



## **“ADVANCED LEARNER CLASSES”**

*Suitable for Club players and those who have completed the SBU course*

For **10 weeks on Friday afternoons**, beginning **20th January** 2017, the Melville Bridge Academy's **Ian Crorie** and **Lucia Barrett** will offer a course of teaching and play which extends the SBU learners' course and gives you further essential tools of the game! The theme is **'Defence & Other Stuff'**, and the course comprises teaching weeks, interspersed with sessions of play designed to reinforce the topics being taught. This is Module 4 (of 4) in the A.L. course.

- **Week 1** - 20<sup>th</sup> January – **'Our System of Defence'**. Revising our existing system of signals (attitude & count) and rules/guidelines on opening leads.
- **Week 2** - 27<sup>th</sup> January – **'Defend with me' & Play session**, covering Week 1 topics.
- **Week 3** - 3<sup>rd</sup> February – **'More on Counting'**. Count signals on subsequent rounds (remaining count), Rule of 11, Active v. Passive defences.
- **Week 4** - 10<sup>th</sup> February - **'Defend with me' & Play session**, covering Week 3 topics.
- **Week 5** - 17<sup>th</sup> February – **'More topics on Defence'**. When to consider leading trumps, declarer's disguise & deception, playing a Queen under partner's Ace.
- **Week 6** - 24<sup>th</sup> February – **'Defend with me' & Play session**, covering Week 5 topics.
- **Week 7** - 3<sup>rd</sup> March – **'Matchpoint Strategy & Tactics'**. How this common form of scoring a tournament affects the way we should approach bidding, play & defence.
- **Week 8** - 10<sup>th</sup> March – **Play session** covering Week 7 topics, and a brief talk on 'Bridge Etiquette 1' - Using the Bidding Box and Explanations to Opponents.
- **Week 9** - 17<sup>th</sup> March – **'Roman Key-Card Blackwood'**. A modern slam-bidding convention, improving on the traditional Blackwood 4NT.
- **Week 10** - 24<sup>th</sup> March – **Play session** covering Week 9 topics, and a brief talk on 'Bridge Etiquette 2' - When things go wrong at the table and bridge ethics.

**All sessions are from 2 to 4pm on Fridays. Please note that the course is a full package, and costs £50 for the 10 weeks – a real bargain! Places are limited to 36.**

**Please sign up on the club notice-board and return the completed form below to David BRIGGS at the address below: (cheques payable to 'New Melville Bridge Club Limited' please) Or payment via bank transfer - Santander – Sort Code 090128, a/c 38493974 (Advanced in the reference space please)**

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