

BRONZE to SILVER WEEKEND

17/18 June 2023, New Melville Bridge Club

*Suitable for experienced **Bronze** players, **Silver** players and **Gold** players too.*

Scottish Internationalist **Iain Sime** will cover wide-ranging topics based on his popular Bronze to Silver classes which started five years ago. The aim is to bridge the knowledge gap between experienced tournament regulars and the ever-increasing bronze category. But the content is wide-ranging and may also be very useful to newly promoted Silver players and Gold players who need a refresher.

Each day will include two sessions on each of the following:

- **The Auction:** *Focussing on competitive bidding and conventions commonly used by Silver players.*
- **Play & Defence:** *How to make that extra trick, defensive understandings and play problems.*
- **Bridge Intangibles:** *Preparation, strategies, rules, and other disruptions.*

At the end of each day there will be a mini-tournament. This will have pre-dealt hands, designed to expand on the lesson content, and a commentary.

Proposed timetable

Saturday 17 June	
11 am:	Introduction
11.15:	The Auction 1: Slam Bidding
12 pm:	Play Problems 1
12.30:	Game Strategy: match points v IMPs
1 pm:	Lunch break**
2 pm:	The Auction 2: Doubles and Redoubles
3 pm:	Defence: Count, Attitude, Suit Preference
3.30:	Rulings, Alerts and Hesitations
4 pm:	Tea Break
4.15:	Play 12 Boards
5.45:	Results, discussion
6.30:	Close

Sunday 18 June	
10 am:	The Auction 3: Competing over 1NT and Weak 2s
11 am:	Play Problems 2
11.30:	Intangibles: Preparation and Focus
12.00:	Lunch break**
1 pm:	The Auction 4: Common Gadgets
2 pm:	Play and Defend: Win/save an extra trick
2.30:	Etiquette and Conduct
3 pm:	Tea Break
3.15:	Play 12 Boards
4.45:	Results, discussion
5.30:	Close

** Tea and coffee are provided, but please bring your own food, or visit the local outlets – approx. half a mile away.

Course Venue- New Melville Bridge Club, 1 Pinkhill, Edinburgh EH12 7BA.

The timetable has been devised so that those within commuting distance can travel to/from the classes. Those from further away may opt to stay at the local Holiday Inn, or one of the many guest houses in the area.

Spaces are limited and offered on a first come - first served basis.

The cost will be £40 per person including tea, coffee etc

To apply, please email iain.sime63@gmail.com

(Questions about the course should be addressed to Iain at this address)

Payment via bank transfer to:

The New Melville Bridge Club - Santander –

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