



# **Presentation for our 2017-18 AGM**

12 noon, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

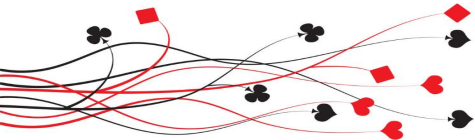


## **From Your EPC Bridge Committee**

L-R: Marijke Rodrigo, Jan Weston, Andy Taylor, Sue Froggatt & Ray Fiveash

# Review of 2017-18

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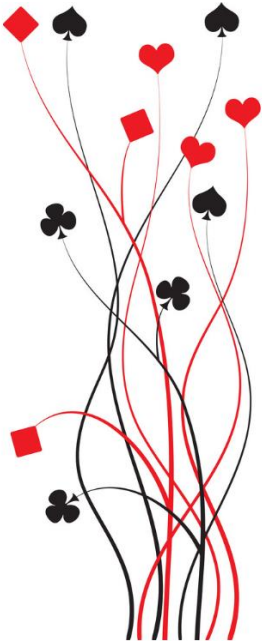




**Some great successes**

**Some work in progress...** 

# 1. Events





## Charity Bridge Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start, Finish at 10pm

£5 per player | £20 for a team of 4 players

Trophy and prizes to be won! Trophy sponsored by Ann Dawes

### Entry Fee

- Entry fee is £5 per person.
- If you have 3 friends that you would like to play as a team with them please enter a team of 4 when you register.
- Non-members welcome but must be signed in by a member.

### Playing format

- This is an individual competition and everyone will keep their own personal scorecard.
- You will play three rounds of five boards and each round will be played with a different partner.
- Your three partners for the evening will be the people you sit down with at your table at the start of the event and you will stay at the same table all evening.
- Scoring will be as duplicate.
- NB: Boards will be pre-dealt – so everyone plays the same boards.

### Refreshments

- Tea/coffee and cakes made and donated by members.

### Prizes

- The player with the highest individual score for the evening will win the trophy and there will also be a prize for the runner up.
- There will also be prizes for the team that scores the most points.
- On the evening to raise more funds for **MNDA** there will also be a raffle.

### How to enter

- Please complete an entry form (in the reception) and hand it with your entry fee to the Bridge Committee Treasurer Marijke Rodrigo - 07948 815703  
[marijkerodrigo@gmail.com](mailto:marijkerodrigo@gmail.com).

### Any questions?

Please contact the organiser Janet Weston (EPC Bridge Committee Member)

E: [Janetweston3@gmail.com](mailto:Janetweston3@gmail.com) M: 0771 200 1648

In aid of





# The 2017 Charity Event

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
17 tables in play - 68 players - Raising over £1,600 for the mnda.



Individual winner was **Jill Turner**. Team winner was **Mark's Molls...** Mark W, Janice W, Caroline F & Jill T.



Terry's fab bridge hat



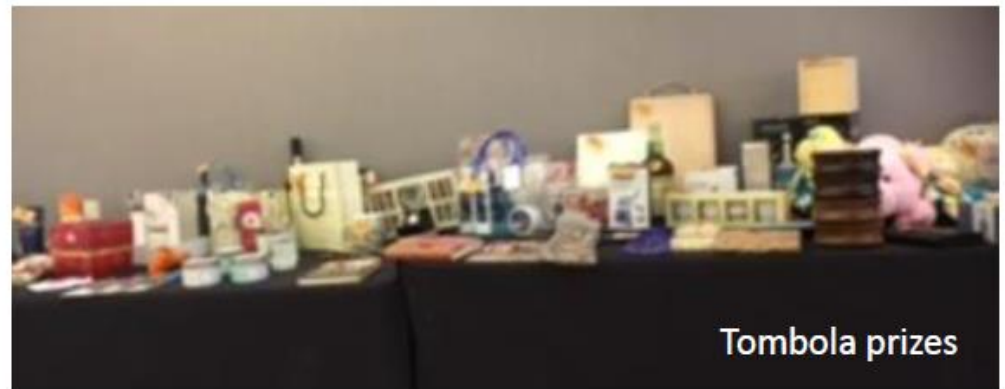
Our winner – Jill Turner



Ann (who kindly sponsored the trophy)  
with organisers Marijke & Jan









## EPC Bridge Weekend Away

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Venue: 4\* Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel, Tewkesbury



### Itinerary

Friday evening: Meal (at 7pm) followed by duplicate bridge.

Saturday morning: Breakfast followed by duplicate bridge.

Saturday afternoon: Free time to explore.

Options include: Relaxing in the spa or by the pool, playing a round of golf or visiting Tewkesbury.

Saturday evening: Meal (at 7pm) followed by duplicate bridge.

Sunday morning: Breakfast followed by duplicate bridge and prizes!!

### Costs

1. **Accommodation:** Includes bed, breakfast, **plus a 3-course evening meal on Friday and Saturday:**
  - Twin or double room: £160 per person for 2 nights
  - Single room: £260 per person for 2 nights.
2. **Bridge:** £30 per player (covers hire of room for bridge, four sessions of duplicate, teas/coffees and prizes). NB: This fee does not apply to any non-bridge players (e.g. partners) joining us.
3. **(Optional) Golf:** To play a round of golf at the hotel's 18-hole golf course costs £25.

To avoid disappointment  
please book asap as we  
have reserved a **limited**  
number of bedrooms.

### To secure your place

Please pay £10 per person for bridge to Marijke Rodrigo (Bridge Committee Treasurer) - 07948 815703  
marijkerodrigo@gmail.com.

(In late August we will ask you to contact the hotel directly on 01684 296200 and secure your room by giving the hotel your credit card details. They will take payment on check-out. NB: There is a cancellation fee and the hotel will charge you for your room if you cancel less than 8 weeks beforehand.)

Any questions? Please contact Sue Froggatt (246 0777 [sue@suefroggatt.com](mailto:sue@suefroggatt.com)) or Marijke.



### Directions

Take the M5 to Junction 8, then exit and join the M50. Exit the M50 at Junction 1, signposted Malvern. At roundabout take the A38 to Tewkesbury. You will see the Hilton Puckrup Hall on your right.

It is 40 miles from the club.

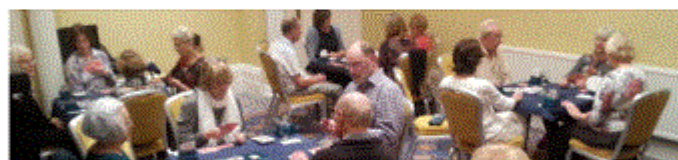
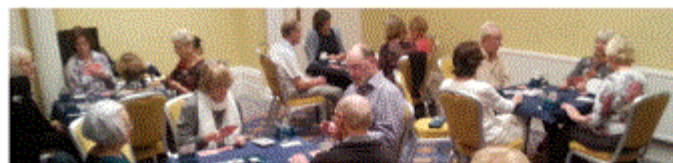




## EPC Bridge Weekend Away

Puckrup Hall, Tewkesbury

November 3-5, 2017



# Feedback from Bridge Weekend Away

## Puckrup Hall, November 2017

Based on 20 responses



Overall Rating (Min 1, Max 6)

Overall	5.6
The location	5.9
How the Bridge play was organised	5.8
Value for money	5.7
The booking process	5.7
The food & refreshments	5.5
The Bridge room	5.4
The hotel (excluding food)	5.4
The facilities at the venue	5.3

Would you go on another bridge weekend with the club? **Everyone said "yes"!**

80% said "yes" to the same venue

20% said "yes" to a different venue

*(Wouldn't mind same venue or a different venue - only able to select one above.)*

How often should we organise a bridge weekend away?

50% said twice a year

35% said once a year

15% said other (Possibly twice, two others said happy with the present venue, but also happy to try another venue)

Would you be interested in?

	Yes	No	Possibly	Unsure
A long weekend bridge break i.e. 3 nights away	50%	5%	40%	5%
A bridge break lasting for 6/7 days	26%	37%	26%	11%
Lessons being included in our bridge breaks	42%	21%	26%	11%
An overseas location	40%	30%	30%	0%

### What should we do differently next time?

- I would prefer a 10 am start.
- A 10 o'clock prompt start on the Sunday (in room for 9.50) would just allow that bit extra for check-out.
- Have morning session, particularly the final morning, start at 10am too rushed checking out etc.
- Make clear the time of the event finish is 2 pm instead of 1 pm then people can organise their home arrangements accordingly and not be anxious to leave.
- Make the Golf start later and just suggest 9 holes.
- Let the people who want to ask questions play together and the people who do not want to ask questions play together.
- Ongoing advice for weaker players, perhaps? So few beginners, I realise how difficult this is. So, smaller groups moving more often?
- For a beginner and a full-time worker there was too much bridge played - perhaps have the Friday or Saturday night off to relax and socialize with the group as a whole - there were definitely people I hardly spoke too. Obviously over a 3-night break this would work better.
- Whether we should encourage a better player to play with a lesser player for one of the sessions. Appreciate some would not want to do this! Would not want to put them off playing. Perhaps a price for people who play with different players.
- At one of the sessions it may be entertaining to pick partners out of a hat.
- Perhaps draw for partners each session.
- Speed up the competitive play
- Whether we should encourage a better player to play with a lesser player for one of the sessions. Appreciate some would not want to do this! Would not want to put them off playing. Perhaps a price for people who play with different players.
- An excellent weekend in a very comfortable, well located venue for the first, of hopefully many, Priory Bridge weekends... well done.
- All went really well.
- I'm not sure that the organisers could have done much more.
- Carry on as you are, I would say.
- Can't think of anything.
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- Spending time with friends and improving partner play
- Enjoyed getting to know more members.
- Getting to know some of the Bridge players better.
- Socialising and meeting new friends, playing bridge with different partners.
- The company
- Everyone seemed happy and there was no sniping.
- Just the right amount of bridge.
- The Saturday pm free time was very necessary to rest and refresh.
- The well-organised Bridge sessions.
- Golf course super, wonderful views, but difficult.
- For me - Bridge. For Mavis - the luck that there was a concert in the Abbey and a town firework display.
- All good.
- Couldn't say - overall very enjoyable.
- Enjoyed everything
- I enjoyed the weekend, hard to say what was the best part
- The whole thing, overall! It really was good.
- That would be telling!

If you have any other comments or feedback, please use the space below.

- A big thank you for a very well organised and structured weekend
- Just a big thank you to all who helped organize the weekend and were on hand to help with any questions/queries when playing - or attempting to play, everyone was so encouraging
- Thank you very very much for all your hard work in organising it.
- On the whole it couldn't have been better!
- I thought the venue was great and the food was good drinks however were expensive and I felt the single room supplement of £100 a bit high
- It would be good if the hotel could offer a limited number of single rooms without the supplement.
- Bit of a nuisance for Roger, having to transport the tables there.
- I think Puckrup is pretty good, having been there a few times before; once with Mr. Bridge.
- I was a bit worried it would be too much bridge but it wasn't and I loved it
- The bed was extremely comfortable, I slept like a log. (Probably not the feedback you were after!)

### What was the best part of the weekend?

- Being with everybody and meeting new people and improving my game.



## 7th November 2017 - Ken Franklin Trophy

[Ranking](#) [Scorecards](#) [Matrix](#) [Travellers](#) [Hands](#)

Pos	No	Players	Match Points	Tops	Score %	Master Points
1	2	Marijke Rodrigo & Mark Reuben	263	396	66.41	42
2	3	Mike Shastri & Ray Fiveash	242	396	61.11	36
3	10	Peter Wood & Diane Bean	237	396	59.85	30

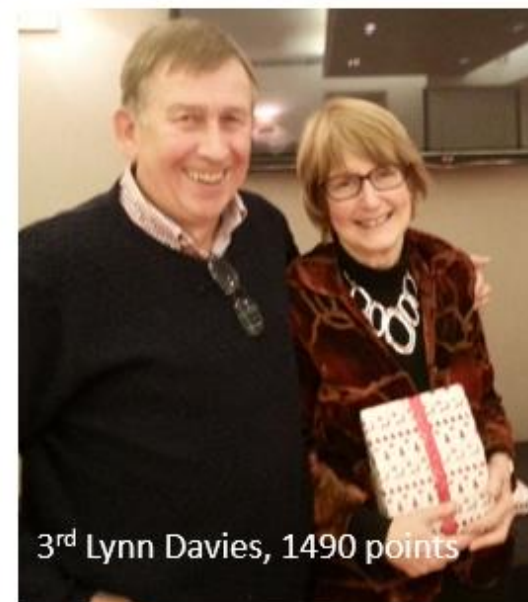


# EPC Bridge Christmas Fun Games & Dinner

14<sup>th</sup> December 2017



## Individual Winners



Other Prize Winners (L-R)

Round Winners: David Payne, Mark Delany & Delia Cushway Four Ball: Les Goodenough Booby: Peter Wood



## 2017 Bridge Award Winners

1. The Ken Franklin Cup  
**Marijke Rodrigo (& Mark Reubens)**

2. Most Improver of the Year  
**Caroline Faulconbridge**

3. Tuesdays Bridge Ladder (All players)  
**Sue Froggatt (63%)**

4. Tuesdays Bridge Ladder  
(Excluding County Masters & above)  
**Jill Turner (60%)** (NB: Photo from another event)

5. Friendly Thursday Bridge Ladder  
**Roger Florey (58%)**

6. Special Recognition  
**Jan Weston** (NB: Photo from another event)





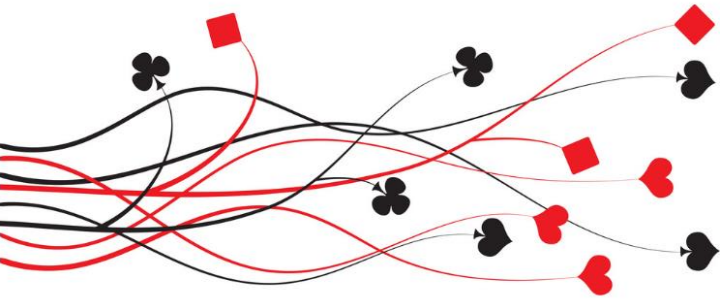


**Terry wearing her fantastic new  
bridge Xmas jester outfit!**



*PS: Did you spot that Terry was bang  
on trend... following the Xmas jester  
from our web site. Very clever!*





## 2. Communications





	♠ Home Page
➡	♥ Results
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	♥ Other Information
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➡	♠ Timeline of Bridge at the EPC
➡	♥ Appeals
	♥ Feedback & Research
	♥ EBU Information
	♠ Useful Links
	♥ Membership
	♥ Administration
	♥ BridgeWebs

2017 Winners

**The Ken Franklin Pairs Trophy**

**Marijke Rodrigo and Mark Ruben**

**Most Improved Player of the Year**

**Caroline Faulconbridge**

**Ladder Winners & Runners Up**

**Tuesday Winner: Sue Froggatt    Runner Up: Annabel Hampson**

**Tuesday Winner (Exc. Count Master & above): Jill Turner    Runner Up: Ray Fiveash**

**Friendly Thursday Winner: Roger Florey    Runner Up: Carmen Cuadrado**

**Ann Dawes Charity Trophy**

**Individual Winner: Jill Turner**

**Team Winners: Mark's Molls: Mark Wainwright, Janice Wainwright, Caroline Faulconbridge & Jill Turner**

**Warwickshire League Division 4 Team Winners**

**Marijke Rodrigo (Captain), Gerri Drasey, Annabel Hampson and Sue Froggatt**

**Xmas Fun Games Winners**

**Mark Delaney, David Payne, Delia Cushway & Peter Woods**

**Special Recognition**

**Janet Weston**

# Timeline of Recent Key Events

## 2018

- January: A 12 hour 'Crash Course for Beginners' was run by Adam Friase. 23 people participated.

## 2017

- February: Robby Lee redesigned our web site so it had more of an EPC branded design.
- April: Edgbaston Priory Team 2 win division four of the Warwickshire Teams League. (Captain: Marijke Rodrigo with Gerri Draysey, Annabel Hampson & Sue Froggatt.)
- May: New Sunday evening monthly courses started with Adam Fraise with new sets of practice boards to support.
- September: Biggest ever number of bridge tables (17!!) at the club for the charity event in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and raised £1,705. Jill Turner won the 'Ann Dawes' charity trophy for the best individual score and Mark Wainwright's Team (Mark, Janice Wainwright, Caroline Faulconbridge & Jill Turner) were best team - scoring 8,960 points.
- November: First ever bridge weekend away for 33 EPC bridge players at Puckrup Hall near Tewkesbury.
- November: The Ken Franklin pairs trophy was introduced and won by Marijke Rodrigo and Mark Reuben.

## 2016

- February: Marijke Rodrigo, Jan Weston, Ray Fiveash and Sue Froggatt are voted on the new Bridge Committee with Andy Taylor.
- May: We had several members who qualified as official EBU Directors... Annabel Hampson, Chris Martin, Marijke Rodrigo, Mark Reuben and Sue Stone... plus Ray Fiveash who became a Director in 2017.
- Spring: Jan Weston introduces 'Learn and Play' sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to help beginners practice.
- June: Ray Fiveash set up electronic scoring using BridgeMates.
- July: New leisure and lifestyle survey of club members indicates a significant latent demand for bridge... almost 30% of members have an interest in learning how to play or are currently playing bridge.
- July: Robby Lee designed a new logo for EPC bridge.
- July: Marijke Rodrigo set up a 'Bridge What's App' group.
- July: Annabel Hampson spoke to members about why they learned to play and like/love bridge... and these were added as "member who play" to our web site. (We have noticed are really popular with players!)
- Autumn: New bridge duplicate sessions introduced on Thursday and Sunday evenings.
- September: The club enters three teams in Division Four of the Warwickshire Teams League.
- October: New 'Bridge Bulletin' introduced.
- December: New Xmas fun bridge and meal was added to the calendar of activity.
- December: Barbara Loyo-Mayo was named 'Best Improver of the Year' by Peter Nicholds.

## 2013

- Tuesday afternoon bridge was set up on Tuesday afternoons. Peter Nicholds recommended affiliating the club with the EBU (so members could earn Master Points), advised on equipment and establishing protocols, directed (with assistance from David Motley) and gave lessons for beginners and improvers. David also helped set up this website.
- A new Bridge Committee set up with Ken Franklin, Andy Taylor and Ann Dawes.

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- Sue Froggatt runs bridge at the club and organises a bridge course with Nanette McWhirter.



*Can you spot Malcolm Peterson, Brenda and David Houston, Jane Clarke, Fred Turner and Nanette?*

*PS: If you name any other players on any of these photos, please let Sue F know!*

- Bridge Club Xmas Meal in the club restaurant.







*Can you spot Bob Pearce, Annabel Hampson, Robin Udal & Philip Colman?*

### Bridge in the 70's and 80's

#### **Bridge Players During This Period Included** (in no particular order)

Mary & Julian Shingler; Sue & Richard Hardwick; Chris & Lynn Davies; Carol & Dan Dainty; Reg & Jan Cripwells; Dan & Jill Wild; Ian & Jean Tosk

Piers Ashworth; Juliet Timmns; David Stokes Harrison; Jeff Carter (Jeff was the Manager of the club); Robin Udal; Philip Colman

Ross Belamy; Malcom Lee; Margo Betts; Etta Rudell; Barbara Hood; Merral Thorne; Liz Brethson; Rod Gough; Chris Snell; Peter Mockeridge (and his father)

#### **1976 - 1979**

- Bridge was run by Mary Shingler... *who is still a great EPC player today!!*

**40 years!**





## Edgbaston Priory Bridge Bulletin

In this bulletin you will find details of several bridge events over the coming months that might interest you.

There is:

- A new weekend crash course in January for people who have never played before
- A bridge Xmas dinner taking place at the club on Thursday 7th September. All players and partners are welcome
- Two duplicate competitions taking place in November

And don't forget... there is now 'Friendly Thursday' evening sessions. No supper beforehand!

Find more information on all these events and how to book on the website.

Andy, Jan, Marijke, Ray & Sue

Your EPC Bridge Committee



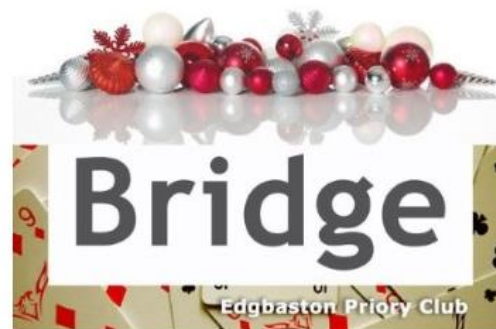
### Bridge Charity Evening Thursday 7th September

Individual and team winners - Prize raffle

[Click here](#) for more information

Contact [Jan](#) to donate a raffle prize

Contact [Marijke](#) to enter



### Seasonal greetings and goodwill wishes to all bridge players!

We have been very busy over the past few months, starting with a bumper charity evening (17 tables!), a weekend away to Tewkesbury, a club pairs competition and finally our Xmas fun event and dinner. (See photos below.)












# Appeals

## Right of appeal

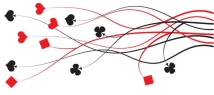
### EPC Bridge Players '12 Golden Guidelines'

... to make playing bridge at the club an exceptional experience and promote wellbeing

Our club has a new vision statement: To deliver an exceptional membership experience which promotes racquet sport and wellbeing. To contribute to this and ensure that playing bridge at the club is 'an exceptional membership experience' we have developed '12 Golden Guidelines' we recommend players abide by.

1. Don't keep fellow members waiting and give the director a headache by being late. Arrive 15 minutes before bridge is due to start and be seated at a table five minutes before play. This helps the director decide on the movement and means bridge will start on time.
2. Warmly greet your new opponents with a smile when they arrive at your table and thank them before moving on to the next table. No matter how well you play bridge always be welcoming! 
3. Your opponents are entitled to know the agreements that you and your partner have. So at the start of a round explain the main features of your system e.g. 'We play Acol with strong two's'. Ideally complete a systems card to disclose your conventions to your opponents as this helps save time and makes things crystal clear for everyone.
4. Don't give your partner any 'unauthorised information' by:
  - Taking a long time to make a call or play a card. If there is any hesitation in the bidding your partner must be extra careful not to draw any inference from this and bid as they would have done if there had been no hesitation. Bid and play your cards smoothly and in tempo.
  - Changing your mind about what to bid when using bidding boxes, for example, by touching 2♥ and then pulling out a pass card. Decide what your bid is going to be before reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box.
  - Only ask what a bid means if you are intending to bid and it is your turn to bid or play. Remember, you must ask the partner of the player who made the bid, not the player who made it.
5. Familiarise yourself with what bids need to be announced or alerted. You can find a summary here. Avoid asking opponents what a simple bid means after it is NOT alerted.
6. It is very important to call the Director when you need to sort something out. Don't try to sort things out yourselves, even if you know the rule. Please don't get offended when a Director is called on you - this is part of the game and the director is there to help. 
7. Handling the cards:
  - Before you look at your cards count them to check you have thirteen
  - Don't pick up and mix your cards at the end of a game until the result is agreed with the opponents
  - Shuffle your cards after the hand before returning them to the duplicate tray.
8. As declarer, if you can clearly see that all the remaining tricks are yours, you can claim them rather than play on. You must clearly specify how you will play the hand and draw all the outstanding trumps.
9. Don't be a slow player or bidder. This can spoil the enjoyment of playing bridge for all the other plays in the room. 
10. Don't give advice unless it's asked for.
11. If you do want to discuss a hand at the table, do it very quietly (otherwise people who haven't yet played it might hear you). If you do well, don't overly compliment yourself on a bid or the play until the opponent leaves the table. This behaviour could really annoy your opponents and result in a negative experience.
12. Lastly... no eating (we don't want sticky cards), turn your mobile phones off and enjoy!

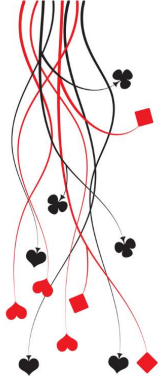
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# 3. Duplicate Sessions







# 4. Learning Opportunities





Peter Nicholds



Adam Fraise



# January 2018 Beginners Crash Course



*Helpers: Ann Dawes; Annabel Hampson; Barbara Loyo-Mayo; Carmen Cuadrado; Effie Richards; Gerri Draysey; Miriam Woodman; Peter Woods; Ronnie Shoebbotham; Scilla Carney*

## Feedback: Bridge Crash Course for Beginners January 2018



### Background

- Attended by 23 people (19 members, 4 non-members)
- Feedback below based on 15 responses
- There is now a waiting list of 8 people for the next course.

### Scores

	2018	2017
<b>Overall</b>	<b>9.4 / 10 = 94%</b>	<b>96%</b>
Tutor	5.9 out of 6 = 99%	84%
Helpers	5.9 = 99%	-
Value for Money	5.8 = 96%	98%
Format	5.7 = 95%	91%
Function Room	5.5 = 91%	98%
Handouts	5.2 = 87%	89%
Food & Refreshments	5.0 = 83%	87%

- Compared to 2017 Adam (the tutor) had a much higher rating.
- Food and beverage scored worst (and worse than last year).
- NB: Everyone said it met their expectations.

### Most valuable part of course:

- All of it (mentioned several times).
- The card practice, then the run through of the play / The mixture of content and practice was excellent.
- The practice play.
- The explanations.
- The guidance by helpers.
- The handouts.
- The bidding rules and frequent recaps.
- The opening bids and re-bids.
- The Andrew Robson special arrow cards.
- It was very sociable.

### What would they suggest next time:

- Have slides as handouts (NB: Sent to some who requested them after the lesson finished.)
- Simplify the handouts.
- Clearer rules/guidelines on changing tables - partners mixing in, or staying as pairs.
- More playing or practice - miss the lunch.
- Bit too fast at times (one comment) vs. fast pace - but points the way to where to get practice.

### Other comments

- "A tremendous amount of information covered so clearly."
- "So glad I took the plunge and signed up, Many thanks to the organisers! Well done."
- "Thanks so much to the whole team! Great preparation and it held my interest throughout."
- "Really interesting and enjoyable. Thank you."
- "This was excellent - thank you."
- "This has certainly stirred my interest more than I expected."
- "As a reluctant pupil I now definitely feel inspired to continue to learn and play with similar people (but not too seriously!)."

### Conclusions

- Most said they would continue: 86% said definitely, 14% said possibly.
- Preferences for future learning? Of the 8 who answered this question, 6 said Thursdays at the club, and 4 said Walker Hall on Monday's with Adam and 4 said lessons with Adam (not Mondays). The rest said they would practice at home (to consolidate), play with friends (non-members) and one said the U3A.
- 40% (6) asked to be added to the bridge what's app group.

### Changes next time

- Reception need to be told they MUST take payments when booking and contact details – to prevent unpaid no shows.
- Helpers essential (NB: This has identified many volunteers to help with future player development:

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Ann Dawes         | 6. Gerri Draysey     |
| 2. Annabel Hampson   | 7. Miriam Woodman    |
| 3. Barbara Loyo-Mayo | 8. Peter Woods       |
| 4. Carmen Cuadrado   | 9. Ronnie Shoebotham |
| 5. Effie Richards    | 10. Scilla Carney.)  |

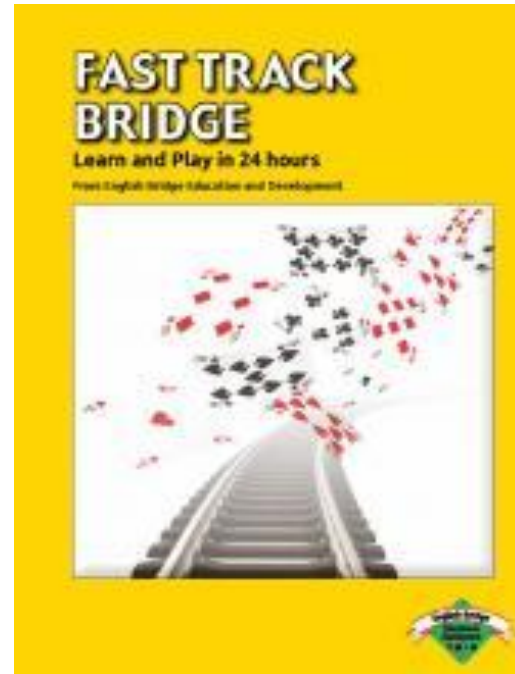
- Levy need precise instructions e.g. break times, to bring biscuits with tea and coffee water & glasses, room layout, etc.
- Best to have slides as handouts.

### Final Delegate List

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|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Alison Hamilton    | 10. Ian Tolley      | 19. Sarah Hurd     |
| 2. Alison Whalley     | 11. Jane Leadbetter | 20. Shirley Hanson |
| 3. Andrew Reid        | 12. John Ellis      | 21. Teresa Hancox  |
| 4. Ann Ellis          | 13. Julia Reid      | 22. Valerie Jordan |
| 5. Bashir Ahmed       | 14. Linda Krumina   | 23. Yusif Sadiq    |
| 6. Charles Sterling   | 15. Linda Wynne     |                    |
| 7. Elizabeth Southall | 16. Maggie Gough    |                    |
| 8. Gillian Cottam     | 17. Margaret Tumer  |                    |
| 9. Helen Downing      | 18. Nigel Whalley   |                    |

NB: Non-members in italics



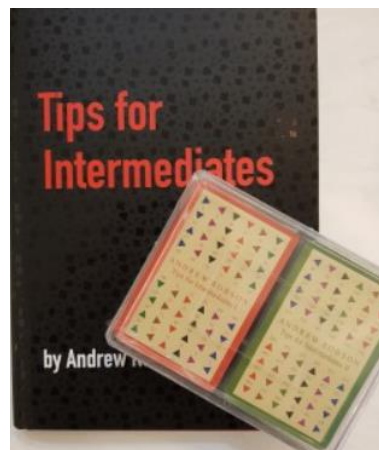
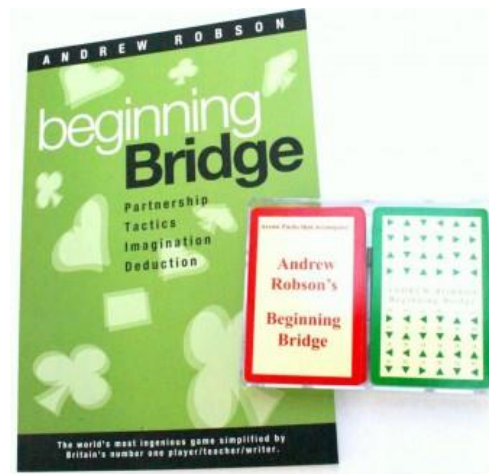


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### Practice Boards Available

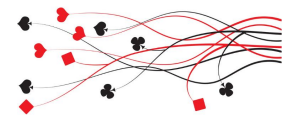
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1	Opening 1NT Opening 1 of a suit
2	Opening 2 NTs
3	Overcalls & Take-out doubles
4.1	Declarer Play: Establishing Entries
4.2	Declarer Play: Finessing
5	Pre-emptive opening bids
6	Openers rebids after a limit response
7	Strong 2 openers including two clubs
8	Slam bidding: Cues and use of Blackwood





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2018 Monthly Bridge Lessons	
Sunday Evenings: 6.30pm-8.45pm (please arrive at 6.15pm) in the Function Room	
Tutor: Adam Fraise	
	
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Weak 2s and Reverse "Benji"
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	SLAM Bidding
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth suit forcing
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Defensive signals
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Barrage bidding, unassuming cue bids
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Long suit (or help suit) trial bids
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Splinter bids and cue bids
July / August	Summer Break
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	3rd seat openings
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Avoidance play, danger hand
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Penalty doubles
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Defence to pre-empts and weak 2s





# 5. Teams & Competitions



3 Teams



# Friendly Bridge Match

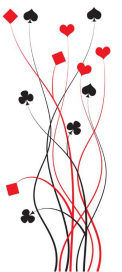
Edgbaston Golf Club (Host) vs. Edgbaston Priory Club

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018



L-R: Sue Froggatt, Patrick Bookey, Diane Bean, Mike Shastri, Sue Stone, Rosemary Prosser, Jenny Heath, Marijke Rodrigo (Organiser for EPC), Heather Bissenden, Ann Dawes, Mark Wainwright, Tricia Jones (Organiser for the Golf Club), Sue Bowman, Annabel Hampson, Scilla Carney, Julian Shingler, Ros Tullock, Janice Wainwright, Evelyn Whiteford, Jill Amiss, Dennis Amiss, Jean Pratt, Jane Jones & Mary Shingler

# 6. Logistics



# 7. Our Vision for EPC Bridge

## EPC Bridge Vision Statement

*"To encourage and enable members to enjoy playing bridge and add value to the membership experience.*

*We will provide access to the game for beginners and help intermediate and good players to improve their skills through lessons up to and including competition level.*

*Bridge at the EPC will **provide fun and foster friendship.**"*



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This links us to the EPC's vision.

*We will provide access to the game for beginners and help intermediate and good players to improve their skills through lessons up to and including competition level.*

This ensures bridge is inclusive i.e. focusing on players at all levels.


*Bridge at the EPC will provide fun and foster friendship.*

Whilst we know most players want to do well – (and the instant and public rankings makes for a competitive climate!) – the important focus is on... **fun and friendship!!**



# 8. What next?

Bridge in 2017-18



## September 2018 Beginners Crash Course



### Interested in learning to play bridge?

If you have ever thought about learning to play, or getting a 'taster' of what is involved or want to start up again with a solid refresher of the basics, then join us in September for the next crash course for beginners.

Bridge is a brilliant way to get to know other members, make lifelong friends and keep your mind fit and active. It is a thriving, growing and buzzing activity at the club – and the Bridge Committee have been investing in supporting learners, new regular playing and learning sessions, fun charity events and weekends away.

### September Course dates

The course take place in four sessions, each for three hours, over two consecutive weekends.

First Weekend: 22nd & 23rd September	Second Weekend: 29th and 30th September
Session 1: Saturday morning, 9.30am-12.30pm - followed by lunch	Session 3: Saturday morning, 9.30am-12.30pm - followed by lunch
Session 2: Sunday morning, 9.30am-12.30pm	Session 4: Sunday morning, 9.30am-12.30pm

### Course fee and how to book

- Great value at **£50** per person for the 12 hour course – includes two lunches and handouts.
- Book your place at the reception. NB: Payment will be taken when you book.
- NB: The last course was fully booked – so book early to avoid disappointment.



*Members learning to play on the January 2018 beginners course*

# Improved learner support

At Mosely Bridge Club | 8pm start  
11 booked

**NEW**



## Adam's New Beginners Bridge Class Programme for 2018

### Details

- A programme for players who have taken my 'crash course' or who have experience of contract bridge
- Fully Tutored lessons, for one hour, followed by a fully guided learn and play session (5 lessons) – finishing at 9.30pm
- Cost: £30 term - includes photocopied notes to support each lesson
- Four further five-week terms also at £30 each
- Tutors: Adam Fraise with occasional guest substitute tutors
- Venue: Moseley Bridge Club, Walker Hall, Ampton Road, Edgbaston >
- Time: 8.00pm, Monday evening, fortnightly for 1½ hours
- Starts: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- There will be a break from fully tutored lessons over Summer but opportunities for some practice play should be possible during this time
- What next? When students are ready you will be encouraged you to take part in occasional supervised play sessions at various venues in Birmingham.
- Any questions... please email: adamfraise@gmail.com



### The First Year Programme

#### Term 1: Starts 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

- Week 1 - Revision of opening one no trump (and use of bidding boxes)
- Week 2 - Replies to 1NT – limit raises and suit responses, practice play
- Week 3 - Card play techniques – making tricks and some practice play
- Week 4 - Defending – the initial lead (standard leads) and some practice play
- Week 5 - Replies to 1NT – 5 cards in a major suit – transfers.

#### Term 2: September 2018

- Week 6 - Opening with stronger balanced hands (15-19 hcp) and practice play
- Week 7 - Improving your declarer play – basic planning (ABC approach)
- Week 8 - Opening strong balanced hands (2NT opening) and how to reply
- Week 9 - Replies to 1NT – 'Stayman' convention, and practice play
- Week 10 - Opening unbalanced hands with limit raises and practice play.

#### Term 3 – January 2019

- Week 11 - More on opening unbalanced hands with limit raises and practice play
- Week 12 - Replies to one of a suit – new suit or 1NT
- Week 13 - Opener's re-bids
- Week 14 - Opening at the two level (including the 'playing tricks' concept)
- Week 15 - Opening very strong hands (go over 'playing tricks') including 2NT rebid.

NB: All lessons are subject to modification, if the tutors or learners feel it necessary, APF



## Sunday Bridge Evening

## Programme 2018/19

## With Adam Fraise

	2018	2019
	Intermediates	Beginners
Jan	Weak 2s and "Benji"	Revision – opening 1NT and 1 of a suit
Feb	Fourth suit forcing	Balanced hands 15-19
March	Defensive signals	Introduction to defence Which card to lead
April	Barrage bidding, unassuming cue bids	Transfers
May	Long suit (or help suit) trial bids	2NT opening and Stayman
June	Splinter bids and cue bids	Basic overcalls and take out doubles
Sept	3 <sup>rd</sup> seat openings	Replies to take out doubles
Oct	Avoidance play, danger hand	Pre-emptive opening hands, scoring and simple tactics
Nov	Penalty doubles	Strong 2s and the <a href="#">2 club</a> opening
Dec	Defence to pre-emptive and weak 2s	Slam bidding



**NEW**



### **NEW: Monthly Sunday Bridge 'Advanced' Programme**

A series of 10 lessons which focus on play for Advanced Players

#### **Agreed Topics & Guest Speakers**

1. Teams tactics and safety plays with Peter Nicholds
2. Avoidance play with Peter Nicholds
3. Advanced defence, counting declarers hand with Liam Johnstone
4. Leads and defensive signalling – count and suit preference with Liam Johnstone

#### **Other Possible Topics**

- Communication and entries
- High level competitive bidding
- Doubles, takeout, reopening, lighter, etc
- Elimination and endplay
- Trump coups and dummy reversals
- Squeezes (?)
- Playing suit combinations



12-14 Oct 2018



Time to say goodbye.



Andy Taylor  
Our Chair



# WELCOME



Annabel Hampson





*That's all Folks!*