

# Whitley Bay & Tynemouth Bridge Club Improvement Course

This course will be run by John Paton over 11 weeks from 10 April to 19 June on a Wednesday evening at the Club from 7-9pm. The fee for the course is £40. The course is a follow on from the beginner's class that has run from September 2023 but is **open to ALL members of the Club.**

This is an opportunity to revise your knowledge of Bridge basics but also learn about other Bridge ideas such as:

- Bidding 1NT including Landy
- Opening suit bids and responses such as Benji
- Using the Losing Trick Count to judge how high to bid
- Overcalls and the use of Negative Doubles (Sputnik Doubles)
- Strong opening bids including Reverse Bids
- Opening leads – good and bad!
- Bridge “Rules” e.g. Rule of 20
- Slam Bidding including Splinters and Cue Bids
- Evaluation of different Bridge hands



Each session will begin with a presentation revising basic Bridge principles and covering a topic listed above. This will last about 15-20 minutes and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

The rest of the session will be devoted to playing Bridge, but unlike Club sessions, help is available, and discussion of hands can take place.

It's meant to be an enjoyable experience so don't be put off by the list above. You can always come along and just play Bridge in a relaxed and friendly environment!