**Beginners Classes**

There are two Beginners Classes, designed for those who have no knowledge of the game of bridge. One is on a Monday evening at 7.15 pm, starting October 16th and the other is on Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 pm, starting October 11th. In both classes a comprehensive set of notes will be provided. The cost is £50 for 10 consecutive lessons. Pay in advance when you register.

The classes run for nearly a year after which students are encouraged to graduate to the Improvers Classes. Students attending classes are tutorial members of Bristol Bridge Club and thus are entitled to participate in Club events.

In May, students attending Beginners Classes are invited to compete for the Madge Kirk Trophy, a simple stress-free event to give a taste of competitive bridge.

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(both classes)

**Improvers Classes**

Improvers classes will start with a 6 week module of revision of basic aspects of bidding and play. This will be on Monday evenings at 7:15 starting on 4th September and will cost £40, again payable in advance when you register. After that there will be several modules of 8 lessons introducing new topics. The first module will be on a Wednesday evening at 7:15pm starting on October 18th. Lessons will include play practice plus these new topics :

1. Defence - 3rd hand play
2. Bidding 4-4-4-1 hands
3. Leads
4. Passive and active defence
5. Losing trick count
6. Protective position bidding
7. Covering
8. Cross ruff

The cost of these 8 lessons is £55. Stephen Royal will teach all these 14 lessons. Future modules will then be arranged for after Christmas with maybe other teachers and on other days of the week.

On Monday evening at 7:15pm there is a Supervised Play session when an expert will be on hand to give advice on bidding and play.

On most Friday evenings there is a gentle duplicate competition suitable for 2nd year students, since you can play the hands at a pace that you are comfortable with.

After gaining confidence playing on a Monday or Friday evening, improvers could move on to playing in a No Fear pairs competition on a Friday morning (10am-1pm). You play 21 hands at a fairly relaxed pace. There are also No Fear pairs competitions on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon (1.15pm-4.45pm) when you play 24 or 26 hands

**Expert Seminars**

From time to time there will be a Seminar at the club when a topic of advanced bidding or play will be discussed. These are usually on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening and are aimed at players who have been playing for a few years and want to improve.

**Regular Duplicate Bridge**

The main nights for regular duplicate bridge are Tuesday and Thursday. There are handicap and non-handicap events, both teams and pairs, and experienced Directors run all sessions. Scoring is by computer The club website: **www.bristolbridgeclub.co.uk.** Hands are computer-dealt and therefore a full record of all hands played is available. Master points can be earned.

3 club competitions are played monthly on Thursdays – the Hicks Handicapped Teams, the Handicapped Pairs , and the Mendela Trophy. Tuesday evenings are the largest, attracting 16-20 tables. There is a fully licensed bar with sandwiches available.

In addition there are Sociable Saturday Evenings. The emphasis is on “sociable”, beginning with a complimentary glass of wine and including an “American Supper” in between two sessions of bridge. All standards welcome.

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