.10 Andrew	Tuesday 11.45 - 13.15 David
1. Notrump Play	21st April	23rd April	23rd April	13th May
2. Trump Play	28th April	30th April	30th April	20th May
3. Bidding Unbalanced Hands	12th May*	7th May	7th May	27th May
4. Finding Fits	19th May	14th May	14th May	3rd June
5. Overcalling	2nd June*	21st May	21st May	10th June
6. Pre-emptive Bidding	9th June	4th June*	4th June*	17th June
7. The Opening Lead	16th June	11th June	11th June	24th June
8. The Defence	23rd June	18th June	18th June	1st July

Next Step in a Weekend - 26th - 27th April 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 11.30 - 13.00 Benjamin	Thursday 11.30 - 13.00 Richard
1. Opener	22nd April	23rd April	1st May
2. Responder	29th April	30th April	8th May
3. Trumps	6th May	7th May	15th May
4. Finesse	13th May	14th May	22nd May
5. One Notrump	20th May	21st May	5th June*
6. Overcalling	3rd June*	4th June*	12th June
7. The Opening Lead	10th June	11th June	19th June
8. The Defence	17th June	18th June	26th June

Intermediate in a Weekend - 17th - 18th May 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard)

MORE COURSES...

Intermediate Play

I have completely revamped this course, making it 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 (it certainly has to those who took it in its first term).

INTERMEDIATE PLAY	Monday 14.00 - 15.45 Richard	Monday 18.30 - 20.15 David	Thursday 10.00 - 11.45 David
NEW FOR 2008	1. Using Sequences	21st April	1st May
	2. Using Length	28th April	8th May
	3. Finesse	12th May*	15th May
	4. Using Trumps	19th May	22nd May
	5. SQOT	2nd June*	29th May
	6. Defending Notrumps	9th June	5th June
	7. Defending Trumps	16th June	12th June
	8. Pot Pourri	23rd June	19th June

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.

IMPROVER	Tuesday 11.30 - 13.15 Richard	Wednesday 20.30 - 22.15 David	Thursday 12.00 - 13.45 David
1. Uncontested Bidding Review	22nd April	23rd April	1st May
2. Signalling in Defence	29th April	30th April	8th May
3. Stayman	6th May	7th May	15th May
4. Take-out Double	13th May	14th May	22nd May
5. Penalty Double	20th May	21st May	29th May
6. Blackwood	3rd June*	28th May	5th June
7. Strong Twos	10th June	4th June	12th June
8. Weak Threes	17th June	11th June	19th June

Improver in a Weekend - 14th - 15th June 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard)

Improver Play

This was completely new last term, and practices 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).

IMPROVER PLAY	Monday 16.00 - 17.45 Richard	Tuesday 20.30 - 22.15 Andrew	Tuesday 13.30 - 15.15 Caroline
NEW FOR 2008	1. Signalling in Defence	21st April	29th April
	2. Finesse or Drop	28th April	6th May
	3. Retaining the finesse position	12th May*	13th May
	4. Throwing Losers	19th May	20th May
	5. Setting up a long suit	2nd June*	3rd June*
	6. Trumps - draw or delay?	9th June	10th June
	7. TOP Defence	16th June	17th June
	8. Pot Pourri	23rd June	24th June

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	Wednesday 10.00 - 11.45 Caroline
1. Losing Trick Count	30th April
2. Uncontested Bidding Review	7th April
3. Coping with Intervention	14th April
4. Fourth Suit Forcing	21st April
5. More ways to Signal	4th June*
6. Unassuming Cue Bid	11th June
7. More uses of Double	18th June
8. Notrumps	25th June

Advanced in a Weekend - 31st May - 1st June 10.00 -16.30 (Richard)

Advanced Play

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

ADVANCED PLAY	Wednesday 20.25 - 22.10 Andrew	Tuesday 15.30 - 17.15 Caroline
1. Principle of Restricted Choice	23rd April	29th April
2. Suit Combinations	30th April	6th May
3. Communication	7th May	13th May
4. Cooperative Signalling	14th May	20th May
5. Card-placing	21st May	3rd June*
6. Seven-card fits	4th June*	10th June
7. Fun with trumps	11th June	17th June
8. Elimination and Throw-in	18th June	24th June

NEW
THIS TERM

Caroline's Revise and Play

[Pay by Session - £20]

Caroline invites you to consolidate your knowledge and understanding of some carefully selected key topics that will improve your Bridge no end. With such a charismatic teacher, how can you turn her down?

CAROLINE'S REVISE & PLAY	Thursday 14.00 - 16.00 Caroline
1. Losing Trick Count	24th April
2. Stayman	1st May
3. Double	8th May
4. Preemptive Bidding	15th May
5. Defence	22nd May
6. Overcalling & the UCB	5th June*
7. 4th Suit Forcing	12th June
8. Roman Key Card Blackwood	19th June

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

Some wonderful, instructive deals from our Bridge whiz, perfect for Duplicate players, running from April until August, with Friday morning then Wednesday evening slots.

** please note these weeks are not consecutive*