**Programme of Coaching for Northfield Bridge Club - Series Two**

Dear Northfield Bridge Club member, . you may have attended one or more of the very successful Thursday evening coaching sessions at Northfield Bridge Club during the last year. These were based on ‘one off’ topics chosen to improve the standard of bridge understanding for the full range of players at Northfield Bridge Club (NBC) and they attracted between 10 and 25 students for each session.

Due to popular demand, I am pleased to say that all of the tutors are willing to continue doing this and we can offer a new programme for another series of lessons starting in September.

The dates and topics are shown below but they may be subject to occasional alteration if circumstances require. Remember that the sessions will cost £2 each and start at about 6.10 / 6.15 pm on the Thursday evenings indicated and finish in time for you to play afterwards if you wish to do so.

We intend to send out reminders for each session near to the day and highlight if the session has any special requirements. We hope that the new programme will meet the needs of our members and a recent survey of 30 attendees has informed our topic choices.

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| **Date** | **Teacher** | **Topic to be covered** | **Comments / requirements** |
| 15th September  2016 | Peter Nicholds | Fourth Suit Forcing |  |
| 13th October  2016 | Liz Bretherton | ‘Diamonds are a Girl’s Best Friend’  (Extended Stayman) |  |
| 17th November  2016 | Denis Gough | Cue bidding |  |
| 15th December  2016 | Chris Curtis | Identifying potential slams |  |
|  |  | **Christmas Break** |  |
| 19th January  2017 | Liam Johnstone | ‘Bid one - Get one Free’ (Showing Two Suits in a Contested Auction) |  |
| 20th February  2017 | Alan Green | ‘The Hardest and Often Overlooked Bit’  Defending and Opening Leads |  |
| 16th March  2017 | Alan Giblin | The One No Trump Response (and Other Part- score Matters) |  |
| 20th April  2017 | David Motley | Defence when the opponents double partner’s one No Trump opening bid |  |
| 18th May  2017 | Adam Fraise | Defence to interference to partner’s one No Trump with a suit bid (e.g. Lebensohl) |  |
| 15th June  2017 | Peter Nicholds | ‘It’s Elementary my Dear Watson’  A review of some of the basic concepts of modern Acol bidding |  |
| **July / August** |  | **Summer Break** |  |

Other possible topics already identified for a potential third series of lessons, if wanted, are:-

* rule of 11
* weak twos
* 3rd suit forcing
* Doubles

Please suggest other topics at any time to your tutor or to Peter Nicholds.

The Tutors will advise you, in advance, if the lesson will be aimed at a particular ability level or some prior learning will be necessary; or if particular resources will be needed for your coaching session.

Peter Nicholds