

# IMPROVE YOUR DECLARER PLAY

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Lesson 1 – Fundamentals 1

- Terminology
- Adopting the right attitude
- Making a plan
  - Don't play too quickly to trick 1
  - Counting
  - Entry management
- Little, but important, things

### Lesson 2 – Fundamentals 2

- Card combinations
- Playing with the odds
  - Probabilities
  - Vacant spaces
  - Restricted choice
- Morton's fork

### Lesson 3 – Fundamentals 3

- Setting up a long suit

### Lesson 4 -Trump Contracts – The basics

- The long hand -short hand principle
- Drawing trumps
- The cross ruff
- Trump control

### Lesson 5 – No trump contracts

- The race to set up tricks
- The hold-up
- The block
- The danger-hand

### Lesson 6 – Trump contracts – Advanced

- Coup en passant
- Dummy reversal
- Trump reductions – Trump Coup – Grand Coup

### Lesson 7 – Eliminations

- Trump contracts
- No trump contracts
- The throw-in

## Lesson 8 – The Squeeze

- Basic principles
- Automatic and positional squeezes
- Rectifying the count

## Lesson 9 – The Squeeze

- Transferring the guard
- Vienna Coup