

3 Counties Bridge



Hilton St Anne's Manor Learning Weekend Bracknell

11, 12 and 13 October 2019

Douglas Wright & Laura Porro invite you to a fabulous weekend of bridge at St Anne's Manor, a classic Country House Hotel set in 25 acres of grounds in Bracknell. Your bridge will improve as Douglas & Laura host a series of seminars aimed at social and duplicate players, together with several opportunities to play bridge. You will also receive a discount to join [No Fear Bridge](#), the leading UK bridge platform for learners.



ST ANNE'S MANOR: Hilton St. Anne's Manor, Bracknell is a stunning hotel only 30 minutes from Heathrow Airport. The hotel is conveniently located close to some of the area's greatest attractions, including LEGOLAND® Windsor and Windsor Castle. Explore the leafy hotel grounds, pamper yourself at Schmoos at the Manor or visit the nearby popular attractions.

ACCOMMODATION: Our rooms range from traditional country house to modern/contemporary, so we can suit all requirements from leisure guests, families to business travellers. Our rooms are designed with comfort and convenience in mind; providing a place to unwind or to catch up on work. We have an extensive range of leisure facilities – a tennis court, a 14-metre indoor swimming pool (with whirlpool and aqua aerobics class), a fully equipped gym, Finnish Sauna and a spa offering a range of beauty treatments and packages (including massage and tanning).

BRIDGE SESSIONS WITH DOUGLAS & LAURA: Sessions last 2 hours as you are guided through Defender Play with a series of specially created instructional set deals, using various teaching techniques. No Partner Necessary.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE: You are invited to take part in Duplicate Play Sessions.

LEARNING WEEKEND ITINERARY

Friday 11 October

6pm Drinks reception
6.30pm Three Course dinner
8.00pm Duplicate Bridge

Saturday 12 October

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session one – Planning the play as declarer
We will focus on the essential thinking steps required to plan the play as declarer, using the SWOT assessment framework: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. This is an important pillar of bridge and will support you in all contracts you bid.

Free time to relax and explore – enjoy the local area, or the hotel delights and leisure facilities.

2pm – 3pm No Fear Bridge Session – Laura and Douglas will introduce you to this simple and effective online tool, which will support your learning in a fun way.
Our attendees will benefit from a fantastic discount to join the platform.

3pm – 4pm System Surgery Session – Laura will be available to answer specific questions about your system, please bring your convention card along and Laura will give you suggestions on how to make your system more effective.

4pm – 6pm Session two – On the way to slam 1
We will focus on how to evaluate your hand's strength in the context of slam bidding. We will emphasise what is needed to make a hand suitable for slam and how this differs from hand evaluation in a game / part score context. This will include an introduction to control cue bids, a useful convention to explore slam.

6.30pm Three Course dinner
8.00pm Duplicate Bridge

Sunday 13 October

Breakfast

10am – 12am Session three – On the way to slam 2
We will focus on an enhanced version of Blackwood, which allows you to find out more about partner's hand. This is called Roman Key Card Blackwood. Its focus is on the precious queen of trumps: this convention will help you avoid slams which hang on scary finesses!

12.30pm Three Course lunch

Depart at your leisure

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PRICES AND BOOKING INFORMATION

Cost per person based on standard room double occupancy – 2 nights
Cost per person based on standard room single occupancy – 2 nights

£349
£374

Please ask if you would like details of upgrades or if you would like to attend the weekend as a non - resident.

Cost includes

- Drinks reception on Friday evening
- Two nights' four-star hotel accommodation, including breakfast
- Three Course dinner on Friday
- Three Course dinner on Saturday
- Sunday Lunch
- Duplicate bridge sessions
- Full use of St Anne's Manor leisure facilities, including swimming pool and gym



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Booking Form

Please book online at <http://www.3countiesbridge.com/> or alternatively fill in this form and return it to Laura Saka, 3 Counties Bridge, Lothlorien, Barley Mow Hill, Arford, Hampshire GU35 8AB, together with your deposit cheque made payable to "3 Counties Bridge" for £50 per person. To pay directly online, please make a bank transfer to:

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1. I would like to book ____ person(s) on the weekend:

Name	Room type (single/double/twin)
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2. Please note any supplementary requirements below, e.g. vegetarian meals, allergies etc

3. Please complete the following:

Address

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Telephone

Mobile

Email

Signed

Full payment is due on 13 September 2019. Reservations are made on a first come first served basis. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.