

BRUSH UP YOUR BIDDING 2025

Outline

Each lesson has two dates: the first is for the online group and the second is for the face-to-face group.

Lesson 1 8/9 Sep	1NT opening bids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The thinking behind bidding • When to bid 1NT • How to respond to 1NT • The Stayman 2♣ bid
Lesson 2 15/16 Sep	Too strong to open NT Valuing your hand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening with a suit and rebidding in no trumps • Opening 2NT • High Card Points, length points and shortage points
Lesson 3 22/23 Sep	Opening one of a suit 1: <i>the first two bids</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which suit to open with • How to respond
Lesson 4 29/30 Sep	Opening one of a suit 2: <i>the third and fourth bids</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opener's rebid • The responder's rebid
Lesson 5 6/7 Oct	Overcalling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcalling in a suit • Overcalling in no trumps • Responding to your partner's overcall
Practice 1 13/14 Oct	A chance to revise and review the first half of the course	
<i>Then we will have a three-week break.</i>		
Lesson 6 10/11 Nov	Double!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doubling for penalties • Doubling for takeout
Lesson 7 17/18 Nov	Pre-emptive bidding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weak twos, threes, fours, and fives • Weak jump overcalls • Responding to and competing against pre-empts
Lesson 8 24/25 Nov	Slams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to bid no-trump slams and suit slams • The Blackwood 4NT and Gerber 4♣ conventions
Lesson 9 1/2 Dec	The strongest bid of all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and responding to 2♣
Practice 2 8/9 Dec	A chance to revise and review the second half of the course	