



## Harrogate Bridge Courses and Holidays, Autumn 2010

Following the success of the first two years, Jack restarts his Bridge courses in Harrogate on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010. All courses last eight consecutive weeks, cost £120 and no partner needed.

*“Jack is a Bridge teacher par excellence, as many will testify”  
Andrew Robson, Times columnist and Number One British player.*

The venue is upstairs at the Palm Court Café, 29 Montpellier Parade, Harrogate HG1 2TG, above Farrah's Food Halls, just down from Betty's and opposite the Crown Hotel. There is plenty of metered parking nearby, and free parking within five minutes walk.

<b>BEGINNER COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Wednesday 6.30pm – 8pm</b>
This really does mean beginner; it's either for people who have never touched a playing card in their lives or for those who learnt in the distant past. Starting from scratch and learning at a gentle pace throughout the eight weeks, the emphasis is on fun and enjoyment, although you will be given clear notes at the end of each class.	1. Introduction	29 <sup>th</sup> September
	2. Balanced Hands	6 <sup>th</sup> October
	3. Scoring	13 <sup>th</sup> October
	4. The Play – Winning Tricks	20 <sup>th</sup> October
	5. FITS and Bidding Game	27 <sup>th</sup> October
	6. Responding to 1NT	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	7. Responding to Suit Bids	10 <sup>th</sup> November
	8. Overcalling	17 <sup>th</sup> November

<b>INTERMEDIATE COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Tuesday 1pm – 2.45pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 6.15pm–8pm</b>
Suitable for those who have played bridge for a long time, or just a year or two, this course will bring you up to date with the modern game, as it covers all basic aspects of Bridge. Topics include the Rules of 14 and 20, SQOT and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". Learning bridge has never been such fun.	1. Suit Bidding	28 <sup>th</sup> September	29 <sup>th</sup> September
	2. No Trump Bidding	5 <sup>th</sup> October	6 <sup>th</sup> October
	3. Playing Suit Contracts	12 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October
	4. Opening Lead	19 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October
	5. Overcalling	26 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October
	6. No Trump Play & Finesses	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	7. Double	9 <sup>th</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November
	8. Strong Twos & Blackwood	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November

<b>INTERMEDIATE PLAY COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Wednesday 10.45am – 12.30pm</b>
This course will be ideal for those who have completed the Intermediate and need to consolidate their bidding technique whilst at the same time improving their declarer play and defence. Aimed at those who would prefer to improve their card play rather than take on the challenge of the Intermediate Plus course too soon.	1. The Finesse	29 <sup>th</sup> September
	2. Length and Force	6 <sup>th</sup> October
	3. 3NT – making a plan	13 <sup>th</sup> October
	4. Drawing Trumps	20 <sup>th</sup> October
	5. Trumping in Dummy	27 <sup>th</sup> October
	6. Tricky Opening Leads	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	7. Defence against NoTrumps	10 <sup>th</sup> November
	8. Defence vs Suit Contracts	17 <sup>th</sup> November

<b>INTERMEDIATE PLUS COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Tuesday 11am – 12.45pm</b>
This course follows on from the Intermediate Play course. You should have already taken the Intermediate course as the subject matter is of a more advanced nature and as always, the set hands will test your card play. Those who took this course last term saw their game sharpened considerably.	1. Stayman	28 <sup>th</sup> September
	2. Suit Combinations and Finesses	5 <sup>th</sup> October
	3. Losing Trick Count	12 <sup>th</sup> October
	4. Signals & Discards	19 <sup>th</sup> October
	5. NoTrump Play, Rules of 7 & 11	26 <sup>th</sup> October
	6. Responder's Rebid	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
	7. Setting up the Side Suit	9 <sup>th</sup> November
	8. Pre-empt	16 <sup>th</sup> November

More courses overleaf

<b>NEW! - ADVANCED COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Tuesday 6.15pm – 8pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 1pm–2.45pm</b>
This course will be ideal for experienced social Bridge players or those who are starting to enjoy the challenge and excitement of Duplicate Bridge. Fourth Suit Forcing and the UCB are two very useful conventional bids and will keep you going until Transfers and Roman Keycard Blackwood in 2011!	1. Unassuming Cue Bid	28 <sup>th</sup> September	29 <sup>th</sup> September
	2. 4441	5 <sup>th</sup> October	6 <sup>th</sup> October
	3. Playing No Trumps	12 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October
	4. Fourth Suit Forcing	19 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October
	5. Further uses of Double	26 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October
	6. Coping with Intervention	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	7. Card Placing	9 <sup>th</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November
	8. Elimination and Endplay	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November

## **GENTLE DUPLICATE**

*Every Wednesday 3pm to 5.15pm, starting 29<sup>th</sup> September, ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010*

Aimed at those who have completed the Intermediate course, Gentle Duplicate is the ideal way to improve one's game as there is no help from Jack and the hands are all random. You will play two or three hands against different opponents and record the score. Jack will score up at the end via computer, so you can measure your progress on a week by week basis. He will also run through any tricky hands in the last quarter of an hour. No booking or partner necessary, so come to as many as you like, £8.

## **SUPERVISED PLAY SESSION with set hands**

*Every Tuesday 3pm to 5pm, starting 28<sup>th</sup> September, ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010*

Imagine playing relaxed rubber bridge/set hands with your friends in your living room, able to ask advice from a friendly, expert supervisor. That is exactly what we aim to provide. Students have enjoyed the challenging set hands from the lessons and all who attended have seen a rise in confidence. No booking or partner necessary, so come to as many as you like. £5 per hour.

## **BRIDGE HOLIDAYS**

Every year Jack runs various Bridge holidays abroad, and weekends on the South Coast, on behalf of The Andrew Robson Bridge Club. Andrew Robson provides his teaching material and excellent set hands which are taught by Jack. Many Yorkshire players have now joined in, as the standard is Intermediate and the atmosphere friendly and relaxing. Coming up:

19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2010	Weekend Break to The Millstream Hotel, Bosham, Chichester
15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2011	Ski Holiday to Hotel Alpina, Klosters
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Weekend Break to The Millstream Hotel, Bosham, Chichester
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Sandbanks Midweek Break, Poole, Dorset
10 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	10 Day Roman Empire Mediterranean Cruise
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Dubrovnik Summer Holiday, 5* Grand Villa Argentina Hotel

## **SELECTED BRIDGE MERCHANDISE Pay and Order Online**

Andrew Robson's Essential Flipper	£10	Blue Chip Bridge CD Rom	£65
Andrew Robson's Teaching DVD	£20	Wooden Bridge table	£115

Further details of ALL merchandise and Bridge holidays are on my website [www.yorkshirebridge.com](http://www.yorkshirebridge.com)

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