

Defence

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Start date: 10:00 – 12:00, Thursday 22nd January
Cost: £8 per session (pay as you attend)

“Without a doubt, defence is the hardest part of bridge. Every average player knows the principles of bidding and sensible ways to play as declarer [TADSS!], but when it comes to defence, players make mistake after mistake. This is often the result of insufficient information to make the right choice.” (*Wladyslaw Izdebski & Roman Krzemien*)

Given that you will spend roughly 25% of your time at the table as declarer, but 50% as a defender, it really pays to invest in acquiring good defensive habits and skills in order to markedly improve your scores (and enjoyment). This course is therefore designed for all bridge players who want to develop and improve their defensive technique.

The topics are:

Jan 22nd	Introduction: What should we consider?
Jan 29th	Counting the hand
Feb 5th	Defence vs No Trump – the lead
Feb 12th	3rd hand play – using what you think Partner holds
Feb 19th	Signalling in No Trump – what to signal and how
Feb 26th	Defence vs suit contracts – the lead
Mar 5th	2nd hand play – be a clever ducker
Mar 12th	Signalling in Suit Contracts
Mar 19th	Suit preference signals
Mar 26th	Passive or Active ...?