

3 Counties Bridge



Hilton St Anne's Manor Learning Weekend Bracknell

11, 12 and 13 May 2018

Douglas Wright & Laura Porro invite you to a fabulous weekend of bridge at St Anne's Manor, a classic Country House Hotel set in 25 acres of grounds in Bracknell. Your bridge will improve as Douglas & Laura host a series of seminars aimed at social and duplicate players, together with several opportunities to play bridge.



ST ANNE'S MANOR: Hilton St. Anne's Manor, Bracknell is a stunning hotel only 30 minutes from Heathrow Airport. The hotel is conveniently located close to some of the area's greatest attractions, including LEGOLAND® Windsor and Windsor Castle. Explore the leafy hotel grounds, pamper yourself at Schmoo at the Manor or visit the nearby popular attractions.

ACCOMMODATION: Our rooms range from traditional country house to modern/contemporary, so we can suit all requirements from leisure guests, families to business travellers. Our rooms are designed with comfort and convenience in mind; providing a place to unwind or to catch up on work. We have an extensive range of leisure facilities – a tennis court, a 14-metre indoor swimming pool (with whirlpool and aqua aerobics class), a fully equipped gym, Finnish Sauna and a spa offering a range of beauty treatments and packages (including massage and tanning).

BRIDGE SESSIONS WITH DOUGLAS & LAURA: Sessions last 2 hours as you are guided through Defender Play with a series of specially created instructional set deals, using various teaching techniques. No Partner Necessary.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE: You are invited to take part in Duplicate Play Sessions (Chicago optional).

LEARNING WEEKEND ITINERARY

Friday 11 May

2pm Early Bird Afternoon Duplicate

6pm Drinks reception

6.30pm Three Course dinner

8.00pm Duplicate Bridge (Chicago bridge optional)

Saturday 12 May

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session one – The pillars of defenders' play

In this session we consolidate the basic principles of defenders' card play, with a focus on:

- second hand play
- third hand play
- unblocking

Free time to relax and explore – enjoy the local area, or the hotel delights and leisure facilities.

3pm – 4pm System Surgery Session – Laura will be available to answer specific questions about your system, please bring your convention card along and Laura will give you suggestions on how to make your system more effective.

4pm – 6pm Session two – Counting and opening leads.

In this session we explore how to choose the correct opening lead, by grounding the decision in rigorous defensive planning. We will focus on:

- counting shapes
- counting points
- how to use this information to create an effective defensive plan, which starts with a good lead

6.30pm Three Course dinner

8.00pm Duplicate Bridge (Chicago bridge optional)

Sunday 13 May

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session three – Trump promotion

Sometimes it is not possible to defend a suit contract simply by winning tricks with your high cards - after all, as a defender you are more often than not dealt small cards! This is when you need to use your trumps creatively. Trump promotion is a technique where both defenders strongly cooperate to make the best use of their small trumps

12.30pm Three Course lunch

8pm Duplicate Bridge for those staying Sunday night

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PRICES AND BOOKING INFORMATION

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| Cost per person based on standard room double occupancy – 2 nights | £349 |
| Cost per person based on standard room single occupancy – 2 nights | £374 |
| Cost per person based on standard room double occupancy – 3 nights | £389 |
| Cost per person based on standard room single occupancy – 3 nights | £414 |

Please ask if you would like details of upgrades or if you would like to attend the weekend as a non - resident.

Cost includes

- Drinks reception on Friday evening
- Two nights' four-star hotel accommodation, including breakfast
- Three Course dinner on Friday
- Three Course dinner on Saturday
- Sunday Lunch
- Duplicate bridge sessions
- Full use of St Anne's Manor leisure facilities, including swimming pool and gym



Please contact Douglas Wright at 3 Counties bridge on 07801 989630 with queries or email douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com

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Booking Form

Please book online or fill in this form and return it to Laura Saka, 3 Counties Bridge, Lothlorien, Barley Mow Hill, Arford, Hampshire GU35 8AB, together with your deposit cheque made payable to "3 Counties Bridge" for £50 per person. To pay directly online, please make a bank transfer to:

Barclays 3 Counties Bridge 33705560 20-31-06

1. I would like to book ____ person(s) on the weekend:

| Name | Room type (single/double/twin) |
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2. Please note any supplementary requirements below, e.g. vegetarian meals, allergies etc

3. Please complete the following:

Address

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Telephone

Mobile

Email

Signed

Full payment is due on 21 April 2018. Reservations are made on a first come first served basis. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.

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