

Intermediate Course – Outline Syllabus 2025/26

	Lesson topic	Theme
1	How the Scoring Works	Scoring
2	Refresher- opening the bidding	Bidding
3	Basic principles of bidding	Bidding
4	Opening at the 1 level- 1NT and 1 of a suit	Bidding
5	Opening 1 of a suit: choice of suit, reversing, and the “barrier”	Bidding
6	Responding to partner’s 1 of a suit opening bid	Bidding
7	Opener’s rebids, after opening 1-of-a suit	Bidding
8	Responding to partner’s 1NT opener - Transfers	Bidding
9	Responding to partner’s 1NT opener - Stayman	Bidding
10	Resumé – lessons 4 - 9	Bidding
11	Declarer play in NT contracts	Declarer play
12	Declarer play in suit contracts	Declarer play
13	More on declarer play in suit contracts - drawing trumps	Declarer play
14	Declarer play- establishing long suits	Declarer play
15	Weak two opening bids, and responses	Bidding
16	Hand evaluation: 10’s, 9’s, shape/long suits, sequences, re-evaluation after partner bids, etc	Bidding
17	Hand evaluation: Losing trick count	Bidding
18	Doubling	Bidding
19	More on Doubling- the “Cheat seat”	Bidding
20	Competing in the Bidding pt1: when opponents open 1 of a suit. (Includes the Weak Jump Overcall)	Bidding
21	Competing in the Bidding pt2: responding to partner’s suit overcall: “level of the fit”, and the Unassuming Cue Bid	Bidding
22	Competing in the Bidding pt3: when opponents open 1NT	Bidding
23	Competing in the Bidding pt4: the 1NT Overcall	Bidding
24	Resumé – lessons 20-23 Competitive bidding	Bidding
25	Play in defence pt1 - opening leads	Defence
26	Play in defence pt2 – signalling	Defence
27	Play in defence pt3 – discards	Defence
28	Resumé – lessons 25-27 Defence	Defence
29	Opening 4 th in hand, after three passes	Bidding
30	Opening 2NT and responses	Bidding
31	The 2C opening bid	Bidding
32	Responding to partner’s 2C opening bid	Bidding
33	Slam bidding part 1	Bidding
34	Slam bidding part 2	Bidding
35	Fourth Suit Forcing	Bidding
36	Play in defence- revision	Defence