



Bridge Lessons at Cheltenham Bridge Club 2023

I am emailing you because you have enquired about our bridge lessons.

Two Pathways to Learn Bridge:

1. Two Year Course

We run a two-year course which starts from scratch for absolute beginners and aims to teach enough bridge to enable you to feel confident to play at some of the club's sessions, another club or with family and friends.

If you have played some bridge in the past, maybe learning informally, the Year 1 course will help you to build a good foundation so you can better understand what you have learnt and enable you to develop further.

The Year 1 course begins by teaching Mini Bridge. This is a great way to start as you will learn a lot about playing bridge – without bidding.

As the term progresses you will learn about simple bidding sequences, card play techniques and bridge etiquette. Plenty of time is dedicated to practicing and consolidation.

The Year 2 course is for those who have completed the Year 1 course and for more experienced players, who wish to further improve their bridge. The Year 2 course provides plenty of opportunities for you to learn more techniques to further improve your bidding and card play. We will give you more details about this course later in the year.

The Year 1 course is 24 weeks long – two terms of 12 weeks and each lesson is 2 hours long. A lesson will focus on a topic – you will receive some instruction (about 30 mins) with the rest of the lesson practising and embedding what you have learnt. There are some lessons purely dedicated to consolidation with no new learning.

Lessons are taught in a friendly, relaxed and sociable environment. Time is provided for a short break. We limit group size to 16 (20 at a stretch).

The cost of a term of 12 lessons is £140 (includes VAT) and is payable **after** the first lesson. If you feel after lesson 1 that bridge is not for you, you can dip out and you will not have paid for the term. Details about paying for the term will be given after lesson 1.

We fully understand that it is hard to commit to all lessons in a term. If you are unable to make all the lessons, please do not worry as we give homework and notes so you can keep up with the new learning. Most lessons will involve reviewing previous learning.

2. Learn the Basics in a Weekend

We also run an intensive weekend course. This course is ideal for those who have family or friends to practise with afterwards.

The BASICS are taught in one intensive weekend – enough to enable you to play a basic game of bridge.

We will offer a follow up weekend early in 2024, which revises the basics and teaches you more bidding techniques. This course will run if numbers allow. The two weekends are equivalent to the Year 1 course.

We limit group size to 12 so that you get more individual teaching.

The weekend course costs £140 which includes all tuition, notes and hot drinks.

Dates and times

Pathway 1

The lessons will take place on a Wednesday, with two start times.

We are planning to start the course on **Wednesday 27th September 2023**. You will have two options - a class between **10:00-12:00** or **19:00-21:00**. This term will run until 13th December 2021.

The second term will start on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

Pathway 2

The first intensive bridge weekend will be on **25-26th November 2023**

In Summary

Cheltenham Bridge Club has a very well-established teaching programme. Because the club is large, we can put on two sessions a week dedicated to newcomers to bridge – so once you have finished the course there will be appropriate sessions you can join.

If you would like more information or to put your name on the waiting list, please contact Nicola Renshaw on nicola_renshaw@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your interest and I look forward to hearing from you.

Nicola Renshaw
