

Intermediate Course – Outline Syllabus 2024/25

Note: order of lessons is different from previous year

	Lesson topic	Theme	Prepared hands set no
1	How the Scoring Works	Scoring	1
2	Refresher- opening the bidding	Bidding	2
3	Basic principles of bidding	Bidding	3
4	Opening at the 1 level- 1NT and 1 of a suit	Bidding	4
5	Opening 1 of a suit: choice of suit, reversing, and the “barrier”	Bidding	5
6	Responding to partner’s 1 of a suit opening bid	Bidding	6
7	Opener’s rebids, after opening 1-of-a suit	Bidding	7
8	Responding to partner’s 1NT opener - Transfers	Bidding	8
9	Responding to partner’s 1NT opener - Stayman	Bidding	9
10	Resumé – lessons 4 - 9	Bidding	10
11	Weak two opening bids, and responses	Bidding	15
12	Hand evaluation: 10’s, 9’s, shape/long suits, sequences, re-evaluation after partner bids, etc	Bidding	16
13	Hand evaluation: Losing trick count	Bidding	17
14	Declarer play in NT contracts	Declarer play	11
15	Declarer play in suit contracts	Declarer play	12
16	More on declarer play in suit contracts - drawing trumps	Declarer play	13
17	Resumé – lessons 11-13 Declarer play	Declarer play	14
18	Competing in the Bidding pt1: when opponents open 1 of a suit. (Includes the Weak Jump Overcall)	Bidding	20
19	Competing in the Bidding pt2: responding to partner’s suit overcall: “level of the fit”, and the Unassuming Cue Bid	Bidding	21
20	Competing in the Bidding pt3: when opponents open 1NT	Bidding	22
21	Competing in the Bidding pt4: the 1NT Overcall	Bidding	23
22	Resumé – lessons 20-23 Competitive bidding	Bidding	24
23	Play in defence pt1 - opening leads	Defence	25
24	Play in defence pt2 – signalling	Defence	26
25	Play in defence pt3 – discards	Defence	27
26	Resumé – lessons 25-27 Defence	Defence	28
27	Doubling	Bidding	18
28	More on Doubling- the “Cheat seat”	Bidding	19
29	Opening 2NT and responses	Bidding	30
30	The 2C opening bid	Bidding	31
31	Responding to partner’s 2C opening bid	Bidding	32
32	Slam bidding part 1	Bidding	33
33	Slam bidding part 2	Bidding	34
34	Opening 4 th in hand, after three passes	Bidding	29
35	Fourth Suit Forcing	Bidding	35
36	Play in defence- revision	Defence	36