

Coaching at Trumps with John Newman

As a result of the assessments conducted in August the coaching will focus on the efficient use of the following modern bridge bidding and play methods:

Using inverted minor suit raises to find the best games and slams.

Using inverted minor suit raises to preempt the opposition.

Using fit showing cue bids to bids to find the best contracts in contested auctions.

Using fit showing cue bids to preempt the opposition or to know when to penalty double them if they get too high against you.

How to work out what suit to lead (instead of following rules).

How to use reverse signals as a partnership to get the most tricks out of your hands when defending.

How to plan your play effectively when declarer.

Coaching sessions will be held every second week commencing at the following times:

Wednesday mornings at 10am as from 14 September

Friday afternoons at 1.30pm as from 16 September

Friday evenings at 7.15pm as from 16 September

Sessions will last for approximately 3 hours. Pre-dealt hands will be used to practice the theme of each session. These hands will be designed to consolidate the current theory and to revise the theory covered in previous sessions.

Special arrangements will be made during some other Trumps play sessions to get even more practice at incorporating each fortnight's material and to give those who miss a coaching session the opportunity to catch up.

The fee per coaching session will be \$25. Those who participate will be encouraged to communicate with John via the internet to receive advice on how to bid or play hands which have caused them difficulties at other play sessions.

If you wish to join, contact Derrick with your attendance preference. The purpose of the assessment was to work out which areas of the game need to be covered.