

Course Information Sheet

We hope you find the following information useful.

Please call or email if you have any further questions.

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| Course Title | Bridge for Beginners | | | | |
| Venue | Normandy Bridge Club. Unity Hall Central Road Yeovil BA20 1JL On entering the building please come upstairs (Room 8). | | | | |
| Day | Wednesday | Time | 1915 – 2200 | No of Sessions | 15 |
| Start Date | 7th September 2011 | | End Date | 14th December 2011 | |
| Length of session | 2 hours 45mins (with a short break) | | Tutor | Chris Catchpole | |
| Course Fee and additional costs | 15 lessons @ £6 = £90 .00 Course manual £20.00 (includes EBU membership) | | | | |
| Additional Information | This is an English Bridge Union (EBU) approved course provided by experienced and EBU qualified teachers. Two years free membership of the EBU is included with the purchase of the course manual. This brings a range of benefits including the magazines “English Bridge” and “The Ruffian”, a special publication for newcomers to bridge. Many other publications available to purchase. The free magazine “Mr Bridge” is also popular with students. | | | | |

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Course Aims

A course to get you started on the game of bridge.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the learner will be able to

- Understand the basic rules of bridge
- Understand a simple auction.
- Compete when the opponents open the bidding, choosing between suit and no trump overcalls and take out doubles.
- Plan the play of a hand as declarer in no trump or suit contracts
- Defend the hand, choosing sensible opening leads and use basic defensive signals.
- Work out how contracts might be beaten.
- Score both made and defeated contracts
- Play with confidence.

What topics will be covered?

Welcome to bridge

- Playing with trumps
- Planning play as declarer
- What can defenders do?
- Opening leads

Introduction to bidding

- Bidding
- Opening 1NT
- Balanced hand responses
- Game going unbalanced hands
- Weak responses unbalanced hands

Opening one of a suit

- Which suit?
- Supporting partner
- Change of suit response
- No trump response
- Opener's rebid
- Responder's second bid

Declarer play

- Making winners
- Finesses
- Avoiding danger
- Drawing trumps / delaying drawing trumps

Defence

- Opening leads against suits and no trumps
- Reading the lead
- Fourth best leads
- Defender's card play

The competitive auction

- Overcalls
- Double
- Bidding after a double
- 1NT overcall
- Stayman
- Responding to 1NT

What next?

Do I need any previous knowledge or experience? Who is the course suitable for?

This course is suitable for learners who

wish to learn the basic principles and practice of the game of bridge by following a nationally recognised and structured programme of units progressing from beginner to intermediate. This course is suitable for absolute beginners. No previous experience is required.

Teaching and Learning

A structured environment where all teaching, materials and methods are co-ordinated. Students will learn through a variety of techniques covering all learning styles. These are predominately power point presentations, playing of hands, demonstration, question and answer sessions but also include quizzes, problem solving and exploration, discussion, revision and recapitulation. Extra topics may be included by mutual agreement if the tutor considers it appropriate.

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Extra Study and Practice

Learners will benefit from practice between lessons, however 'homework' as such will not be set. Each session has notes which include a lesson review, topic notes small practise hands and a quiz. Students are encouraged to play in small groups between classes.

How will my progress be assessed? (If appropriate include details of achievement/qualification) **How will my tutor provide me with feedback?**

Progress is continually assessed by the tutor.

Books/materials/equipment.

The EBU course manual is recommended and can be ordered in advance (preferred) or via your tutor at the first session.

What do I need to take to the first session?

Please bring a pen / pencil

End of Course Party

You will be invited to the Normandy Bridge Club's Christmas party. Details to follow.

Progression / Follow on Courses

An intermediate and advanced course runs in the spring and summer respectively. Details will be provided near the end of the course.