



## YORKSHIRE BRIDGE

### Helmsley Bridge Courses, Spring 2012

After the success of the first year at the Helmsley Arts Centre, Jack will restart his Bridge courses on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. All courses last eight weeks, cost £120 and no partner needed. If you have to miss a class or two, then these can be made up the following term. Minimum numbers apply.

*“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 Helmsley Arts Centre, The Old Meeting House, Helmsley, YO62 5DW. There is parking available. Beginner courses will return in late September 2012.

<b>INTERMEDIATE COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Monday 9.30am – 11.15am</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 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!” <b>Set hands are used throughout and on all subsequent courses.</b>	1. Suit Bidding as Opener	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
	2. Suit Bidding as Responder	30 <sup>th</sup> January
	3. Playing Suit Contracts	6 <sup>th</sup> February
	4. Responding to 1NT	13 <sup>th</sup> February
	5. Strong Balanced Hands	20 <sup>th</sup> February
	6. Opening Lead	27 <sup>th</sup> February
	7. Playing No Trumps & Finesses	5 <sup>th</sup> March
	8. T.O.P. Defence	12 <sup>th</sup> March

<b>INTERMEDIATE PLAY COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Monday 11.30am – 1.15pm</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 Improver or Intermediate Plus course too soon.	1. The Finesse	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
	2. Length and Force	30 <sup>th</sup> January
	3. 3NT – making a plan	6 <sup>th</sup> February
	4. Drawing Trumps	13 <sup>th</sup> February
	5. Trumping in Dummy	20 <sup>th</sup> February
	6. Tricky Opening Leads	27 <sup>th</sup> February
	7. Defence vs Suit Contracts	5 <sup>th</sup> March
	8. Defence against NoTrumps	12 <sup>th</sup> March

<b>IMPROVER COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Monday 1.30pm – 3.15pm</b>
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	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
	2. The Penalty Double	30 <sup>th</sup> January
	3. Blackwood & Slam Bidding	6 <sup>th</sup> February
	4. Opening at the 2 Level	13 <sup>th</sup> February
	5. Overcalling and S.Q.O.T	20 <sup>th</sup> February
	6. Uncontested Bidding Review	27 <sup>th</sup> February
	7. Invitational Bids	5 <sup>th</sup> March
	8. Forcing Bids	12 <sup>th</sup> March

<b>NEXT STEP COURSE</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Monday 3.30pm – 5.00pm</b>
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	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
	2. Playing Suit Contracts	30 <sup>th</sup> January
	3. Two Important Bidding Rules	6 <sup>th</sup> February
	4. Opening Lead and Defence	13 <sup>th</sup> February
	5. Overcalling	20 <sup>th</sup> February
	6. Playing No Trump Contracts	27 <sup>th</sup> February
	7. Responding to a Suit Opener	5 <sup>th</sup> March
	8. Opening Bids at the 3 Level	12 <sup>th</sup> March

Bridge Holidays overleaf

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

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## **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	£120

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