

3 Counties Bridge



Balmer Lawn Learning Weekend, New Forest

23, 24 and 25 November 2018

Douglas Wright & Laura Porro invite you to a fabulous weekend of bridge at Balmer Lawn, a classic Country House Hotel set in the very heart of the New Forest National Park. 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. You will also receive a discount to join [No Fear Bridge](#), the leading UK bridge platform for learners.



BALMER LAWN: Set against the timeless backdrop of Europe's oldest and largest surviving medieval forest, the Balmer Lawn Hotel nestles into ancient woodlands on the outskirts of the charming village of Brockenhurst. Built originally in the mid 1800's as a hunting lodge, the hotel has been host to English and Russian royalty and even an American President!

ACCOMMODATION: Our 54 rooms range from traditional country house to modern/contemporary, so we can suit all requirements from leisure guests, families to business travellers. No two rooms are the same, each is individually designed and decorated, but with all the modern touches you would expect from a quality 4 Star Hotel. Our front facing and balcony rooms affording great views across the cricket lawn to the Forest beyond. We have an extensive range of leisure facilities – 2 squash courts, tennis court, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, fully equipped gym, Finnish Sauna and spa bath.

BRIDGE SESSIONS WITH DOUGLAS & LAURA: Sessions last 2 hours as you are guided through Counting and Competitive Bidding techniques with a series of specially created instructional set deals from Laura's international experience on competitive bidding, bidding tools and sacrificing. No Partner Necessary.

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

LEARNING WEEKEND ITINERARY – COUNTING AT BRIDGE

Friday 23 November

6pm Drinks reception

6.30pm Three Course dinner

8.00pm Duplicate Bridge (Chicago bridge optional)

Saturday 24 November

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session one – Counting in the competitive auction as a defender
Focus on the techniques and thinking steps required to infer the necessary information from the bidding and play. We will practice how this enables us to make the best opening lead.

Free time to relax and explore – enjoy the New Forest or the hotel delights and leisure facilities.

2pm – 3pm No Fear Bridge Session – Laura and Douglas will introduce you to this simple and effective online tool, which will support your learning in a fun way.

Our attendees will benefit from a fantastic discount to join the platform.

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 in the competitive auction

We will delve into useful competitive bidding tools and focus on how counting helps us make better competitive auctions decisions:

- Negative doubles
- Overcalling
- Managing the competitive auction, with and without a fit

6.30pm Three Course dinner

8.00pm Duplicate Bridge (Chicago bridge optional)

Sunday 25 November

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session three – Counting in pre-emptive bidding

The strategic basics and mechanisms of pre-emptive bidding, with a focus on weak twos:

- how to use weak twos
- the strategic thinking behind raising partner's weak two
- how to defend against weak twos, putting in practice the tools learnt in session two

12.30pm Three Course lunch

Enjoy the hotel leisure complex and depart at your leisure.

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PRICES AND BOOKING INFORMATION

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| Cost per person based on standard room double occupancy | £349 |
| Cost per person based on standard room single occupancy | £374 |

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 bridge sessions with Douglas and Laura
- Three Course dinner on Friday
- Three Course dinner on Saturday
- Sunday Lunch
- Duplicate bridge sessions with optional Chicago sessions
- Full use of Balmer Lawn leisure facilities, including swimming pool and gym



Booking

Please book online at <http://www.3countiesbridge.com/>. Alternatively, please fill out booking form below. There is a £50 deposit per person.

Full payment is due on 2 November 2018. Reservations are made on a first come first served basis. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.

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

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Booking Form

If you are not booking online, please 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