



Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Club

Continuing bridge lessons

Term 1		
Lesson Week	Lesson Title	Objectives
Consolidation of year 1 learning		
1	What I already know part 1 (balanced hands)	- To recall when to open 1NT - To understand a Stayman responding bid - To identify hands suitable to transfer
2	What I already know part 2 (unbalanced hands)	- To identify hands suitable to open one of a suit - To recognise how to respond to a level 1 suit opening bid to your shape and strength - To understand a change of suit is a forcing bid
3	What I already know part 3 (overcalls)	- To appreciate the reasons for competing in an auction - To reinforce how to overcall - To consolidate how to respond to an overcall
4	Planning the play & SWOT analysis	- To reinforce planning the declarer play - To identify the options to make extra tricks - To learn how to plan the play using SWOT
Developing the auction		
5	Losing Trick count	- To know how to count the number of losers in a hand - To estimate partner's losers from the bidding - To learn how to bid to the level indicated by using the LTC
6	Bidding the 4 th suit	- To recognise a FSF bid and use the ALERT card - To know how to respond to a FSF bid - To learn how to continue bidding to a makable level
Defensive play		
7	Defence	- To identify defenders' trick target and strategy - To know how to use a reverse attitude in response to partner's lead - To recognise when to unblock partner's lead suit
8	Further defensive techniques	- To appreciate the common defensive strategies and exceptions - To know when cover an honour - To recognise a frozen suit
9	Leads	- To understand the meaning of lead through strength - To recognise when and when not to lead partner's suit - To know how to use a count signal on declarer's lead
Competitive bidding play		
10	Takeout	- To consolidate understanding of a simple takeout double bid - To know when and why to use a takeout doubles - To be able to respond to a takeout double bid



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11	Responsive double	- To know when and why to use a responsive double - To be able to respond to a responsive double bid
12	Raising partner after takeout double	- To know how to support partner's bid after opponents have doubled - To recognise a pre-emptive support bid - To learn how to redouble to show values without support
13	Negative and lead directing doubles	- To learn when to bid as normal or use a negative double after opponents have overcalled - To understand partner's negative double - To recognise a lead directing double
Declarer play		
14	The danger hand in no trumps contract	- To understand the importance of planning - To identify danger hand - To learn declarer tactics to achieve contract (ducking and two way finesse)
15	The danger hand in suit contract	- To learn declarer tactics to achieve contract (ruffing finesse and lead toward an honour) - To identify your losers - To appreciate how to discard losers to make your contract
16	Counting	- To appreciate the importance of counting as declarer or defender - To understand the importance of counting HCPS in order to identify which way to take a finesse - To appreciate the importance of noticing the cards played by partner and opponents
Defence to 1NT opening bid		
17	Penalty double after a 1NT opening	- To understand the difference between penalty and take out doubles - To learn when to bid a penalty double after opponents have opened 1NT - To know how to respond to your partner's double of 1NT
18	Defence to 1NT Landy	- To learn a defensive convention (Landy) after opponents open 1NT - To recognise a hand suitable to bid Landy - To learn how to respond to Landy
Tidying up		
19	Showing shape	- To understand how to bid to show the shape of your hand - To recall the barrier and its importance - To recognise when to raise with 3 card support
20	Bidding Awkward hands	- To understand how to bid 4441 hands - To know when to open 2NT with a nearly balanced hand - To appreciate how to open 1NT with more flexibility



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Term 3		
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Defender's play		
21	Defence signals and discards	- To understand reason for signalling - To know how use a signal and recognise partner's signal - To use cues to develop a defensive strategy
22	The count signal on declarers lead	- To appreciate the importance of a count signal - To know how use a suit preference signal - To recognise partner's signal
23	Making tricks with trumps - forcing defence	- To understand how best to use your trumps - To appreciate how to achieve a trump promotion - To know when to use a forcing defensive strategy
Slam bidding		
24	Slam bidding revision	- To recognise bidding sequences that can lead to a slam - To understand the principle of fast arrival - To recap on the opening bid of 2 clubs
25	Cue bidding	- To understand a control in a suit - To learn how to make a cue bid - To recognise a cue bid and understand how to respond
More advanced Bidding		
26	The Unassuming Cue Bid (BOSS)	- To understand how to use the unassuming cue bid - To recognise partner's UCB and alert - To know how to respond to partner's UCB
27	Transfer to minors	- To understand when to bid a Minor suit transfer - To recognise and respond to a Minor suit transfer - To appreciate that often playing in No trumps is preferable than a minor suit
28	Revision and consolidation	To consolidate Year 2 learning based on student feedback
29	Revision and consolidation	To review key Year 2 concepts in response to student queries
30	Revision and consolidation	- To consolidate learning - To use the Bridgemates