

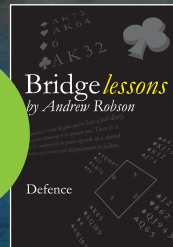
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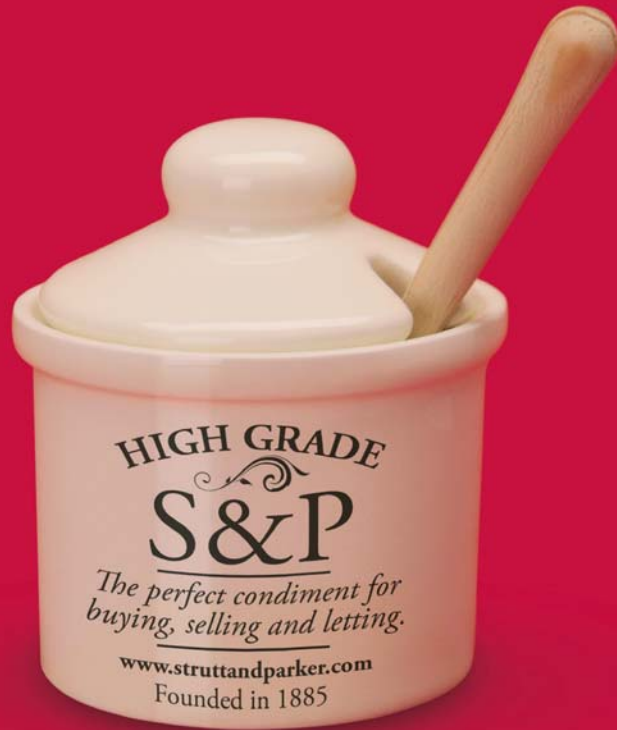


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11th - 18th September 2010

13th September 2010
15th September 2010
15th September 2010
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18th - 19th September 2010
2nd - 3rd October 2010
9th October 2010
16th - 17th October 2010
19th - 22nd November 2010
20th - 21st November 2010
27th November 2010
4th - 5th December 2010
11th - 12th December 2010
17th December 2010
20th - 22nd December 2010
24th Dec 2010 - 3rd Jan 2011
4th January 2011

15th - 22nd January 2011

19th January 2011
19th January 2011
4th - 6th February 2011
5th - 6th February 2011
12th - 13th February 2011
26th - 27th February 2011
5th - 6th March 2011
19th - 20th March 2011
2nd - 3rd April 2011
12th - 15th April 2011
10th - 20th June 2011
10th - 17th September 2011

Trip to Malta

Monday Morning Duplicate restarts 10.00 - 13.00
Harbour Club Open Day 09.30 - 15.00
Open Evening 18.00 - 19.15
Taster Session For Beginners 18.30 - 19.45
Beginner Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Intermediate Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Autumn Teams Championship 11.00 - 16.00
Improver Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Millstream Weekend
Next Step Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Annual Pairs Championship 11.00 - 16.00
Beginner Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Advanced Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Christmas Party (Free) From 18.00
Children's Bridge 10.30 - 12.30 & 13.30 - 15.30
Club Closed
Club Reopens
Hotel Alpina, Klosters
Open Evening 18.00 - 19.15
Taster Session For Beginners 18.30 - 19.45
Millstream Weekend
Beginner Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Intermediate Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
Next Step Weekend 10.00 - 16.30
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Andrew's Editorial

We have got three cracking new holidays to look forward to in 2011. There's a Roman Empire Mediterranean Cruise with a new cruise partner Holland America (a step up in class); there is a midweek break to exclusive Sandbanks on the charming Dorset coast; and a week in historic Dubrovnik. As I'm sure you realise Jack, Annabel, Lorna H and I think very hard about giving you the best holidays we can and are really excited about these options. Jack will go into more detail on these and our annual ski-trip (next year we return to Klosters) plus our regular weekend breaks to the delightful Millstream Hotel in Bosham in his Holiday Section on ps 30-35.

Back at Parsons Green, I am very excited about our new Supervised Gentle Duplicate on Thursday evenings, which has been very well attended with lots of very pleasingly positive feedback. Duplicate Bridge is hugely fun and challenging; this session is all about bridging the gap (excuse pun) from Social Bridge to Duplicate Bridge as easily as possible. When I say Supervised Gentle Duplicate I really mean it; Supervised – lots of us on hand to help with every bid and play (if you want); and Gentle – play at your own speed (you all play the same boards at the same time to facilitate this), no overall ranking, no pressure. Do come along if you haven't yet.

We restart our Monday morning Start the Week Duplicate (10.00-12.45) on September 13th with a completely FREE session. By being a small and intimate session, it is a perfect opportunity to try one of our Duplicates. Please do come and support it.

We ran our very well attended annual Teams in May and there was considerable lobbying for more than a once-a-year



frequency. Teams really is lots of fun – for all levels Gentle Duplicate and above. We are pleased to introduce an Autumn Teams on Saturday 9th October. Assemble your dream quartet for another day of fun. Our ever-popular annual Pairs will be held on Saturday 27th November. Both events run from 11.00 to 16.00 and include lunch.

Wednesday 15th September (from 9.30 – 15.15) is our Open Day at the Notting Hill Harbour Club where the Bridge will be free all day – I will be there and look forward to seeing those North Londoners amongst you who find Parsons Green a little too far away. For more details of Andrew Robson Bridge at the Notting Hill Harbour Club see page 8. Also on Wednesday 15th September – at Parsons Green – 18.00-19.15 (18.30-19.45 for our free taster session for complete beginners) we have our Open Day, a chance for non-member friends to come and sample the Club. We are very pleased to be serving canapés, especially made by Natasha's sister Vanessa's new The Canapé Company – for more details see page 9.



In the Bridge Club Yard with Caroline. It takes more than a bad ankle to keep me off my bike.

My period of inactivity at the start of the year (thank you for all your kind comments re my recovery from the foot op.) gave me a chance to work on two new projects. I have written a book on Defence, that part of the

game that gets more and more enthralling the more you play. The hope is to have demystified it for you, by progressing things steadily and

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logically. See page 28 for a taster page.

I have also developed and produced our new Conventions Flipper, which I would really recommend especially to all those Duplicate players amongst you. Clearer yet more extensive than the old Conventions Flipper, it includes all the conventions you need, plus a section on winning tactics at Duplicate Pairs. See page 11.

Our own David, with club member Martin Mueller, has been working on an Iphone Ap, giving you a chance to play through 16 selected deals from his David's Delights lessons. I wish them all the best for the project – you can read more on page 10.

Autumn beckons (but not for a bit) and with it the chance to learn more about this wonderful game. I have devised another full lesson programme including at least one day and evening option for all courses (up to

Improver Play). As usual start dates vary so you can be away for a week and not miss a class (coming to two the week before/after). I am personally starting rather later than normal; and David is sharing his classes with Richard. This is because the once-every-four-years World Open Championships are taking place in early October.

At the beginning of each month I am now sending out to all those who have given us your email addresses an issue of my new Andrew Robson Bridge. This contains columns, tips, a beginner corner, a prize quiz and more. Do give Nick your email to receive your (free) copy.

I look forward to seeing you very soon at the Club and want to take this opportunity to praise my wonderful team who ensure the smooth running of Bridge at 31 Parsons Green Lane. As well as, in fact most importantly, thanking all of you for your support,

Andrew



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From the Hammersmith & Fulham News



Forget gyms, the most important organ to exercise as you get older is undoubtedly your brain.

Bridge, perhaps more than any other game, stimulates the mind, keeps your brain sharp, and can even stave off Alzheimer's.

"In terms of your brain, researchers have found you better use it or lose it," says too-many-times-to-count bridge champion Andrew Robson, owner of the thriving world-renowned bridge club in Parsons Green Lane.

"Many people tell the story that they have a 98-year-old grandmother who can't do a lot of things but can still play a mean game of bridge."

The 46-year-old adds: "Bridge exercises both hemispheres of the brain. Playing is really like going to a gym for your mind."

It is partly this research into the benefits of playing on the brain that has stirred something of a renaissance of bridge all over the country.

Andrew says: "People thought 10-15 years ago that playing bridge in the daytime was a bit of a guilty pleasure and they weren't really achieving anything. People's perception has changed now they know they're doing something really worthwhile for them."

The case in point, The Andrew Robson Bridge Club, is packed all day most days from around 10 in the morning to 11 at night. It's hugely popular.

Lessons and games are conducted in a friendly atmosphere where everyone is welcome no matter how well or badly they can

play. You can even indulge in a glass of wine, some snacks or a sandwich from the bar to keep you refreshed throughout. Although the game itself can be a bit tricky and complicated for beginners to pick up, this is not deterring the new recruits. Caroline Brooman-White, a bridge teacher who has been with the club for 14 years, says: "Bridge is difficult but great fun. Everyone has a really enjoyable time and doesn't take it too seriously. While you're here you can forget what's going on outside and all your problems go away." "You don't have to know anything about bridge or even cards to start."

"We teach it from absolute scratch and take it slowly even if you're not a natural card player," says Andrew.

"What we have almost uniquely is a place where people can play with absolutely no fear they're going to be criticised or made partnership. A couple of years ago I was running a duplicate at the club, and a chap I knew who was recently divorced rang up and said he'd like a game but he didn't have a partner and wanted me to fix him up with someone."



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"There was this other girl I knew who was also coming and didn't have a partner, so I thought I'd put the two together and who knows. The girl was running late and there was another person waiting I could have put him with but I thought, no, I'll go with my instincts, and wait for her to arrive."

"I ran the evening and thought nothing of it."

Three years later I got the wedding invite. It's not an isolated incident either." Bridge does suffer from a bit of an image crisis. It doesn't have the same widespread popularity within the press and media as poker does, for instance. But once you get into the game it becomes highly addictive, as the sheer number of members at the club illustrates. The evening sessions have also been drawing a lot of younger people into the club.

"Bridge does very well in a recession as it's pretty cheap," adds Andrew. "It's an amazing game. It's definitely having a renaissance helped by the research about brains."

"People don't want to buy an expensive meal, they want to test themselves

and their brain as well as meeting new interesting people."

Children are also invited to join and take part in classes. Both of Andrew's daughters, Hannah aged ten, and Mimi aged eight, are already taking the children's courses.

"Maybe it's in the genes," chuckles Andrew.

"They're excited to have daddy teach them and the lessons aren't very serious – just a chance to have fun and meet other children outside of their normal school, in an unpressured, fun and friendly environment. That's what the game is about whether you're eight or 98, having fun and challenging yourself." He adds, "Also if you get them playing when they're 10 or 11 they can leave bridge for many years and take it up again in retirement. We're all living longer and longer, and it's there waiting." Andrew, who usually also teaches at the club, has been out of action this term after an operation on his ankles following a fall in the Lake District nine years ago. He says, "I slipped and fell 100 feet, bashed both my feet, and had to be airlifted off the mountain."

Lucky to survive, Andrew was obviously destined to spread his bridge message to people all over the country.

"It's really on the up and up," he says.

"Although it's not well marketed and a bit of a secret, it's flourishing over the whole country."

"More and more clubs are encouraging new players and making it a sociable, fun and welcoming game."

Harbour Club

By Andrew



After a Summer recess, we are having an **Open Day on Wednesday 15th September**. Andrew, Nick, Natasha and others will be there, offering you FREE Bridge all day: from 09.30 – 15.00. There will be Supervised Play throughout, also Duplicate from 11.45-15.00.



Each following Wednesday there will be Supervised Play from 09.30 – 11.30 followed by Duplicate from 11.45 – 15.00. On Thursday's Natasha will continue with her very popular classes. The programme will be:

Intermediate 09.30-11.00

Next Step 11.15-12.45

Beginner 13.15-14.45

Class Dates:

30th Sept, 7th Oct, 14th Oct, 21st Oct, 4th Nov
11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov

Do ring the Club to book yourself in. You can also do it online.

Harrogate Midweek Break

By Lorna



The Harrogate midweek break at the Old Swan Hotel – mid April this year – was brilliantly subscribed to. So much so that we had to request the help of Jack's father Peter Stocken to come and assist – which was always going to add to the ambiance and humour of the week and not forgetting his fantastic expertise at the bridge table.

Many of us travelled on the train from London to York which was comfortable and easy. I was promoted to travel leader by Jack who was meeting us in Harrogate – stressful at times – hoping that my flock were with me – but somehow I did not manage to lose anyone... We had a wonderful coach from York to Harrogate – it looked like something out of 'Heartbeat'.

Harrogate is a gorgeous spa town from which we were able to visit Fountains Abbey with its spectacular water gardens – we were blessed with good weather so a fun day was had by all. The famous Betty's tea room was a popular venue for many of us – and the shops were pretty fantastic as well. For those who know me well – there was even a Lakeland....



Peter Stocken & Miranda Franks

We had a full bridge programme organised consisting of tuition sessions – Chicago and Gentle Duplicate – all optional of course – but normally with a full turnout. It was a great team with lots of new friends made and maybe bridge partnerships formed.

Annabel and Sophie (Jack's wife and daughter) and his mum – Dinah – paid us all a visit for one evening during the week which was fun – I am sure it won't be long before Sophie is picking up those cards.....

Curious Questions

By Andrew



Question: When were playing cards first used?

Answer: The first recorded account of their use was in the Orient, sometime in the 12th century.

Question: Where did the four suits originate from?

Answer: The four suits in a standard deck of playing cards are thought to have originated in the Middle East. The suits started out as being coins, cups, swords and sticks. These suits evolved into today's playing card suits with the coins now being diamonds; the cups, which stood for "love", turning into hearts; the spades replaced the swords, and the sticks are now clubs.

Question: Why is the Ace of Spades different looking?

Answer: Playing cards was a popular form of entertainment in France. The rulers saw a way to make more money by taxing the Ace of Spades, and only that card in the deck.

Question: How did playing cards assist American prisoners escape during the War?

Answer: Specially-constructed decks were sent to American soldiers who were being held in German camps during World War II. The United States Playing Card Company collaborated with the government in the production of these cards. What made these cards so unique was, once they became wet, they peeled apart. Inside, the prisoners found parts of maps that would lead them to freedom.



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Better Bridge?

By David



Have you joined the 'i' revolution? Over the last few months I have been involved in an exciting new development – making an interactive bridge product for the iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. Over the years that I have been involved with the club, many of you have shared the fun of my 'Delights' classes, and several people have mentioned how it would be great to have a way of playing through similarly challenging hands in their spare time. If you have one of the aforementioned 'i' pieces of equipment, then that moment has now arrived!

A quick trip to the 'App Store' will allow you to view an 'App' called BetterBridge1. The first (I hope of many) series allows you to work your way through 16 hands at three experience levels – Gentle, Medium and Challenge. There are ten hands focusing on declarer play and six on defence. In each case, you are presented with an auction (you can switch between a Standard English and a Standard American version), and then invited to play through the hand.



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New Conventions Flipper

By Andrew



I am working really hard on this entirely fresh version of the Conventions Flipper and am very excited with the result. I have included a section on Duplicate Pairs which I hope will be very helpful to all of you who love that addictive form

of the game - below is an extract. With 30 pages packed full of my favourite conventions and all you need to know to play them, I think you'll find it's ten pounds well spent.

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Duplicate Pairs

Key Idea By using boards for the cards with East-West pairs moving after each round, at the end of the session all players will have played the same deals. You win not by holding better cards, but by doing better with the identical cards held by your counterparts at the other tables.

How it works
After each deal, North puts the score on a Traveller that accompanies the board (or Bridgemate) then shows it to East to check. Compare your scores to other pairs sitting your direction. At the end of the round (typically 2/3 boards) East-West move to a new table, as do the boards. The Director looks after everything.

How Pairs is Scored
Your real opponents are the players playing with your cards at the other tables. For each of their scores you beat you score 2 points; for each score you equal you score 1 point.

Board One (Neither Side Vulnerable)

Pair No.	NS	EW	Contract	By	Tricks	Score		Matchpoints		300 (non-vul game) + 100 (contract tricks) + 30 (overtrick)
						NS	EW	NS	EW	
1	1	3NT	N	10	430	5	1			
2	2	3NT	N	9	400			2	4	
3	3	3NT	S	8		50	0	6		
4	4	3NT	N	10	430			5	1	

Notice how important the overtrick is – NS Pair 3 got a “second Bottom” even though they made their contract.
Principle: Play hard for overtricks in a standard contract.

Board Two (North-South Vulnerable)

Pair No.	NS	EW	Contract	By	Tricks	Score		Matchpoints		50 (part score) + 90 (contract tricks) + 30 (overtrick) = 170
						NS	EW	NS	EW	
1	1	3♥	W	9	140	4	2			
2	2	3♠	N	8	100	6	0			
3	3	3♠x ¹	N	8	200	0	6			
4	4	3♥	W	10	170	2	4			

¹ X = Double

The double of 3♠ at Table 3 turned a Bottom (see EW 2) into a Top.
Principle: Try to steal from the opponents (particularly non-vulnerable), but double if the opponents try to steal from you.

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Beginning Bridge at ARBC

Why Learn Bridge?

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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 15th September

£155 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 2011 included. The next course is Next Step.

[Beginner Courses coming up...](#)

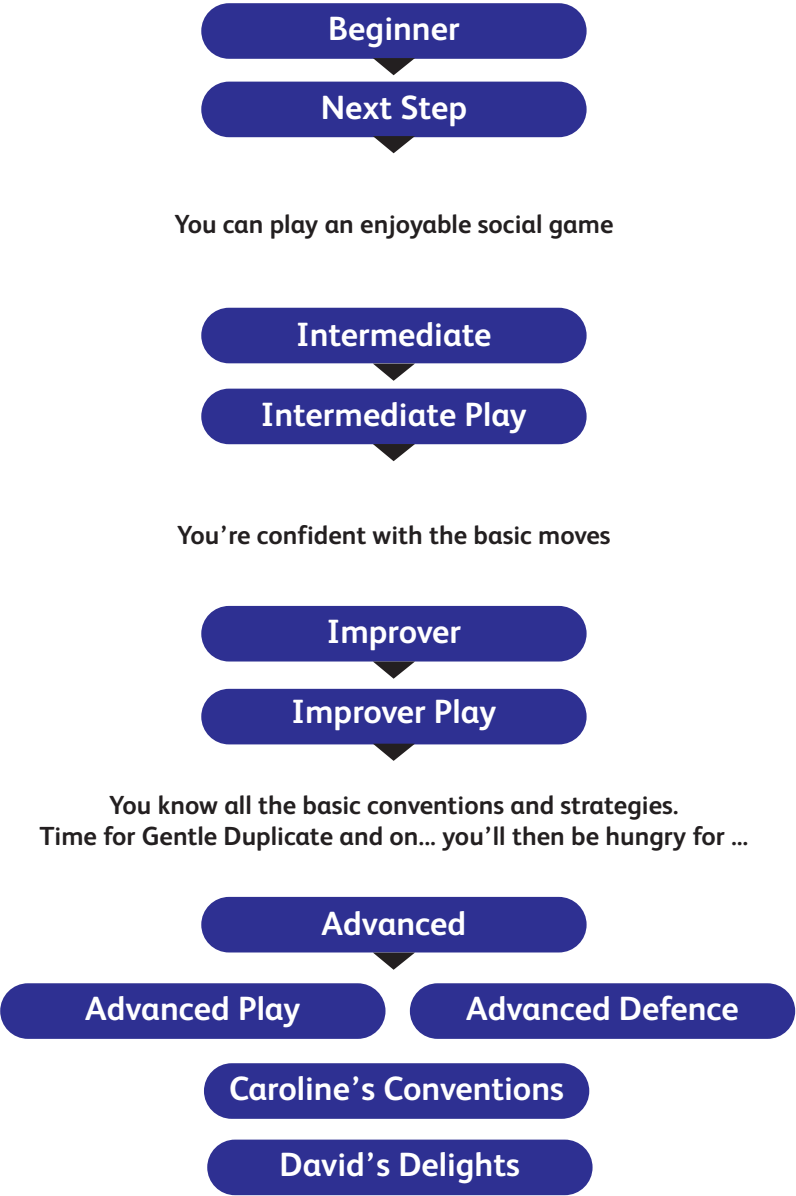
BEGINNER		Wednesday 09.45 - 11.15 Natasha	Wednesday 18.45 - 20.15 David/Richard	Thursday 12.00 - 13.30 David/Richard	Tuesday 20.15 - 21.45 Andrew
FOUR WEEK	EIGHT WEEK				
Tuesday 19.00 - 22.00 Richard	1. Getting Started 2. Playing Bridge 3. Introducing Notrumps 4. The Play - Making Tricks 5. Finding Fits & Bidding Game 6. Notrump Bidding 7. Trump Bidding 8. Overcalling	29th Sept 6th Oct 13th Oct 20th Oct 3rd Nov* 10th Nov 17th Nov 24th Nov	6th Oct 13th Oct 20th Oct 3rd Nov* 10th Nov 17th Nov 24th Nov 1st Dec	7th Oct 14th Oct 21th Oct 4th Nov* 11th Nov 18th Nov 25th Nov 2nd Dec	19th Oct 26th Oct 2nd Nov 9th Nov 16th Nov 23rd Nov 7th Dec* 14th Dec
Beginner in a Weekend -		Autumn 18th - 19th September; 10.00 - 16.30 (David) Autumn 4th - 5th December 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard) Spring 5th - 6th February 10.00 - 16.30 (Richard) Spring 2nd - 3rd April 10.00 - 16.30 (David)			

** please note these weeks are not consecutive*

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Lesson Flow Guide



You know all the basic conventions and strategies.
Time for Gentle Duplicate and on... you'll then be hungry for ...

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 our weekly courses cost £155. 2010 Weekends cost £145, 2011 Weekends cost £155.
- 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 and Advanced Courses in a weekend. Includes lunch both days, 10.00 - 16.30. Dates of all weekend courses now fixed until Easter 2011.

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 2011 included.

NEXT STEP	Monday 20.30 - 22.00 David/Richard	Wednesday 11.30 - 13.00 Natasha	Tuesday 11.50 - 13.20 David/Richard	Wednesday 18.35 - 20.05 Andrew
1. Notrump Play	27th Sept	29th Sept	5th Oct	20th Oct
2. Trump Play	4th Oct	6th Oct	12th Oct	27th Oct
3. Bidding Unbalanced Hands	11th Oct	13th Oct	19th Oct	3rd Nov
4. Finding Fits	18th Oct	20th Oct	2nd Nov*	10th Nov
5. Overcalling	1st Nov*	3rd Nov*	9th Nov	17th Nov
6. Opening Bids at the Three Level	8th Nov	10th Nov	16th Nov	24th Nov
7. The Opening Lead	15th Nov	17th Nov	23rd Nov	8th Dec*
8. The Defence	22nd Nov	24th Nov	30th Nov	15th Dec
Next Step in a Weekend - Autumn 20th - 21st November (David) Spring 26th - 27th February (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 14.00 - 15.30 Richard	Wednesday 20.25 - 21.55 David/Richard	Tuesday 18.35 - 20.05 Andrew	Wednesday 13.00 - 14.30 Andrew
1. Bidding as Opener	4th Oct	6th Oct	19th Oct	20th Oct
2. Bidding as Responder	11th Oct	13th Oct	26th Oct	27th Oct
3. Making Tricks (1) with trumps	18th Oct	20th Oct	2nd Nov	3rd Nov
4. Making Tricks (2) without trumps	1st Nov*	3rd Nov*	9th Nov	10th Nov
5. One Notrump	8th Nov	10th Nov	16th Nov	17th Nov
6. Overcalling	15th Nov	17th Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov
7. The Opening Lead	22nd Nov	24th Nov	7th Dec*	8th Dec*
8. The Defence	29th Nov	1st Dec	14th Dec	15th Dec
Intermediate in a Weekend - Autumn 2nd - 3rd October (Richard) Spring 12th - 13th February (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 18.35 - 20.20 David/Richard	Thursday 10.00 - 11.45 David/Richard	Wednesday 14.45 - 16.30 Andrew
1. Force	30th Sept	7th Oct	20th Oct
2. Length	7th Oct	14th Oct	27th Oct
3. Position - The Finesse	14th Oct	21st Oct	3rd Nov
4. Using Trumps	21st Oct	4th Nov*	10th Nov
5. Overcalling and SQOT	4th Nov*	11th Nov	17th Nov
6. Defending Notrump Contracts	11th Nov	18th Nov	24th Nov
7. Defending Trump Contracts	18th Nov	25th Nov	8th Dec*
8. Pot Pourri	25th Nov	2nd Dec	15th 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	Monday 18.35 - 20.20 David/Richard	Tuesday 09.55 - 11.40 David/Richard
1. Uncontested Bidding Review	27th Sept	5th Oct
2. Signalling in Defence	4th Oct	12th Oct
3. Stayman	11th Oct	19th Oct
4. Take-out Double	18th Oct	2nd Nov*
5. Penalty Double	1st Nov*	9th Nov
6. Blackwood	8th Nov	16th Nov
7. Strong Twos	15th Nov	23rd Nov
8. Weak Threes	22nd Nov	30th Nov
Improver in a Weekend - Autumn 16th - 17th October (Richard) Spring 5th - 6th March (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 13.30 - 15.15 Caroline	Thursday 20.30 - 22.15 David/Richard
1. Signalling in Defence	28th Sept	30th Sept
2. Finesse or Drop	5th Oct	7th Oct
3. Retaining the finesse position	12th Oct	14th Oct
4. Throwing Losers	2nd Nov**	21st Oct
5. Setting up a long suit	9th Nov	4th Nov*
6. Trumps - draw or delay?	16th Nov	11th Nov
7. TOP Defence	23rd Nov	18th Nov
8. Pot Pourri	30th Nov	25th Nov

** please note these weeks are not consecutive*

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 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 of fun.

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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. 10th Sept, 17th Sept, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 29th Oct, 19th Nov

ADVANCED	Wednesday 10.15 - 12.00 Caroline
1. Losing Trick Count	29th Sept
2. Uncontested Bidding Review	6th Oct
3. Coping with Intervention	13th Oct
4. Fourth Suit Forcing	3rd Nov**
5. More ways to Signal	10th Nov
6. Unassuming Cue Bid	17th Nov
7. More uses of Double	24th Nov
8. Notrumps	1st Dec

Advanced in a Weekend - Autumn 11th - 12th December (Richard)
Spring 19th - 20th March (Richard)

ADVANCED PLAY	Tuesday 15.30 - 17.15 Caroline	Wednesday 20.15 - 22.00 Andrew
1. Principle of Restricted Choice	28th Sept	20th Oct
2. Suit Combinations	5th Oct	27th Oct
3. Communication	12th Oct	3rd Nov
4. Cooperative Signalling	2nd Nov**	10th Nov
5. Card-placing	9th Nov	17th Nov
6. Seven-card fits	16th Nov	24th Nov
7. Fun with trumps	23rd Nov	8th Dec*
8. Elimination and Throw-in	30th Nov	15th Dec

ADVANCED DEFENCE	Monday 15.45 - 17.30 Richard
1. Defending Notrumps	4th Oct
2. Defending Trumps	11th Oct
3. Second hand plays	18th Oct
4. Third hand plays	1st Nov*
5. Attitude Signal	8th Nov
6. Discarding	15th Nov
7. Scoring Ruffs	22nd Nov
8. Trump Promotions	29th Nov

CAROLINE'S CONVENTIONS	Thursday 14.00 - 16.00 Caroline
1. Roman Keycard Blackwood	30th Sept
2. Splinters	7th Oct
3. Trial Bidding	14th Oct
4. Ace-Showing Cue Bids	4th Nov**
5. Jacoby	11th Nov
6. Weak Twos	18th Nov
7. Transfers	25th Nov
8. Negative Doubles	2nd Dec
9. Landy	9th Dec

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Andrew Robson Bridge Club, 31 Parsons Green Lane, SW6 4HH
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Are you an existing member?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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

Cost of Courses

All weekly courses cost £155
2010 weekends cost £145
2011 weekends cost £155

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 be 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

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FIRST NAME: SURNAME:

ADDRESS: (inc. Postcode).....

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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 / Cash Payment	
Month Joined:	Cost:	Month Joined:	Cost:
January-March	£52	January-March	£65
April-August	£36	April-August	£45
September-November	£20	September-November	£25
December	FREE	December	FREE

If paying by **STANDING ORDER**, please complete the separate Standing Order Mandate.
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If you are applying solely for membership, and have not completed the form overleaf, please provide your contact details below

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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.

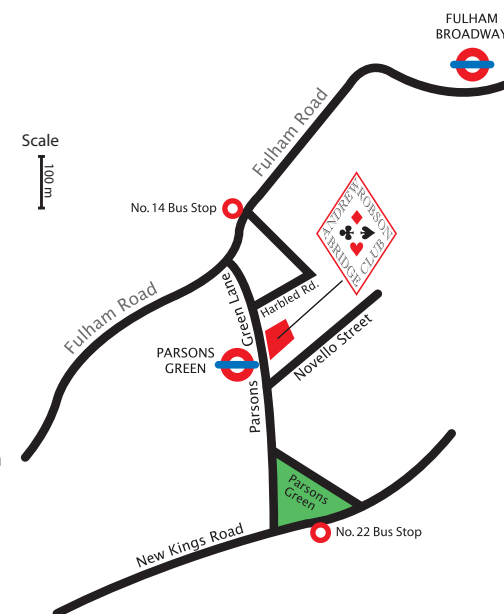
4. Private Cars

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.



<p>13.45 - 17.00</p> <p>Duplicate with Nick <i>(Not Bank Holiday weekends)</i> *Closed in August*</p> <p>£10</p>

<p>SATURDAY</p>

<p>From 18.30 - 22.45</p> <p>SOCIAL ‘CHICAGO’ BRIDGE with Paddy</p> <p>£10</p>

<p>13.00 - 16.30</p> <p>DUPLICATE 24 Boards</p> <p>£10</p>

<p>10.30 - 12.30</p> <p>DAVID’S DELIGHTS 10th Sept, 17th Sept, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 29th Oct, 19th Nov</p> <p>£20</p>
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<p>£10</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY Beginners upwards with Natasha and Grazyna</p>	<p>£12</p> <p>SPECIAL HANDS with Caroline</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY</p>
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<p>FRIDAY</p>

<p>19.15 - 22.45</p> <p>DUPLICATE 24 Boards</p> <p>£10</p>

<p>NEW</p> <p>19.15 - 21.45</p> <p>SUPERVISED GENTLE DUPLICATE</p> <p>01£</p>

<p>14.00 - 16.30</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY</p> <p>01£</p>

<p>£20</p> <p>CAROLINE’S CONVENTIONS 30th Sept - 9th Dec (missing 21st, 28th Oct)</p>
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<p>14.00 - 16.30</p> <p>GENTLE DUPLICATE with Richard</p> <p>01£</p>

<p>10.15 - 13.30</p> <p>DUPLICATE</p> <p>01£</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY</p>
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<p>THURSDAY</p>

<p>19.30 - 22.45</p> <p>RUBBER/SUPERVISED PLAY & DINNER Suitable for Beginners upwards</p> <p>£20</p> <p>Please Book</p>

<p>17.15 - 19.15</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY Suitable for Beginners upwards</p> <p>01£</p> <p>with Nick</p>

<p>£10</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY 14.00 - 16.30</p>
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<p>01£</p> <p>DUPLICATE 24 Boards FREE run-through the hands with Andrew afterwards</p>
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<p>10.30 - 12.30</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY</p> <p>01£</p>

<p>WEDNESDAY</p>

<p>19.30 - 22.45</p> <p>DUPLICATE</p> <p>£10</p>

<p>01£</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY Suitable for Beginners upwards with Lorna and Grazyna</p>
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<p>01£</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY Beginners upwards with Natasha and Grazyna</p>	<p>£12</p> <p>SUPERVISED DUPLICATE with Caroline</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY</p>
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<p>TUESDAY</p>

<p>19.30 - 22.45</p> <p>RUBBER/SUPERVISED PLAY & DINNER with Caroline</p> <p>£20</p> <p>Please Book</p>
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<p>01£</p> <p>DUPLICATE GENTLE</p>

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<p>01£</p> <p>DUPLICATE 24 Boards</p>	<p>01£</p> <p>PLAY with Caroline</p>	<p>14.00 - 00.00</p> <p>SUPERVISED PLAY</p>
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<p>01£</p> <p>(DUPLICATE) <i>Duplicate will restart on September 13th with a FREE session!</i></p>

<p>MONDAY</p>

Doors open half an hour before the start of play, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See Lesson Schedule for details of lessons.

Red shaded sessions are for more experienced players.
Blue shaded sessions are for ALL (not complete beginners)
Green shaded sessions are suitable for beginners upwards.

Playing Schedule - Autumn 2010

Lesson Schedule - Autumn 2010

TEACHERS
A = Andrew D = David
C = Caroline R = Richard
N = Natasha

COURSES (£155)
Courses last for 8 weeks each, you can change from one slot to another. See Course Planner over the page for all topics and dates.

OPEN EVENING (FREE)
Wednesday 15th September 18.00 - 19.15
All visitors welcome to the free session
Special 'here-a-go' taster session for absolute beginners:
18.30 to 19.45

<p>MONDAY</p>

<p>14.00 - 15.30</p> <p>Intermediate (R)</p>

<p>15.45 - 17.30</p> <p>Advanced Defence (R)</p>

<p>18.35 - 20.20</p> <p>Improver (D/R)</p>

<p>20.30 - 22.00</p> <p>Next Step (D/R)</p>
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<p>TUESDAY</p>
<p>09.55 - 11.40</p> <p>Improver (D/R)</p>
<p>11.50 - 13.20</p> <p>Next Step (D/R)</p>

<p>13.30 - 15.15</p> <p>Improver Play (C)</p>
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<p>15.30 - 17.15</p> <p>Advanced Play (C)</p>
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<p>18.35 - 20.05</p> <p>Intermediate (A)</p>

<p>19.00 - 22.00 including buffet supper</p> <p>Special Four-Week Beginner (R)</p>

<p>20.15 - 21.45</p> <p>Beginner (A)</p>

<p>WEDNESDAY</p>
<p>09.45 - 11.15</p> <p>Beginner (N)</p>
<p>10.15 - 12.00</p> <p>Advanced (C)</p>
<p>11.30 - 13.00</p> <p>Next Step (N)</p>

<p>13.00 - 14.30</p> <p>Intermediate (A)</p>

<p>14.45 - 16.30</p> <p>Intermediate Play (A)</p>
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<p>18.35 - 20.05</p> <p>Next Step (A)</p>
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<p>18.45 - 20.15</p> <p>Beginner (D/R)</p>

<p>20.15 - 22.00</p> <p>Advanced Play (A)</p>
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<p>20.25 - 21.55</p> <p>Intermediate (D/R)</p>

<p>THURSDAY</p>
<p>10.00 - 11.45</p> <p>Intermediate Play (D/R)</p>

<p>12.00 - 13.30</p> <p>Beginner (D/R)</p>

<p>14.00 - 16.00</p> <p>CAROLINE’S CONVENTIONS 30th Sept - 9th Dec (missing 21st, 28th Oct)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roman Keycard Blackwood 2. Splinters 3. Trait Bidding 4. Ace-showing Cue Bids 5. Jacoby 6. Weak Twos 7. Transfers 8. Negative Doubles 9. Landy

<p>18.35 - 20.20</p> <p>Intermediate Play (D/R)</p>
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<p>20.30 - 22.15</p> <p>Improver Play (D/R)</p>
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10.30 - 12.30
DAVID’S DELIGHTS
David creates stimulating hands for Duplicate players
£20 a SESSION
NO BOOKING REQUIRED
Dates: 10th Sept, 17th Sept, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 29th Oct, 19th Nov.

Autumn WEEKENDS
(£145 including Lunch)
Beginner (D) Sept 18/19
Beginner (R) Dec 4/5
Next Step (D) Nov 20/21
Intermediate (R) Oct 2/3
Improver (R) Oct 16/17
Advanced (R) Dec 11/12
Weekends run from 10.00 to 16.30 on Saturday and Sunday

Planning ahead Spring 2011 WEEKENDS
(£155 including Lunch)
Beginner (R) Feb 5/6
Beginner (D) April 2/3
Next Step (D) Feb 26/27
Intermediate (R) Feb 12/13
Improver (R) Mar 5/6
Advanced (R) Mar 19/20
Weekends run from 10.00 to 16.30 on Saturday and Sunday



Which session should I come to?

- 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.

Supervised Rubber Play for Beginners upwards with Natasha and others £10

Never forget the three best ways to overcome the first hurdles in Bridge: practice, practice and practice! As you see from the green shading on the Playing Schedule, there are two mornings and three evening sessions for beginners upwards. Don't be daunted - ARBC is gentleness itself.

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, remaining at your table. Led by Caroline, we give on hand help with every bid and play.

Supervised Gentle Duplicate **New!** £10

Thursday Evening 19.15-21.45

Very supervised and very gentle, this new session is proving very popular, bridging the gap between Social Bridge and the addictive Duplicate Bridge. It is non-competitive with no overall ranking, but you have an opportunity to fill in mock Travellers (which include recommended bidding) and move around the room to get the full flavour of what lies ahead. Come on your own or with a partner and prepare to ask lots of questions and learn lots of answers.

Gentle Duplicate £10

Monday Evening 19.45 - 22.15

Thursday Afternoon 14.00 - 16.30

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.



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.

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 18.30pm onwards. Bar snacks and drinks will, of course, be available throughout. Unmissable!

Duplicate £10

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. All Ladders and Trophies run three times a year: from January 1st - April 30th: from May 1st - August 31st: from September 1st - December 31st. Winner of our Top 10 Trophy wins a prize and a game with Andrew (no repeat games).

Daytime: We offer a hugely popular daily daytime Duplicate (two on Monday). Score Ladder Points - with a delicious hamper prize for the winner donated by club member Luigi Molinaro [of Luigi's Delicatessen fame]. Our four weekday afternoon Duplicates always play 24 Boards; the two morning Duplicates play 20/21.

Evening: Two Duplicates: Tuesday 19.30 - 22.45 and Thursday 19.15 - 22.45 (24 Boards). 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. Winner of the Ladder will be the holder of the newly named "Stocken Cup".

Saturday Duplicate with Nick £10

13.45 - 17.00

Come for a stimulating weekend afternoon Duplicate, with points counting towards our Daytime Ladder and Andrew's Top Ten Trophy. Not run on Bank Holiday Weekends or during August.

Winners!

Luigi's Daytime Duplicate Ladder: [Patti Gamble](#)

Andrew's Top 10 Duplicate Trophy: *Winner:* [Luigi Molinaro](#)

Susan Hampshire Chicago Trophy: [Fiona Curzon & Howard Leigh](#)

Stocken Cup: [Mike Shilling](#)

Game with Andrew: [Nicky Cannon-Brookes](#)

Standing Order Form



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One of 57 Instructive Deals

from Andrew's New Book on Defence



There is much more to discarding than sending a message to partner. You must make sure you keep the right number of cards in each suit to avoid giving declarer unnecessary extra tricks.

I am afraid there is no substitute for counting (sorry!), but here are some general pointers to help you to retain the right cards:

(a) Keep equal length with dummy – provided your highest card is higher than dummy's lowest card.

(b) Do not throw from four-card suits. The most likely suit-pattern around the table (like hand-pattern) is 4432 – by far. Keep your four to match the opponent's four.

(c) Throw from long, weak suits. Players are wont to keep hold of long suits in notrumps even when they have no vestige of an entry. Don't bother – it's pointless.

(d) Do not void yourself in a suit (when you have no trumps). When you show out, the suit will become an open book for declarer.

Dealer: South

Vulnerability: Neither

S	W	N	E
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT(1)	Pass	4NT(2)	Pass
6NT(3)	End		

♠ K Q 7 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A 5
♣ K J 10 2

♠ J 10 6
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 7 4

	N	
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♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ J 10 6
♣ 8 5 3

♠ A 9
♥ A 7 5
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ A Q 9 6

(1) Balanced 19 points, or possibly a tad less based on good diamonds.

(2) Quantitative notrump slam invite (not ace-asking following notrumps). North knows that the partnership are one shy of the 33 point 6NT guideline, but likes the honour structure in his two four-card suits.

(3) Why not bid 6♣ – in case partner has four cards? Here the 4-4 fit 6♣ would make 12 tricks – the extra ruffing trick making the difference.

Contract: 6NT

Opening Lead: ♥Q

On our deal, West led the queen of hearts v 6NT and declarer correctly ducked, winning the ten of hearts continuation with the ace. He counted 11 tricks and had to hope for a bad discard or a squeeze for his twelfth.

Declarer cashed four rounds of clubs. It would have been all-too easy for West to let go one of those four grotty diamonds. However discarding from a four-card suit is not a good idea [point (b) above], all the more so when declarer bid the suit. West let go a spade and a heart. It would have been all-too easy for East to let go a spade

but that, too, would have been fatal. However East could see that his eight of spades would beat dummy's seven on the fourth round [point (a) above] and let go a diamond.

There was nothing declarer could do but cash his ace-king-queens in spades and diamonds. Down one.

Footnote: If either defender voids hearts, then their partner will be subject to a squeeze between hearts and their four card suit.

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Dear ARBC Members,

We have had a busy summer here in Yorkshire planning ARBC Holidays for 2011 and writing new Bridge courses for the Autumn. Life has been made more chaotic in that we have had builders in, so we are staying with my father in law. Sophie loves being with her Grandpa as she can play with the dogs and ride the aged pony.

Our Harrogate midweek break in April was fully booked with nearly 50 people. It really was great to see so many of you making the trek North (and South!) of the border and we were blessed with good weather for our excursion to Fountains Abbey. See Lorna's article on page 8.



We have spent a lot of time fine tuning the ARBC Holidays programme for next year and have three fantastic new trips lined up. In mid April 2011, we visit the Haven Hotel in Sandbanks, Poole, Dorset. This hotel has wonderful sea views and the restaurant has two AA Rosettes for excellent cuisine.

We have chosen a new cruise partner, Holland America, to take us on a magical "Roman Empire" 10 day Cruise round the Eastern Mediterranean in June. Holland America represents a step up in class from our previous Cruise partner and we are sure you will enjoy the exciting and cultural itinerary.

In September we will spend a week at the 5* Grand Villa Argentina Hotel set in an exclusive enclave just minutes from the gates of Dubrovnik's old town. This beautiful city has so much to offer and as ever, we will also organise two interesting excursions.

So a lot to look forward to in 2011, not forgetting our two annual Millstream weekends. Remember that no partner is necessary on any ARBC Holiday and the Bridge is always friendly and relaxed.

See you soon,

Jack, Annabel and Sophie



Sandbanks Midweek Break, Poole, Dorset

The Haven Hotel

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th April 2011

After the huge success of ARBC's Easter trip to Harrogate, I am delighted to confirm the 2011 midweek break to the 4* Haven Hotel. Idyllically located at the very tip of the exclusive Sandbanks peninsular on Dorset's South coast and with uninterrupted views of Poole Harbour - the perfect base from which to visit the Purbecks and the Dorset's famous Jurassic coast. The Haven Hotel offers award-winning luxury from its acclaimed restaurants to its heavenly Spa.



We shall be dining in the critically acclaimed La Roche restaurant which has recently been awarded two AA red Rosettes for the sixteenth year in succession. With a seasonal menu that reflects the finest local produce accompanied by wines from a discerning and far-reaching cellar, served in the most breathtaking of locations, this water's edge restaurant offers a truly unique experience.

All of the 77 rooms are non-smoking and are furnished with special care and great attention to detail. The majority have balconies and sea or harbour views across to the Purbeck Hills, Studland Beach or Brownsea Island.



There is a Leisure Club which includes a heated indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a tennis court and direct access to the beach. The Spa offers a wide range of beauty, aromatherapy and therapeutic treatments.

Poole is less than two hours from London, either by car, or train from Waterloo. Further holiday details can be found in the full information sheets in the club foyer or website.

Prices from £495



Klosters Ski Holiday

Hotel Alpina

Saturday 15th - 22nd January 2011

We are delighted to be returning to Klosters for our annual ski trip, which proved an extremely popular destination three years ago. Jack Stocken and Lorna Heaton will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme. The Bridge (and skiing!) standard is friendly Intermediate and no partner necessary.



Klosters (www.klosters.ch) is a captivating and welcoming mountain village, well linked to Davos, and with extensive skiing right on the doorstep and just 3 minutes from our hotel. The well-preserved village, the refined ambience and the hearty welcome extended by the locals all combine to make visitors feel at home. Winter sports enthusiasts will find a broad range of activities, while those looking for more relaxing recreation can enjoy the scenic landscape during leisurely walks.



In the past few years we have been very lucky with the January weather with sun and blue skies. Please book as soon as possible as we are already half full.

Prices from £1595



By popular demand, we have booked William, Gerry and Suzi, once again, to be our personal ski guides for the week; they are all former or current Ski Club of Great Britain reps. Jack and Annabel will be arranging all other aspects of the holiday.

We return to the Hotel Alpina (www.alpina-klosters.ch) which is a beautiful, family run four star hotel in the heart of Klosters. The restaurant has been awarded 16 Gault Milau points for culinary excellence. Facilities include an excellent beauty centre, swimming pool, sauna etc and the bedrooms are all stylish and modern.



Dubrovnik

Grand Villa Argentina Hotel

Saturday 10th - 17th September 2011

The golden walled city of Dubrovnik is one of the most celebrated beauty spots of the Mediterranean - a harmonious showcase of Venetian art and civil, religious and military architecture from the Renaissance and Baroque periods.



The 5* Grand Villa Argentina Hotel is ideally situated at the most exclusive address in Dubrovnik and just a short walk from the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, constructed on a cliff and surrounded by ancient walls. The hotel has a prestigious seafront location offering spectacular sea views. Grand Villa Argentina is set in lush terraced gardens leading down to a private beach.

The Villa Argentina was built as a gilded private residence at the beginning of the 20th century and converted into a hotel complex in the 1950s, thus creating an exclusive enclave just minutes from the gates of Dubrovnik's old town. The location of Grand Villa Argentina offers guests the



opportunity for quick trips into Dubrovnik, to learn of its coloured history, or for shopping in the boutiques of the walled city. As ever, we will organise two interesting and cultural excursions.

The hotel offers various facial, beauty and body treatments, massages and therapies, a fully equipped gym and an indoor swimming pool, sauna and whirlpool to help guests relax.



Lorna and I do hope that you can join us for a week of entertaining Bridge amongst the delights of this beautiful city.

Prices from £1495



Bosham, Chichester

The Millstream Hotel

Friday 19th – Sunday 21st November 2010
(Fully Booked)
and
Friday 4th – Sunday 6th February 2011

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.

Prices from £369

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Andrew and the team



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10th - 20th June 2011

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16th June	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey
17th June	Piraeus (Athens), Greece
18th June	At sea
19th June	Messinia, Italy
20th June	Disembark in Civitavecchia (Rome). Transfer for your return flight to London

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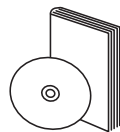
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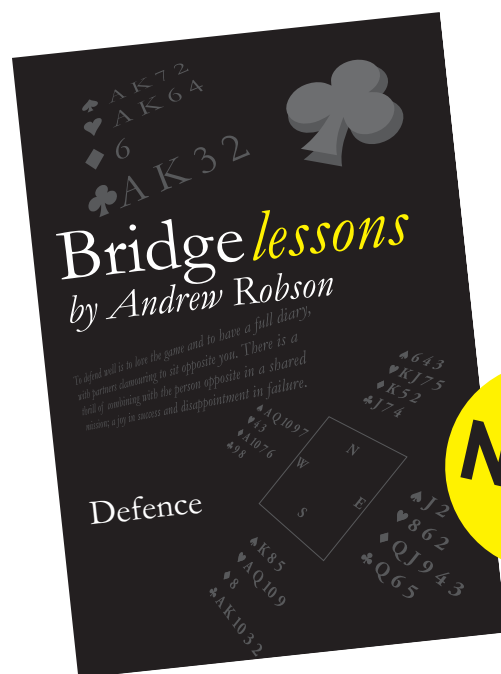
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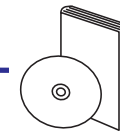
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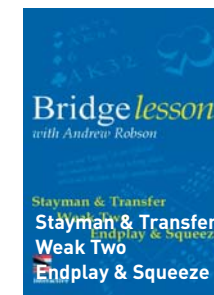
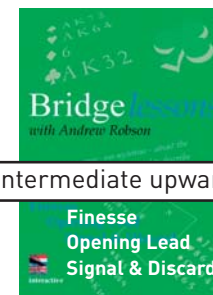
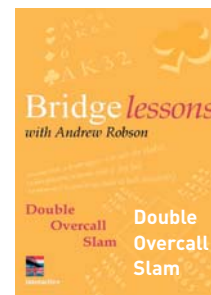
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"Andrew has a unique ability to make things simple. I found Play Modern Bridge to be truly inspirational and twenty pounds was really well spent".
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Beginner upwards

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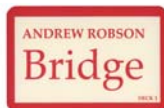
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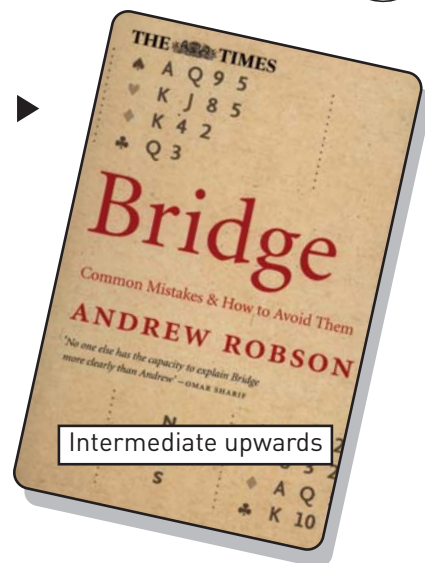
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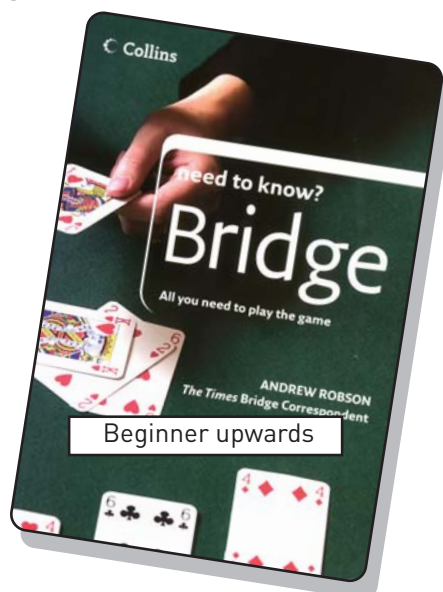


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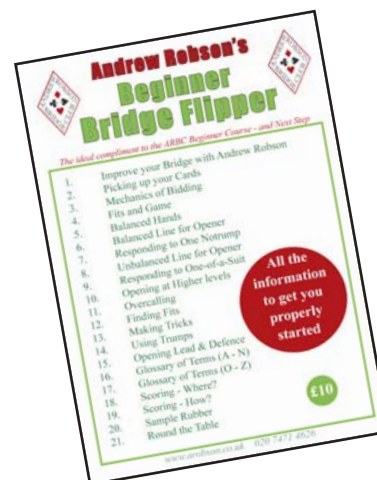


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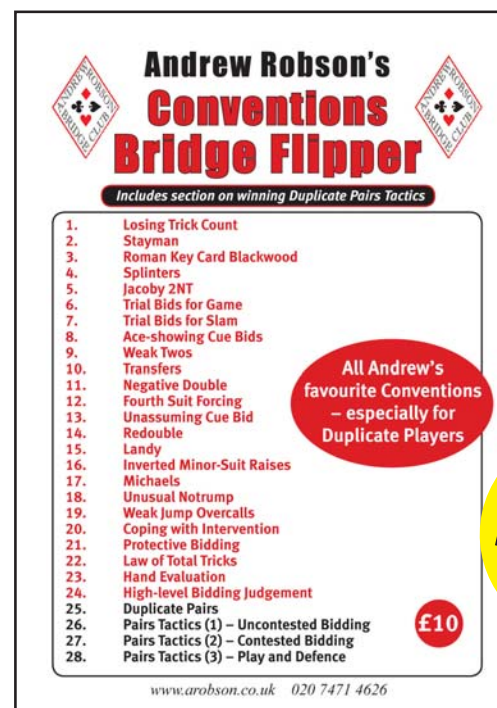
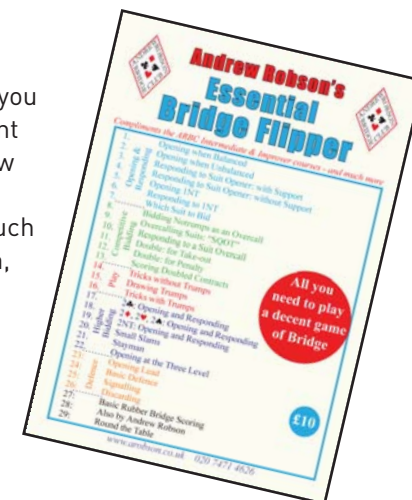
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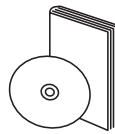


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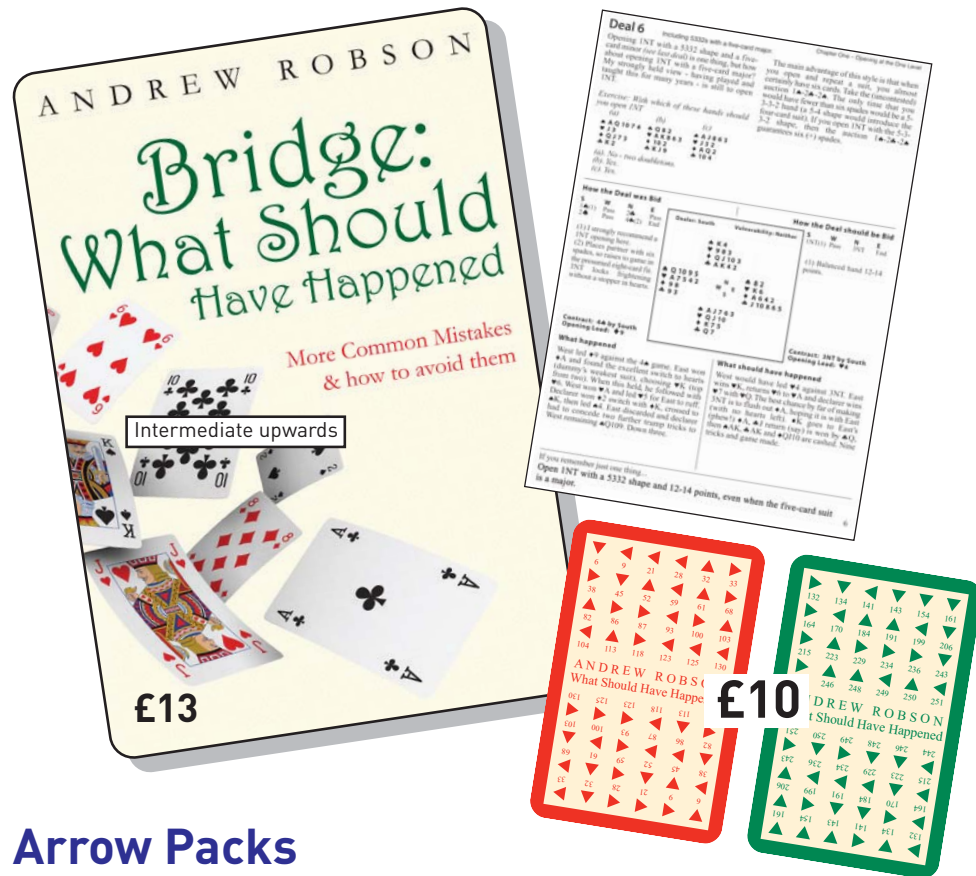
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