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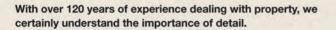
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09	Trip to Italian Lakes	
	Open Evening	18.00 - 19.15
	Taster Session	18.30 - 19.45
09	Intermediate Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Beginner Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Advanced Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Next Step Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Annual Championship Pairs	11.00 - 16.00
	Simultaneous Pairs	19.15 - 22.45
09	Millstream Weekend	
)9	Improver Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
19	Advanced Defence Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Christmas Chicago Party (free)	from 18.00
19	Childrens Courses	10.30 - 12.30 / 14.00 - 16.00
	Ski Trip to Zermatt	
	Open Evening	18.00 - 19.15
	Taster Session	18.30 - 19.45
	Beginner Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Millstream Weekend	
	Intermediate Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Next Step Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Advanced Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Improver Weekend	10.00 - 16.30
	Millstream Midweek Break	
	Harrogate Midweek Break	
	Mediterranean Cruise	
10	Trip to Malta	

# Andrew's Editorial

Welcome to the new-look all bells-and-whistles Club Magazine. No longer will there be two magazines, arbitrarily dividing Lessons/Club schedule with all else. Everything you need to know will be under one roof. There are separate sections on our News and Features; Photos; Lesson & Club Programme; Holidays; and Shop including order form.

I have been working very hard on my new book and CD "What should have Happened", based on five years of Friday columns in The Times (but with much more, especially in the CD). I know I'm biased, but I think you will like it and learn lots from it. There is a free demo version of the CD you can download from the home page of our website (www.arobson.co.uk). If it's the book you're more interested in, you can read a sample deal of the book on the facing page. Signed copies are available at the Club.

Jack Stocken has, as ever, organised a fabulous holiday programme for you (see the Holiday Section on pages 26-31). Lorna Heaton, so much more than Jack's Sancho Panza, will, as usual be there. Last in the bar and first in the pool, Lorna's energy and zest for fun is amazing. In addition to the treasured trips to Bosham's charming Millstream Hotel, he is hoping to attract you to his native Yorkshire. I love his bit the Dales - which I remember well from my Coast to Coast walk some 11 years ago and I am sure he will organise a lovely trip. Indeed (hot off the press - see p28) Jack informs me you will be staying at the historic Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate with a special visit to Fountains Abbey. You can look forward to some fun Bridge on the train journey too.

With holidays abroad to Italy this September, to Zermatt for our annual ski-trip in January and a wonderful exclusive cruise to the Mediterranean next May (the Norway cruise was a huge success - See David Con's lovely piece on page 9 - but we've opted for the almost guaranteed warmth and sunshine of the Med see p29), there is much to look forward to. In fact (again hot off the press) Jack informs me he's secured an excellent rate at a fabulous hotel in Malta - turn to p30.

I am excited about my teaching programme this autumn. I have been working hard finetuning the courses – my mission being to make the game as accessible as possible to as many people as possible. Next term I'd particularly direct you to the Intermediate Play course I have scheduled on Tuesday evening at 18.35 – 20.20 – in a rare early evening slot for me.

Each course from Beginner up to Improver Play has at least one daytime and evening slot so I hope there is something for all of you. As usual I have tried to start courses a week or so apart, such that if you away for a week you can normally attend two courses the week before or after and not miss a lesson.

Forthcoming events I would like to draw your attention to include our Annual Championship Pairs on Saturday 14th November at 11.00 -16.00 (£20 including mid- session lunch); our free Chicago Party on Friday 18th December from 18.00 - 22.00; and our Christmas Children's Courses on the 21st - 23rd December (you can see some happy children from our Easter Courses on page 8 - including two I know rather well!)

Meantime I would like to thank all of you members for your loyal support of the Club, you are fantastic. I would also like to heap huge praise on my fantastic team - I am proud of you all. I would like to single out one person, the heart and soul of the Club, for whom nothing is too much trouble: Caroline – a personal thank you for your amazing contribution,

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# Andrew's New Book (What Should Have Happened)

Chapter One - Opening at the One Level

Deal 6 Open 1NT with 5332s with a five-card major.

Opening 1NT with a 5332 shape and a fivecard minor *(see last deal)* is one thing, but how about opening 1NT with a five-card major? My strongly held view - having played and taught this for many years - is still to open 1NT.

*Exercise: With which of these hands should you open 1NT?* 

(a)*(b)* (c)AQ1074 A082 A J 8 6 3 ¥ A K 8 6 3 ¥ J 3 2 ♥ J 3 10 2 A Q 2 ♦ Q J 7 3 ♣ K J 9 \* 104 ♣ K 2 (a). No - two doubletons. (b). Yes. (c). Yes.

#### How the Deal was Bid

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<b>1♠</b> (1)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2	Pass	<b>4♠</b> (2)	End

(1) I strongly recommend a 1NT opening here.

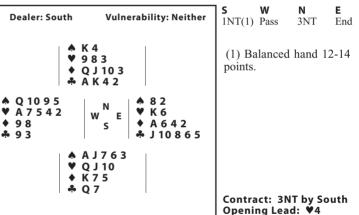
(2) Places partner with six spades, so raises to game in the presumed eight-card fit. 3NT looks frightening without a stopper in hearts.

Contract: 4♠ by South Opening Lead: ♦9

#### What happened

West led  $\diamond 9$  against the  $4 \diamond$  game. East won  $\diamond A$  and found the excellent switch to hearts (dummy's weakest suit), choosing  $\forall K$  (top from two). When this held, he followed with  $\diamond 6$ . West won  $\diamond A$  and led  $\diamond 5$  for East to ruff. Declarer won  $\diamond 2$  switch with  $\diamond K$ , crossed to  $\diamond K$ , then led  $\diamond 4$ . East discarded and declarer had to concede two further trump tricks to West remaining  $\diamond Q109$ . Down three. The main advantage of this style is that when you open and repeat a suit, you almost certainly have six cards. Take the (uncontested) auction 1 - 2 - 2. The only time that you would have fewer than six spades would be a 5-3-3-2 hand (a 5-4 shape would introduce the four-card suit). If you open 1NT with the 5-3-3-2 shape, then the auction 1 - 2 - 2guarantees six (+) spades.

#### How the Deal should be Bid



#### What should have happened

West would have led  $\forall 4$  against 3NT. East wins  $\forall K$ , returns  $\forall 6$  to  $\forall A$  and declarer wins  $\forall 7$  with  $\forall Q$ . The best chance by far of making 3NT is to flush out  $\diamond A$ , hoping it is with East (with no hearts left).  $\diamond K$  goes to East's (phew!)  $\diamond A$ ,  $\Rightarrow J$  return (say) is won by  $\Rightarrow Q$ , then  $\diamond AK$ ,  $\Rightarrow AK$  and  $\diamond QJ10$  are cashed. Nine tricks and game made.

If you remember just one thing...

Open 1NT with a 5332 shape and 12-14 points, even when the five-card suit is a major.

# The Spring Foursomes \_

I must say I did feel rusty as I wended my way through the charming Cotswolds, on my way from my regular pre-Spring Fours round of golf with my father at Frilford Heath to Stratford-upon-Avon. The bluebells were just appearing – normally they are in full bloom for this first May Bank Holiday but the cold February had seen to that – and a wonderful Spring was in the air. I stopped off for a bite in Moreton-in-the-Marsh and quickly read the bidding system. Did such-and-such a sequence really mean that, I kept thinking. Why hadn't I swotted up earlier? (from left) Alexander, Tony, Andrew (hirsute after



a bicyling fall prevented shaving!), and David

Teammates - our own Bridge star David partnering Daily Telegraph's Tony Forrester and partner Alexander Allfrey (who with Suzy Lewis helps to run our Dorset/Wiltshire offshoot, now relocated at the Lamb, Hindon) - were also converging in on Shakespearean territory. Not that we'd have any time to see any Plays. Making correct plays at the Bridge table was the order of the day.

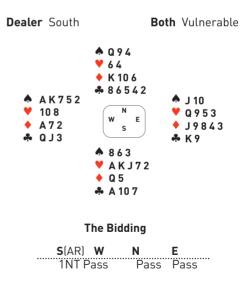
Teammates all complained (except for David) of being similarly undercooked and we began slowly, only narrowly winning our early matches. But we played better and better, and one win followed another. Could we rid the ghost of past Spring Fours' calamities? (This event – Britain's premier knock-out event held at one venue – has not been kind to us in recent years). By Andrew



A loud water heater outside my bedroom window ensured an early start each morning. A full English breakfast – essential with a long Bridge day ahead - was followed by a solo stroll along the charming River Avon, replete with wildlife. Refreshed, it was down to business.

And business was good, for we made the final, relatively comfortably in the end. The final, however, was a different matter. Taking place on the Tuesday of the Bank Holiday weekend, there is always a morning-after feel to the Spring Fours final. Few tourists remain and most Bridge players have also left. Just nervous finalists are still left - eyeing each other up.

We begin poorly. We lose points steadily. A dribble not a torrent, but with 24 of the 32 deals gone, we are 30-odd imps in arrears (that's about three game swings). The first board of the last stanza is a flat 3NT, then I have an unsavoury 1NT contract to play (see deal)



West cashes the ace of spades (would I have risen with dummy's queen on a low spade lead?), then leads a low spade. I rise with dummy's queen, then successfully lead a heart to my jack. Still searching for extra

# **The Spring Foursomes**

tricks, and with no hurry to test for a 3-3 heart split (if they are 3-3, they'll always be 3-3), I lead the queen of diamonds.

West grabs the ace of diamonds and cashes three spades. Both dummy and I throw two clubs, whilst East throws two diamonds, and then the nine of clubs. West now switches to the queen of clubs, to East's king and my ace. I cash the ace-king of hearts in the hope of a 3-3 split, but West discards (a club) on the third round. Now what?

Over 1000 people are watching live on the internet (Bridge Base online) and I can feel their tension. Making rather heavy weather of it, I eventually do the right thing, exiting with a fourth heart. East wins his queen but his last two cards are the jack-nine of diamonds, from which he has to lead around to dummy's kingten.

Seven tricks and part-score made – not a huge swing but a change in momentum. Alexander and I go plus on all the last eight deals, David and Tony look hopeful as we return to score and – would you believe it that by picking up five such small part-score swings we have won the match by one imp. One imp! That's one overtrick. Phew!

cont.

Caroline and others at the Club assure me it was truly nail-biting. Although we did not know how close it was at the table (for we do not know our teammates' results until afterwards), we sigh a collective sigh of relief.

The jinx is over – we have won the Spring Foursomes.

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# Children's Courses \_\_\_\_\_

By Andrew

#### Christmas dates: Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd of December (times: 10.30-12.30 & 14.00-16.00)

- Taught by Andrew & Natasha
- Bring your children to whichever sessions you want.
- Should you wish to leave your children for both sessions, we will look after your children over lunch (and feed them).
- Free squash and biscuits mid-session.
- Everyone welcome, from complete beginners to more experienced players

#### Cost: £20 Please book in with Lorna



Eliza Darby, Issy Darby, Rebecca Rossi



Ellie Williams, Grace Martin, Alice Martin, Poppy Tidswell-Norrish



Sebastian Thomas, Jacob Menkus, Hugo Thomas, Charlie Thomas



Hannah Robson



Liam Sanderson (Brother of Heather and David's Jasmine)



Mimi Robson



Harry Gee

# Fun on the Fjords.

**By David Cons** 



The end of June saw 24 bridge players sallying forth to Dover (writes member David Cons) to catch the Fred Olsen Cruise liner, Balmoral on a week's vovage to visit the Norwegian Fiords.



lack Stocken on release from the Yorkshire Moors was assisted by Lorna who escorted us on the coach from the club to the port. Once on board cabins were allocated clothes unpacked and eventually we found one of the five dining rooms on board for us to meet old and new friends for dinner.

David & Georgette

Norway is up towards the Artic Circle so coats, woollies, hats and assorted ski gear seemed most appropriate to your correspondent who had not expected temperatures for the entire week to be around 28C and 18 hours of sunshine every day! Fortunately Georgette had packed an additional case of clothes so I managed to cope!

After 36 hours sailing across the North Sea which was as flat as a pond, we arrived on Tuesday at our first fjord 100 miles long and we moored at the end. The scenerv was breathtaking with forested slopes rising to snow crested mountains and pretty white and red cottages lining the water's edge. There was



plenty of time for shore excursions - sightseeing, optional helicopter flights. fishing, kavaking or just wandering around. Each evening we set sail and over the week visited 3 fjords and the City of Bergen which is the second city of Norway which was picturesque with a wonderful market. Some of us tucked into a lunch of

fresh crab and other delicacies with the bustle of the market going on around us - good fun and delicious. The Norwegians we met were conversant in English and both helpful and friendly.



Did I mention the bridge? There was much excitement and learning at the bridge table. There was also a lot of laughter, what a great hostess Lorna is thoughtful and considerate but always with a twinkle in her eve. We were lucky to be allocated the card room all to ourselves so it was pretty much like home from Jack hard at work home – with cold water, teas

and coffee available, plus the odd drink from the waiter always close at hand. Jack gave us three two hour advanced tuition sessions. Those sessions were extremely informative as was the Chicago bridge every day from 3pm to 5pm. Amazing how simple bridge is when you know the answers. Duplicate was played daily before dinner. None of the sessions were obligatory though the teaching and duplicate sessions were attended by most.

The only complaint was fitting in the bridge between using the gym, Pilates, the library, disco, and the shows in the theatre including an Andrew Lloyd-Webber night, an Abba concert and a Country and Western evening. It was all good clean fun including the odd Margarita and vodka/Red Bulls for our host! There were televisions in all the cabins to watch the final week of Wimbledon and to see Andy Murray turn from a Brit back to a Scot! I needed a holiday on mv return!

The thing about bridge is that we meet interesting people when we play at the club but never get the chance to talk. This trip gave me the time to find out plenty about Jack and Lorna (but that's another story!) and the other players over dinner, drinks and the other social activities.

So it was a wonderful experience, must have improved my play and a great introduction to cruising, so roll on next year in the Med & thank you Jack & Lorna for making it so enjoyable.

For details of ARBC holidays - See pages 26 - 31

# **Club Photos**





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Annabel Lea, Pippa Vickers, Val Shepherd, John Fenwick



Francesca Nicolosi, Paulo Nicolosi, Yuko Thomas, Jeff Thomas



Siddie Guba-Pecher



Virginia Bredin and Judy Beecroft



Elizabeth Cleaver, Christine Kitchen



Camilla James



Hitesh Batavia



Andrew Cairns *(centre)* and Nick winning Ardingly Pairs.

# **Club Photos**



Nina Ruiz



Tony Kaye



Matthew Archer



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Carey Preston



Linda Theodore-Parker



Scott Scarrow



Diane Roberts



Mary Ann Buckley



Philly Tatham

# **Beginning Bridge at ARBC**

#### Why Learn Bridge?

Whether aged 8 or 88, Bridge is the best way to keep your brain agile, whilst making new like-minded friends. It is an endlessly stimulating game and great to learn. Seize the moment – start now!

#### Why Learn at ARBC?

Recognised leaders in our field, we specialise in teaching from absolute scratch, taking things slowly enough for everyone to get the hang of it, but keeping things moving, as you will be dying to get to the next stage. Andrew may be a World and European Champion, but he has taught many thousands of Beginners over the past twenty years. By making things practical, he knows exactly how to make the game as easy as possible to learn, and, most importantly, he and his team make it fun!

#### **FREE Taster Sessions**

#### Next date: 18.30-19.45 on Wednesday 16th September

£145 for our eight-class Beginner Course represents fantastic value – especially as it includes Free Club Membership, plus a folder and clear handouts with each class. But if you have any doubts, come to one of our optional three-times yearly Taster sessions. These sessions will give you a flavour - and we are sure you will not look back.

#### **Beginner Course**

Starting from absolute scratch and assuming no knowledge, Beginner gives the perfect introduction to Bridge. After this course you will say a confident "Yes" when asked if you can play the game! Free Club membership until January 2010 included. The next course is Next Step. Beginner Courses coming up...

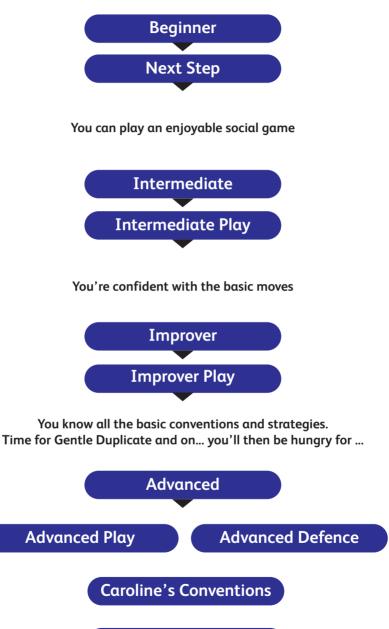
BEGINNER	Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 David	Thursday 18.35 - 20.05 David	Wednesday 18.45 - 20.15 David	Tuesday 20.30 - 22.00 Richard	Wednesday 14.45 - 16.15 Andrew
I. Getting Started	24th Sept	24th Sept	30th Sept	6th Oct	7th Oct
2. Playing Bridge	Ist Oct	lst Oct	7th Oct	13th Oct	14th Oct
3. Introducing Notrumps	8th Oct	8th Oct	14th Oct	20th Oct	21st Oct
4. The Play - Making Tricks	15th Oct	15th Oct	21st Oct	26th Oct	4th Nov*
5. Finding Fits & Bidding Game	22nd Oct	22nd Oct	28th Oct	10th Nov*	llth Nov
6. Notrump Bidding	5th Nov*	5th Nov*	4th Nov	17th Nov	18th Nov
7.Trump Bidding	12th Nov	12th Nov	llth Nov	24rd Nov	25th Nov
8. Overcalling	19th Nov	19th Nov	18th Nov	lst Dec	9th Dec*
Beginner in a Weekend - Autumn 10th - 11th Oct 10.00 - 16.30 (David), Spring 23rd - 24th Jan 10.00 - 16.30 (David),					

#### Andrew's team of teachers - the best in the land

ARBC has an unrivalled strength in depth of teachers, both in their excellence as players and, most importantly, as teachers of the game. Apart from Andrew himself, Daily Bridge Correspondent of The Times and teacher extraordinaire, there's David, who possesses a rare talent: one of the World's Top 100 players with many international successes under his belt, his clarity and communication skills are exceptional, as his large and devoted following will testify. There's Caroline, whose enthusiasm knows no bounds; a class with her will put a smile on your face for a week, plus you'll learn tons of exciting new Bridge. As indeed you will from Richard, Nick, both with national successes, and Natasha. All have never-ending keenness to impart their wisdom.

# Lesson Flow Guide \_





# Lesson Information\_

#### **Our Courses**

- All courses last for eight weeks (unless stated), once a week.
- You must be a Club member to take a course. Free membership is included in the price for Beginner and Next Step.
- All eight week courses and weekends cost £145.
- All courses are carefully constructed, fun, interactive and stimulating.
- Whichever course you choose will make a huge difference to your Bridge, especially if it is backed up by practice in our many Supervised Rubber Bridge sessions.

#### **Special Features**

- If you cannot make a lesson, come to that same lesson at another time (without letting us know).
- You will receive clear handouts each week.
- You will each receive a special ARBC folder, in which to put your notes.

#### Weekends

• For those who prefer the intensive course, rather than the once-a-week approach, we teach the Beginner, Next Step, Intermediate, Improver, Advanced and Advanced Defence Courses in a weekend. Includes lunch both days, 10.00 - 16.30. Dates of all weekend courses now fixed until Easter 2010.

**Next Step** is an essential practical course, consolidating and extending the basic principles covered in Beginner. It is also suitable for those who have played some Bridge outside. Free Club membership until January 2010 included.

NEXT STEP	Monday 20.25 - 21.55 David	Tuesday 11.55 - 13.25 David	Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30 Natasha	Wednesday 18.40 - 20.10 Andrew
I. Notrump Play	28th Sept	29th Sept	7th Oct	7th Oct
2. Trump Play	5th Oct	6th Oct	14th Oct	14th Oct
3. Bidding Unbalanced Hands	12th Oct	13th Oct	21st Oct	21st Oct
4. Finding Fits	19th Oct	20th Oct	28th Oct	4th Nov*
5. Overcalling	2nd Nov*	3rd Nov*	llth Nov*	llth Nov
6. Opening Bids at the 3 Level	9th Nov	10th Nov	18th Nov	18th Nov
7.The Opening Lead	16th Nov	17th Nov	25th Nov	25th Nov
8. The Defence	23rd Nov	24th Nov	2nd Dec	9th Dec*
Next Step in a Weekend -         Autumn 7th - 8th Nov (Richard)           Spring 27th - 28th Feb (David)				

Intermediate is our

most popular course, Intermediate covers all basic aspects of the game. Many repeat it – and all say it was most worthwhile!

INTERMEDIATE	Monday 18.40 - 20.10 David	Tuesday 11.45 - 13.15 Richard	Wednesday 13.00 - 14.30 Andrew	Wednesday 20.20 - 21.50 Andrew
I. Bidding as Opener	28th Sept	29th Sept	7th Oct	7th Oct
2. Bidding as Responder	5th Oct	6th Oct	14th Oct	14th Oct
3. Making Tricks (1) with trumps	12th Oct	13th Oct	21st Oct	21st Oct
4. Making Tricks (2) without trumps	19th Oct	20th Oct	4th Nov*	4th Nov*
5. One Notrump	2nd Nov*	3rd Nov*	Ilth Nov	llth Nov
6. Overcalling	9th Nov	10th Nov	18th Nov	18th Nov
7.The Opening Lead	16th Nov	17th Nov	25th Nov	25th Nov
8. The Defence	23rd Nov	24th Nov	9th Dec*	9th Dec*
Intermediate in a Weekend - Autumn 26th - 27th Sept (David)				
Spring 6th - 7th Feb (Richard)				

# Lesson Information \_\_\_\_\_



**Intermediate Play** is the ideal follow-on from Intermediate. The play themes will link in with Intermediate, giving you the confidence to move forward. I'm sure this consolidation course will make a big difference to your game.

INTERMEDIATE PLAY	Thursday 11.40 - 13.25 David	Monday 14.00 - 15.45 Richard	Tuesday 18.35 - 20.20 Andrew
I. Force	24th Sept	5th Oct	6th Oct
2. Length	Ist Oct	12th Oct	13th Oct
3. Position - The Finesse	8th Oct	19th Oct	20th Oct
4. Drawing Trumps	15th Oct	2nd Nov*	3rd Nov*
5. Trumping	22nd Oct	9th Nov	10th Nov
6. Defending Notrump Contracts	5th Nov*	16th Nov	17th Nov
7. Defending Trump Contracts (1)	12th Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov
8. Defending Trump Contracts (2)	19th Nov	30th Nov	8th Dec*

**Improver** features all the basic conventions to equip you for a decent game. I have noticed a huge rise in the level of those who have taken the course. There are six carefully constructed set deals per week.

IMPROVER	Tuesday 10.00 - 11.45 David	Monday 16.00 - 17.45 Richard	Tuesday 20.30 - 22.15 Andrew
I. Uncontested Bidding Review	29th Sept	5th Oct	6th Oct
2. Signalling in Defence	6th Oct	12th Oct	13th Oct
3. Stayman	13th Oct	19th Oct	20th Oct
4.Take-out Double	20th Oct	2nd Nov*	3rd Nov*
5. Penalty Double	3rd Nov*	9th Nov	10th Nov
6. Blackwood	10th Nov	16th Nov	17th Nov
7. Strong Twos	17th Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov
8. Weak Threes	24th Nov	30th Nov	8th Dec*
Improver in a Weekend - Autumn 21st - 22nd Nov (Richard)			
	Spring 20th - 21st M	larch (Richard)	

**Improver Play** is a universally well-received course and practises the bidding themes of Improver, whilst introducing exciting and essential play themes to improve your game. Once you have completed the Improver Play course, you are well equipped to face the big wide world of ARBC Gentle Duplicate and beyond. Repeat viewing highly recommended, especially for course-junkies.

IMPROVER PLAY	Tuesday 13.35 - 15.20 Caroline	Wednesday 20.25 - 22.10 David
I. Signalling in Defence	29th Sept	30th Sept
2. Finesse or Drop	6th Oct	7th Oct
3. Retaining the finesse position	13th Oct	14th Oct
4. Throwing Losers	20th Oct	21st Oct
5. Setting up a long suit	3rd Nov*	28th Oct
6.Trumps - draw or delay?	10th Nov	4th Nov
7.TOP Defence	17th Nov	llth Nov
8. Pot Pourri	24th Nov	18th Nov

# Lesson Information\_



Advanced is suitable for duplicate players, or experienced social players, I have thought very carefully about the themes. They will surely illuminate and fascinate.

ADVANCED	Wednesday 10.15 - 12.00 Caroline	Tuesday 18.35 - 20.20 Richard
I. Losing Trick Count	30th Sept	6th Oct
2. Uncontested Bidding Review	7th Oct	13th Oct
3. Coping with Intervention	14th Oct	20th Oct
4. Fourth Suit Forcing	21st Oct	26th Oct
5. More ways to Signal	4th Nov*	10th Nov*
6. Unassuming Cue Bid	11th Nov	17th Nov
7. More uses of Double	18th Nov	24rd Nov
8. Notrumps	25th Nov	lst Dec

Advanced Play has

been recently

rewritten, with new themes, new deals and new handouts. I am sure you will find it really quite eye-opening and lots and fun.

Advanced Defence is a good defender is a popular partner and a Duplicate winner. Take your defence to a higher level and see 49% rise to 59%.

#### **Caroline's Conventions**

[Pay by Session - £20] Caroline invites you to learn some key conventions that will improve your Bridge no end. With such a charismatic teacher, how can you turn her down?

#### **David's Delights**

[Pay by Session - £20] Some wonderful, instructive deals from our Bridge whiz, perfect for Duplicate players. What a worthwhile way to spend a Friday morning. (From 18th Sept - 13th Nov)

Advanced in a Weekend -

Autumn 17th - 18th Oct (Richard) Spring 6th - 7th March (Richard)

ADVANCED PLAY	Thursday 20.20 - 22.05 David
I. Principle of Restricted Choice	24th Sept
2. Suit Combinations	Ist Oct
3. Communication	8th Oct
4. Cooperative Signalling	15th Oct
5. Card-placing	22nd Oct
6. Seven-card fits	5th Nov*
7. Fun with trumps	12th Nov
8. Elimination and Throw-in	19th Nov

ADVANCED DEFENCE	Tuesday 15.30 - 17.15 Caroline
<ol> <li>Defending Notrumps</li> </ol>	29th Sept
2. Defending Trumps	6th Oct
3. Second hand plays	13th Oct
4. Third hand plays	20th Oct
5. Attitude Signal	3rd Nov*
6. Discarding	10th Nov
7. Scoring Ruffs	17th Nov
8. Trump Promotions	24th Nov

Advanced Defence in a Weekend - Autumn 28th - 29th Nov (Richard)

CAROLINE'S CONVENTIONS	Thursday 14.00 - 16.00 Caroline
I. Roman Keycard Blackwood	24th Sept
2. Splinters	Ist Oct
3. Trial Bidding	8th Oct
4. Ace-Showing Cue Bids	15th Oct
5. Jacoby	22nd Oct
6.Weak Twos	5th Nov*
7. Transfers	12th Nov
8. Negative Doubles	19th Nov
9. Landy	26th Nov

# **COURSE APPLICATION 2009**

Andrew Robson Bridge Club, 31 Parsons Green Lane, London, SW6 4HH Tel: 020 7471 4626 Website: www.arobson.co.uk

Are you an existing member? Yes 🗖

The Andrew Robson Bridge Club is a members only club. Please see overleaf for membership details

No 🗖

#### **Cost of Courses**

Most courses and weekends cost £145 - PLUS membership (except for Beginner and Next Step). SEE OVER FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please fill in this course application form, and send it to the club with payment. Credit/Debit card payments will accepted over the phone. Cheques received by post will be acknowledged.

Please make cheques payable to: The Andrew Robson Bridge Club Ltd

Course Required

Date & Time

#### Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

TITLE: (Mr/Mrs/Dr etc.)	
FIRST NAME:	SURNAME:
ADDRESS: (inc. Postcode)	
EMAIL:	TELEPHONE:

The management reserves the right to refuse/revoke membership at any time without giving reason

# **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009**

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The Andrew Robson Bridge Club is a members, only Club. You must be a member to play in the Club or take a course.

N.B. If you are taking our Beginner or Next Step courses, Club membership is included in the price of the course and lasts until the start of the following term.

We offer two payment options, either by standing order or by cheque/cash. Membership is renewable on the 1st of January each year. If you join the Club mid-year, the cost of membership is proportionally reduced.

You will notice that membership is cheaper for those paying by standing order. This is because it reduces our administrative costs.

Standing Order	Payment	Cheque / Co	ash Payment
Month Joined:	Cost:	Month Joined:	Cost:
January-March	£52	January-March	£65
April-August	£36	April-August	£45
September-November	£20	September-Noven	nber £25
December	FREE	December	FREE

If paying by **STANDING ORDER**, please complete the separate Standing Order Mandate. If paying by **CHEQUE**, please make this payable to: **THE ANDREW ROBSON BRIDGE CLUB LTD** If you are paying for both course and membership, please write only one cheque.

# If you are applying solely for membership, and have not completed the form overleaf, please provide your contact details below

TITLE: (Mr/Mrs/Dr etc.)	
FIRST NAME:	SURNAME:
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# Getting to ARBC.

# How easy is it to get to the Bridge Club?... Very easy here's how.

#### 1. Our favourite way - walking - or like Andrew and many of his team - why not cycle?

We actively encourage all our members to either walk or cycle into the Club. There is cycle parking located to the side of the Club, and also by the entrance to Parsons Green Underground Station.

#### 2. Public Transport - another fine option and easier than you may think.

Tube – Parsons Green Station is less than a minute's walk from the club. The station is on the Wimbledon branch of the District Line and trains run every 10 minutes.

Bus – The No 14 stops on the Fulham Road, near the top of Parsons Green Lane. The service links Putney Heath to Tottenham Court Road Station. Daytime frequency is every 6-8 minutes and night time frequency is every 12 minutes. The 414 also goes down the Fulham Road up to Edgware Road. The No 22 stops on the New Kings Road, near the bottom of Parsons Green Lane. The service links Putney Common to Piccadilly Circus. Daytime frequency is every 7-10 minutes and night time frequency is every 12 minutes.

#### 3. Taxis/mini-cabs

The Club loves members using local taxi and mini-cabs rather than their cars. If you would like to book a cab, there are several numbers of local firms displayed on the notice board in reception; alternatively ask a member of staff.

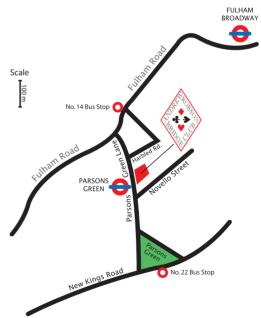
#### 4. Private Cars

We would like to discourage you from driving to the Club. The local residents are understandably very concerned about increasing the number of cars in an already congested area. In particular, please avoid parking on the Residents Bays that double up as Pay and Display in the streets between the Club and the Fulham Road. If you must drive, please try car-sharing. The Bridge Club has 12 of its own spaces in the yard just next to the Club (clearly marked).

• After 5pm you can park free on yellow lines in the side streets and on Resident Bays.

• After 6.30 pm you can park on the yellow line, on the far side of the Parsons Green Lane, from the chip shop opposite the club up to the Fulham Road.

• The remaining yellow lines on Parsons Green Lane are off-limit until 8pm.



Next Step (D) 28th Sept	28th Sept 20.25 - 21.55	18.40 - 20.10 Intermediate (D)	5th Oct	16.00 - 17.45 Improver (R)	5th Oct	14.00 - 15.45 Intermediate Play (R)	MONDAY	Weenseday lefts September 18.00 - 19.15 All visitors welcome to the free session Special 'have-a-go' taster session for absolute beginners:	OPEN EVENING (FREE)	COURSES (£145) Course last for 8 weeks each. You can change from one dot to another. See Gourse Planner over the page for all topics and dates.
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# Playing Schedule - Autumn 2009

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# Which Session?.





#### Andrew talks you through your options...

- You do not need to have a partner for any session that we run. Many players arrive without partners.
- We will always find you a suitable partner, and there are house players.
- Please book for Monday or Wednesday Dinner & Bridge. For all other sessions, just turn up.

#### Beginner Supervised Rubber Play with Natasha £10

Never forget the three best ways to overcome the first hurdles in Bridge: practice, practice and practice! We run two morning sessions for Beginners and Next Steppers (Tuesday and Friday 10.30-12.30). Our Wednesday dinner evening is suitable for Beginner upwards, Monday's dinner being suitable for Next Step upwards.

#### Supervised Rubber Play £10

Bridge & dinner - £20 with dinner or £15 without

Imagine playing relaxed Bridge with your friends in your living room, able to ask advice from friendly, expert supervisors. This is exactly what we aim to provide. Suitable for all levels, you will be seated with those of a similar level. On Monday and Wednesday evenings the supervised Bridge includes a delicious dinner, and booking is requested (though for no other session).

#### Supervised Duplicate with Caroline £12

Tuesday Morning 10.30 - 12.30

This session introduces the challenge and excitement of Duplicate by replaying hands from the previous week's Duplicates. Led by Caroline, we give on hand help with every bid and play. You will not move from table to table so the next step up is the Gentle Duplicate.

Gentle Duplicate with Heather or Richard £10

Monday Evening 19.45 - 22.15 Thursday Afternoon 14.00 - 16.30 Thursday Evening 19.15 - 21.45

This session perfectly bridges the gap between Supervised and Duplicate Bridge. You will move around the room like regular Duplicates and there will be a winner (and a prize!). However the tempo will be much gentler and less competitive. We have written recommended bidding for each deal (on the Travellers) and will be on hand to explain the scoring and give some tactical pointers, although we will refrain from actually telling you what to bid/play.

# Which Session?



#### Social Chicago Bridge with Paddy £10

(for the Susan Hampshire Salver) Friday Evening from 18.30 - 22.30

Held every Friday night, Chicago is the perfect relaxing way to start the weekend. Four hands, dealt at the table, are played against a couple. Then you move to another table and do the same thing again. The ever-genial Paddy will be delighted to give his friendly pearls of wisdom when asked. Chicago combines the excitement of playing dealt hands with the conviviality and friendly competition of playing different partnerships throughout the evening. Arrive any time from 6.30pm onwards. Bar snacks and drinks will, of course, be available throughout, Unmissable!

#### Supervised Special Hands with Caroline £12

Friday Morning 10.30 - 12.30

We have a large base of instructive and challenging hands. Caroline and the team will enthuse and explain the key plays. Highly recommended.

#### **Duplicate £8**

Duplicate Bridge is non-supervised and is the way Tournament Bridge is played. All our Duplicates are played in a friendly atmosphere. Bridge Mates are used and we provide hand records and immediate results. Winner of our thrice-annual Top 10 Trophy wins a prize and a game with Andrew (no repeat games).

Daytime: We offer a daily daytime Duplicate, with a 24-board Duplicate on a Monday afternoon, and a free go-through-the-hands session with Andrew on Wednesday afternoon. Score Ladder Points - with a delicious hamper prize for the winner donated by club member Luigi Molinaro [of Luigi's Delicatessan famel

Evening: Two Duplicates: Tuesday 19.30 - 22.45 and Thursday 19.15 - 22.45. Note the new start time on Thursday (from April 16th) to allow 24 boards to be played. Our Evening Ladder will combine both Tuesday and Thursday evening's results. Enjoy Peter Stocken's 'special deal' and take home his wonderful hand analyses.

#### Saturday Duplicate with Nick £8

13.45 - 17.00

Come for a stimulating afternoon duplicate, with points counting towards our Daytime Ladder. Not run on Bank Holiday Weekends or during August.

# Winners!

Luigi's Daytime Duplicate Ladder: Evening Duplicate Ladder: Susan Hampshire Chicago Trophy: Inge Clayton

Patti Gamble **Keith Clow** Andrew's Top 10 Duplicate Trophy: Winner: Luigi Molinaro, Game with Andrew: Fiona Hutchison

# Standing Order Form \_\_\_\_\_



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#### Please return this form to the Bridge Club, not the Bank.

If you have any queries with this form please ring the Bridge Club on 020 7471 4626

# Fun Page



#### **Bridge Trivia**

Who are these Bridge Players (Answers at bottom of this page)

- 1. The Oracle of Omaha
- 2. Doctor Zhivago
- 3. Wartime PM
- 4. Duck Soup
- 5. Creator of Peanuts
- 6. 34th US President
- 7. Female Winner of 18 Grand Slams

#### **Bridge Joke**

An aspiring bridge player was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said,

"I will grant you one wish."

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and

harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie." The duffer thought for a while and then suggested,

"OK, then make me a winning bridge player." "Hmm..." the genie pondered. "Let me see the map again."



Betty: 'I guess a bottom's a bottom?'

Fred: 'Yes, but two bottoms in a row really is too much.'

**Need the Rest** - These days, you may hear declarer use the phrase "I need the rest" in its erroneous sense of "I cannot afford to lose any further tricks". Originally, though, it meant any awkward situation calling for unusual technique, the expression being borrowed from the game of snooker.

**Fit** - That rare occurrence when partner has more than a singleton in your good suit. Also, colloquially, what you have if you discover he has raised you with a singleton. **Bath Coup** - Getting to use the tub before your spouse.

**Roman Key Card Blackwood** - An ingenious convention that allows you to bid to a grand slam when missing the ace of trumps.

**Splinter Bid** - The only recognized way to become declarer with a singleton trump in each hand, with a small piece of wood in each finger.

Contact: Jack Stocken Mobile: 07775 892 720

Email: jack@yorkshirebridge.com www.arobson.co.uk/holidays.php



#### Dear ARBC Members,

It is now over two years since I left ARBC but I am pleased to report that Bridge is flourishing in Yorkshire. I teach the "Andrew Robson" method so everyone has been busy "Sqotting" and adhering to the Rules of 14 and 20. Sophie is not "Sqotting" quite yet, but as she approaches her second birthday, nursery beckons, so hopefully a little more rest for her tired parents!

It has been great to keep such a strong connection with ARBC through my management of ARBC Holidays. 2010 brings some totally new and exciting destinations;



on the home front, we have organised a midweek break to Harrogate in April, as many of you have asked to visit. We will stay at one of Harrogate's finest hotels, The Old Swan, in the centre of the town. There will be an excursion to Fountains Abbey, the largest ruins in England.

We go upmarket at the end of May with the very special 300 berth cruise ship, Wind Surf, which will sail from Monte Carlo to Rome. I am sure that you will appreciate this step up in class – the ship even has sails!

Finally, in September we will take our first ARBC holiday to Malta, staying at the 5\* Radisson Blu Hotel. The hotel is situated on the coast line and is one of the best hotels on the island. Malta is steeped in history and we will organise a couple of interesting excursions, as always.

On top of all this, we will revisit ARBC's second home, The Millstream Hotel, Bosham, in February and then a midweek break in March. As many of you know, these breaks are always great fun and very intuitive. Oh, and the restaurant has been awarded two AA rosettes for outstanding cuisine.

So a lot to cheer ourselves up with for 2010. The atmosphere is always friendly and relaxed, and no partner is needed on any holiday.

I do hope to see you soon.

Best wishes Jack, Annabel and Sophie.

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# Zermatt Ski Trip

#### Hotel Alex Saturday 16th - 23rd January 2010

After the runaway success of last year, we are delighted to return to Hotel Alex in Zermatt. Jack Stocken, assisted by Lorna Heaton, will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme, using Andrew's excellent teaching material and set hands. The bridge standard is friendly Intermediate. Please book early as were fully booked last year.

NEW to 2010! For the first time we have booked a third guide, Suzi Mcarthur, alongside William and Gerry, to be our personal ski guides for the week, so we will now be able to have three groups. They are all ex Ski Club of Great Britain representatives. Jack and Annabel Stocken, at Yorkshire Bridge, will be arranging all other aspects of the holiday.

Hotel Alex is a charming, family run 4\* hotel set in the heart of Zermatt and just two minutes walk from the main ski lift. The food is excellent as are the facilities: a heated swimming pool and tennis court, both indoors!, a spa which includes solarium, treatments and massages.

Zermatt is a skiers' paradise, with its combination of excellent advanced and intermediate slopes, reliable snow, magnificent scenery, Alpine charm and mountain restaurants with superb food and stunning views. Non-skiers have a wide range of walks, shops and activities. The website is www.Zermatt.ch. It is also easy to ski over to Cervinia, in Italy, for fantastic groomed pistes and great Italian food.







#### Prices from £1395

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# Harrogate Midweek Break The Old Swan Hotel

Tuesday 13th - Friday 16th April 2010

Due to popular demand, I am delighted to host a midweek break to my home town, Harrogate, which has a glamorous heritage as a European spa town. Explore the beautiful Valley Gardens opposite the Swan Hotel or have afternoon tea in the world famous Betty's tea room. There will be an excursion to Fountains Abbey, the largest abbey ruins in the country and one of England's most spectacular Georgian water gardens.

The ivy-clad Old Swan Hotel is steeped in mystery and romance, from the revolving wooden doors to the magnificent glassceilinged restaurant. This historic Harrogate hotel was once the secret retreat of worldfamous Mistress of Mystery. Agatha Christie. when she disappeared for 10 days in 1926. Modern comforts complement a host of original features and the hotel's private gardens provide a peaceful retreat in the heart of Harrogate. Experience traditional English hospitality under the magnificent glass ceiling of the Wedgwood restaurant, sip a drink by the open fire in the Swan Lounge or simply enjoy the attractions of picturesque Harrogate before retiring to an individually styled luxurious bedroom. The hotel has recently had a full £8 million pound refurbishment

Yorkshire is only two hours on the main line train and less than an hour by plane. Further details can be found on the full information sheets in the club foyer or on the website above.





#### Prices from £420

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### Mediterranean Bridge Cruise

#### Monday 24th - Sunday 30th May 2010

Following our successful 2009 ARBC Cruise to Norway, we are delighted to introduce something new for 2010: we have changed our chosen cruise partner to the intimate and luxurious 312 passenger Wind Surf.

Wind Surf carries just over 300 passengers in beautifully designed cabins, each of which has its own sea view. There are no single cabins as such on Wind Surf but we have negotiated a special fare for Bridge Club members for sole use of twin rooms. Dining on Wind Surf is a very special experience and on some evenings you can eat al fresco out on deck.

The Nautilus Room has been reserved for the exclusive use of the Andrew Robson Bridge Club and your host, Jack Stocken, will as always supervise the play and enhance your enjoyment of the trip.

#### The Itinerary

24th May Fly from Heathrow to Nice on BA
25th May A full day in Monte Carlo
26th May A second day in Monte Carlo gives additional sightseeing opportunities

**27th May** Anchored in the bay at magical Portofino, you will enjoy exploring the pretty cobbled streets of this tiny fishing village.

**28th May** From the port at Livorno, you might choose to travel to Florence for the day, or to explore the Tuscan hill cities.

**29th May** The beautiful island of Elba with its rocky profile and hidden bays can be explored from Portoferraio, Napoleon's exile home.

**30th May** The cruise finishes in Civitavecchia, where we fly home

NB Your flights depart from Heathrow and return to Gatwick. Flights back to Heathrow are available at additional cost, as are business class flights.



#### Your fare includes:

• Economy class flights from London to Nice and from Rome to London with BA

- Air departure taxes
- Transfers from the airport to the ship in
- Nice, and from the ship to the airport in Rome • Six nights on board Wind Surf including all
- meals
- Port and harbour taxes
- A welcome cocktail party
- A shipboard credit of \$250 per person towards your on board expenses (bar bills, shore excursions etc
- All bridge play and tuition

#### Fares per person:

	Twin	Single
B category cabin	£2295	£2995
A category cabin	£2495	£3395
Suite	£3435	£6140

Call Sharon Trigg at Mundy Cruising 020 7734 4404

or email sharon@mundycruising.co.uk

Further details are on the Club website www.arobson.co.uk or in the Club foyer.

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# St. Julian's, Malta

Radisson Blu Resort Hotel Saturday 11th – 18th September 2010

Overlooking the clear blue water of the Mediterranean Sea, the five-star, deluxe, Radisson Blu Resort, St. Julian's, Malta, offers views stretching from the historic Grand Harbour in the east to the island of Gozo in the west. The hotel is located in St. George's Bay, a peaceful haven that is just a kilometre away from St. Julian's.

All 252 excellent rooms and suites come with a balcony or terrace with wonderful sea views. The hotel has indoor and outdoor pools, a fabulous sports and leisure centre, beauty salon, sauna and massage services to tantalize, refresh and relax guests. Dining will be in Le Pellitant Restaurant which serves exquisite cuisine from the a la carte menu.

Valletta, Malta's capital, is built on top of Mount Sceberras, surrounded by harbours and sea on three sides. There are magnificent views from strategic points of its formidable fortifications, possibly the best medieval fortifications in the world, and still almost entirely intact.

There will be an informative Bridge programme led by Jack who will teach Andrew's lessons and supervise the set hands. We have exclusive use of the Bridge room which overlooks the Mediterranean.

A couple of interesting excursions will be planned and flights are direct from Heathrow. Lorna and I would be delighted if you could join us on ARBC's first trip to Malta.

#### Prices from £ 1195

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# **Bosham, Chichester**

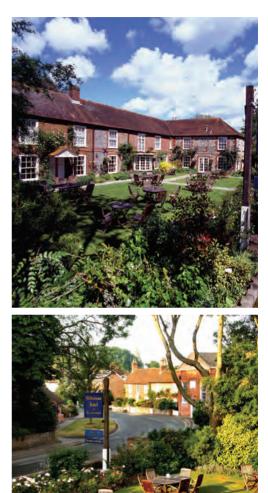
**The Millstream Hotel** Friday 5th – Sunday 7th February 2010 Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th March 2010

Officially ARBC's favourite Hotel, we have been running Bridge weekends here for over seven years and it's easy to see why:

- Delicious food from their restaurant which has two AA Rosettes
- Friendly and relaxed Bridge with like minded people
- Andrew's excellent course material and set hands, taught by Jack
- Lorna's good humour and legendary bonhomie
- Bosham is a charming sailing village, less than 90 minutes from ARBC
- No tournament director within 100 miles!

The standard of Bridge is friendly Intermediate and please book early as we are often full. No partner necessary.

We are fully booked for the November weekend but do join us for the February weekend or our midweek break in March, which has proved very popular over the last two years. We will organise a half day excursion on the Wednesday of the midweek break.



ARBC holidays are great fun, and it is important to stress that they are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate each night; instead the emphasis is on instruction, with a little gentle competition played in the friendly, social manner that so typifies the ethos of the Club. Details of how to contact Jack are above - we look forward to hearing from you.

Andrew and the team

Bridge lessons Intermediate upwards

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# Response Fourth Suit Forcing **£5** Andrew's **Bridge Lesson Booklets**

A lesson and an illustrative deal per page, to perfect your understanding of ...

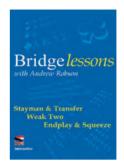
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Available in the Club, by post using the order form or from our online shop where you can order and pay : www.arobson.co.uk

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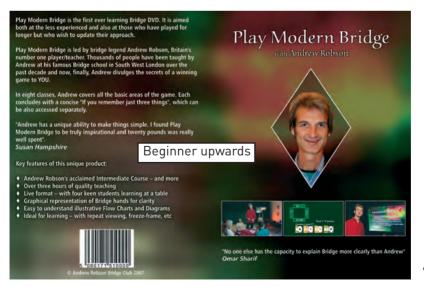
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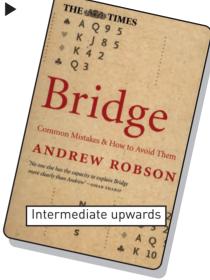
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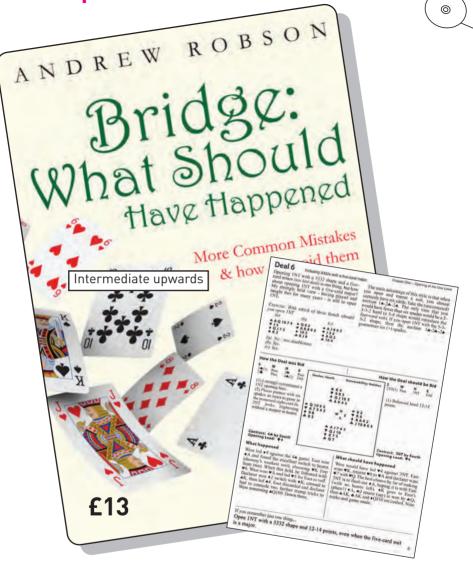
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