

3 Counties Bridge



Balmer Lawn Learning Weekend, New Forest

5, 6 and 7 October 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 Declarer Play techniques with a series of specially created instructional set deals from Laura's international experience in obtaining the maximum number of tricks possible. No Partner Necessary.

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

LEARNING WEEKEND ITINERARY

Friday 5 October

6pm Drinks reception

6.30pm Three Course dinner

8.00pm Duplicate Bridge (Chicago bridge optional)

Saturday 6 October

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session one – Planning the play as declarer

We will focus on the essential thinking steps required to plan the play as declarer, using the SWOT assessment framework:

- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

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 – Interesting playing techniques

We will practice our planning skills, by delving into less common playing techniques, including:

- Dummy reversal
- Avoiding danger hand
- Cutting defensive communications
- Trump coup

6.30pm Three Course dinner

8.00pm Duplicate Bridge (Chicago bridge optional)

Sunday 7 October

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session three – Counting as declarer

Probability and statistics are an essential part of the bridge. In this session we explore how declarer can take these into account, to choose the line with the highest probability of success.

12.30pm Three Course lunch

Enjoy the hotel leisure complex and depart at your leisure.

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PRICES AND BOOKING INFORMATION

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 17 September 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