

Improver Bridge

The objectives of Improver Bridge are:

- i) to have an enjoyable game of duplicate bridge, playing competitive bridge in relaxed conditions
- ii) to provide an environment where improvers* can develop their knowledge of the game, their bidding, their card-play, the etiquette and the rules of Contract bridge.
- iii) To prepare people for playing Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the club.

*improvers = those who are reasonably familiar with at least the EBU Simple System card, and have an understanding of bidding, card play and scoring

Permitted bidding systems will be limited to EBU Level 2.

1. The format may be duplicate teams or duplicate pairs depending upon the number of players.
2. The rules of duplicate bridge will be followed; the director will be on hand to resolve all give advice on the rules.
3. There will be an explanation of some aspect of rules and/or etiquette each session.
4. Computer scoring, and a timing clock will be used. Initially the target will be to play about 10 boards in two hours. The rate of play may be increased gradually as players become able to play more quickly.
5. There will be an opportunity to discuss hands in an informal manner, to build partnership understanding.
6. No Master points will be awarded.
7. A hosted system will operate whereby an individual without a partner will be paired with another, or the Director will partner the 'odd' person.
8. More experienced players will be welcomed, particularly if they partner less experienced players.
9. The Director will ensure that the game is played in a friendly, helpful atmosphere.

This is not 'social' bridge - the rules of bridge regarding discussion of bids and play will be followed.

Improver bridge differs from 'No Fear bridge' in that

- no help will be offered for bidding or play during the competition, discussion will be after the playing session
- the clock will be used to time rounds
- being an evening session, people who are working, or cannot play during the day for some other reason, will have the opportunity to play.

In the course of a year, we would aim to cover all of the etiquette and rules of bridge.

When possible the hands will be pre-dealt, and a print-out of makeable contracts will be available, as on any other club night. Occasionally, subject to demand we may provide specific types of hand.

Improver Bridge will be open to members or non-members. The table-money will be £2.00.