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# PO69 BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

**DAY AND TIME:** Thursday 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

**VENUE:** Castle Street Centre

**TUTOR:** David Weaver



**DURATION:** 10 Weeks per term

**COST:** £80.00 per term

**COURSE COMMENCES:** Autumn Term - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010  
Spring Term - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
Summer Term - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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No previous experience of Bridge is required, it is designed for beginners. The aim of the course is to provide learners with a thorough understanding of all the basic elements of the game in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. By the end of the course the learner should be able to play the game of Bridge confidently to a reasonable standard.

The course is designed to run over 3 terms, each of 10 weeks, and is based on the Standard English Acol – Foundation Level.

The course is not just theory, approximately half of each lesson is devoted to playing and putting the theory into practice by the use of prepared hands.

Handouts will be provided with each lesson. At the start of the course learners will be provided with a handout on Bridge Basics.

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The content for the course is outlined below. The content order is structured and will be maintained as far as possible.

### **TERM 1**

Opening Bid 1 level – No Trump (NT) and responses  
Opening Bid of 1 level – Suit and responses  
Re-bids, Distributional points, Value of Game  
Rubber Bridge, Scoring, Etiquette  
Declarer Play and the Finesse  
Defence Play and the Lead  
Equal length suit bids

### **TERM 2**

A short refresher on Term 1  
Overbidding  
Opening Bids at 2 level and responses  
Pre-emptive bidding at 3 level  
Doubling and Re-doubling  
Signalling  
Distribution of Cards  
Introduction to Duplicate Bridge

### **TERM 3**

A short refresher on Term 2  
Stayman convention  
Slam Bidding – Gerber and Blackwood  
Weak Two's and other conventions  
The losing trick count  
Much more playing

If later on you wish to join one of the local Bridge Clubs it is quite inexpensive – perhaps £20.00 annual subscription and £1 - £1.50 table money for the evenings or afternoons you attend.

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