



Harrogate Bridge Courses, Spring 2012

Jack Stocken restarts his Bridge courses in Harrogate on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January 2012. All courses last eight consecutive weeks, cost £120 and no partner needed. Missed lessons can be made up the following term. Minimum numbers apply. The Beginner course will return in September 2012.

*“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.

NEXT STEP COURSE	Lessons	Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Designed to bridge the gap (sorry!) between Beginner and Intermediate, the Next Step Course is the perfect way to increase confidence and build on the foundations from the Beginner Course. Also aimed at players who are too rusty for the Intermediate Course.	1. Introduction	25 th January
	2. Playing Suit Contracts	1 st February
	3. Two Important Bidding Rules	8 th February
	4. Opening Lead and Defence	15 th February
	5. Overcalling	22 nd February
	6. Playing No Trump Contracts	29 th February
	7. Responding to a Suit Opener	7 th March
	8. Opening Bids at the 3 Level	14 th March

INTERMEDIATE COURSE	Lessons	Tuesday 1.00pm – 2.45pm
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 essential aspects of Bridge. Learn about The Rules of 14 and 20 and the cardinal sin of leading against a suit contract – “Never lead away from an Ace!” Set hands are used throughout, and on all subsequent courses.	1. Suit Bidding as Opener	24 th January
	2. Suit Bidding as Responder	31 st January
	3. Playing Suit Contracts	7 th February
	4. Responding to 1NT	14 th February
	5. Strong Balanced Hands	21 st February
	6. Opening Lead	28 th February
	7. Playing No Trumps & Finesses	6 th March
	8. T.O.P. Defence	13 th March

INTERMEDIATE PLAY COURSE	Lessons	Wednesday 6.15pm – 8.00pm
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 Improver or Intermediate Plus course too soon.	1. The Finesse	25 th January
	2. Length and Force	1 st February
	3. 3NT – making a plan	8 th February
	4. Drawing Trumps	15 th February
	5. Trumping in Dummy	22 nd February
	6. Tricky Opening Leads	29 th February
	7. Defence vs Suit Contracts	7 th March
	8. Defence against NoTrumps	14 th March

IMPROVER COURSE	Lessons	Tuesday 6.15pm – 8.00pm
This course follows on from the Intermediate course and includes vital bidding tools such as “Double” and “Blackwood” and an introduction to the giddy heights of Slam bidding. This course can EITHER be taken straight after the Intermediate course or after the Intermediate Play course, depending on confidence!	1. The Take Out Double	24 th January
	2. The Penalty Double	31 st January
	3. Blackwood & Slam Bidding	7 th February
	4. Opening at the 2 Level	14 th February
	5. Overcalling and S.Q.O.T	21 st February
	6. Uncontested Bidding Review	28 th February
	7. Invitational Bids	6 th March
	8. Forcing Bids	13 th March

More courses overleaf

INTERMEDIATE PLUS COURSE	Lessons	Wednesday 3.00pm – 4.45pm
This course follows on from the Intermediate Play and Improver courses. 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	25 th January
	2. Suit Combinations and Finesses	1 st February
	3. Losing Trick Count	8 th February
	4. Signals & Discards	15 th February
	5. NoTrump Play, Rules of 7 & 11	22 nd February
	6. Responder's Rebid	29 th February
	7. Setting up the Side Suit	7 th March
	8. Pre-empt	14 th March

CONVENTIONS COURSE - NEW!	Lessons	Wednesday 1.00 – 2.45pm
Due to popular demand, I will be teaching all of the most useful Conventions in Bridge so you will be able to compete with your peers on a level playing field! DISRUPT your opponents bidding space with Weak Twos and the Unusual 2NT, Open up more bidding space with Transfers over 1NT and 2NT, and bid to Slam more confidently with RKCB and three other gems. Happy Slamming!	1. Transfers	25 th January
	2. Roman Key Card Blackwood	1 st February
	3. Unusual 2NT	8 th February
	4. Weak Twos	15 th February
	5. Ace Showing Cue Bids	22 nd February
	6. Splinter Bids	29 th February
	7. Jacoby 2NT	7 th March
	8. Protective Bidding	14 th March

SUPERVISED PLAY SESSION with set hands

Every Tuesday, 3pm to 5pm, starting 24th January, ending 13th March 2012

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:

12 th – 19 th January 2012	Ski Holiday, 4* Hotel Alpina, Klosters <i>Fully Booked</i>
16 th – 18 th March 2012	Weekend break, 4* Millstream Hotel, Bosham, Chichester <i>Fully Booked</i>
17 th - 20 th April 2012	York Midweek Break, 4* Grange Hotel <i>non-residents welcome</i>
8 th - 15 th September 2012	Sicily Summer Holiday, 4* Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina
9 th – 11 th November 2012	Weekend break, 4* Millstream Hotel, Bosham, Chichester
23 rd – 25 th November 2012	Weekend break, 4* Millstream Hotel, Bosham, Chichester
5 th – 12 th January 2013	Ski Holiday, 4*S Hotel Sonnenburg, Oberlech, Austria

Please note that all of our UK Hotels have two AA Rosettes for excellent cuisine.

PLAY BRIDGE ONLINE

Log on at www.yorkshirebridge.com and have a **FREE** 7 day trial. Practice against the computer, or play with others in the UK or around the world online. Many students have found this the perfect way to fit in a half hour or hour's practice if time is limited but be warned, it can become addictive!

Further details of ALL merchandise and Bridge holidays are on my website www.yorkshirebridge.com
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