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PO70 BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

DAY AND TIME: Thursday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

VENUE: Portchester Community School

TUTOR:

DURATION: 10 Weeks per term



COST: £80.00 per term

COURSE COMMENCES: Autumn Term - 23rd September 2010
Spring Term - 20th January 2011
Summer Term - 28th 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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