

## Seminar Program Spring 2026

The seminars will run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the month, starting on 24<sup>th</sup> January & finishing on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The "lesson" part of the seminar will last for around 45 minutes, followed by practice hands to reinforce the learning, there will be a "coffee" break after an hour.

### **Seminar 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Declarer play in No trumps (Steve)**

This seminar is suitable for all levels of players, including beginners.

We will look at how we cope with the defence having a good suit in which we have only 1 "stop" & the concept of "danger hand", which that situation often creates. Also we will look at how we can set up a long suit in an otherwise weak hand. End play tactics (including squeezes) will be looked at briefly.

### **Seminar 2 – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Where's the Queen of Hearts? (Roman Key Card Blackwood) (Helga)**

We realise that many of you will already use Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB) – however how many of you that do know about asking for the Queen of trumps after a 5♣/♦ response? Helga will show you how we can do that.

### **Seminar 3 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Cue Bidding to find the Slam (Sue)**

This seminar will show you how Cue Bidding can help you find slams that you'd avoid using just RKCB.

Adventurous Beginners would find both this seminar & Seminar 2 of interest, although the bidding processes which often leads to slams will only be covered towards the end of their 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

### **Seminar 4 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Revision of transfer responses to 1NT (Helga)**

Everyone apart from Beginners would find this seminar useful. It will include looking at the full McKendrick 2♠ convention.

### **Seminar 5 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Defence vs NT's (Steve)**

This would be relevant to everyone. Opening lead is often key to defending NT contracts, so this will be focused on. But there will be lots of advanced tips.