

Intermediate Course – Outline Syllabus 2023/24

Note: order of lessons might vary during the year, depending on class preferences

| | Lesson topic | Theme |
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| 1 | How the Scoring Works | Scoring |
| 2 | Refresher- opening the bidding | Bidding |
| 3 | Basic principles of bidding | Bidding |
| 4 | Opening at the 1 level- 1NT and 1 of a suit | Bidding |
| 5 | Opening 1 of a suit: choice of suit, reversing, and the “barrier” | Bidding |
| 6 | Responding to partner’s 1 of a suit opening bid | Bidding |
| 7 | Opener’s rebids, after opening 1-of-a suit | Bidding |
| 8 | Responding to partner’s 1NT opener - Transfers | Bidding |
| 9 | Responding to partner’s 1NT opener - Stayman | Bidding |
| 10 | Resumé – lessons 4 - 9 | Bidding |
| 11 | Declarer play in NT contracts | Declarer play |
| 12 | Declarer play in suit contracts | Declarer play |
| 13 | More on declarer play in suit contracts - drawing trumps | Declarer play |
| 14 | Resumé – lessons 11-13 Declarer play | Declarer play |
| 15 | Weak two opening bids, and responses | Bidding |
| 16 | Hand evaluation: 10’s, 9’s, shape/long suits, sequences, re-evaluation after partner bids, etc | Bidding |
| 17 | Hand evaluation: Losing trick count | Bidding |
| 18 | Doubling | Bidding |
| 19 | More on Doubling- the “Cheat seat” | Bidding |
| 20 | Competing in the Bidding pt1: when opponents open 1 of a suit. (Includes the Weak Jump Overcall) | Bidding |
| 21 | Competing in the Bidding pt2: responding to partner’s suit overcall: “level of the fit”, and the Unassuming Cue Bid | Bidding |
| 22 | Competing in the Bidding pt3: when opponents open 1NT | Bidding |
| 23 | Competing in the Bidding pt4: the 1NT Overcall | Bidding |
| 24 | Resumé – lessons 20-23 Competitive bidding | Bidding |
| 25 | Play in defence pt1 - opening leads | Defence |
| 26 | Play in defence pt2 – signalling | Defence |
| 27 | Play in defence pt3 – discards | Defence |
| 28 | Resumé – lessons 25-27 Defence | Defence |
| 29 | Opening 4 th in hand, after three passes | Bidding |
| 30 | Opening 2NT and responses | Bidding |
| 31 | The 2C opening bid | Bidding |
| 32 | Responding to partner’s 2C opening bid | Bidding |
| 33 | Slam bidding part 1 | Bidding |
| 34 | Slam bidding part 2 | Bidding |
| 35 | Fourth Suit Forcing | Bidding |
| 36 | Play in defence- revision | Defence |