

## Beginners Classes

There are two Beginners Classes, designed for those who have no knowledge of card games. One is on Wednesday evening at 7.15 pm, starting September 15<sup>th</sup> and the other is on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm, starting October 13<sup>th</sup>. In both classes a comprehensive set of notes will be provided. The cost is £6 per lesson or £35 for 10 consecutive lessons. For students of school age the cost is £1 per lesson.

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

On some Friday evenings there is an Instructional Pairs session suitable for beginners after about 10 lessons. After playing a hand, students refer to a book to see the recommended bidding and play.

In May or June 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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(Wednesday afternoon)

## Improvers Classes and Expert Seminars

On Monday evening at 7:15pm there is a Supervised Play session and an Improvers Class, suitable for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. During the Supervised Play session an expert will be on hand to give advice on bidding and play. Improvers Classes start on September 13<sup>th</sup>. They cost £6 per lesson or £40 for 10 consecutive lessons

On most Friday evenings there are competitions suitable for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, since you can play the hands at a pace you are comfortable with. These are Instructional Pairs where the hands come from a book and Match Practice where you can compare your result with those of others who have played the hand

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 18-20 hands at a relaxed pace and this attracts 7 or 8 tables. There are also No Fear pairs competitions on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon (1.15pm-4.45pm). You play 26 or 27 hands and so the play is slightly faster.

From time to time there will be an Expert 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 couple of years or so.

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## 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 and results are posted on the club website: **[www.bristolbridgeclub.co.uk](http://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 Joan Leary Cup for pairs, also handicapped, and the Mandela Trophy. Tuesday evenings are the largest, attracting 18-24 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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