

# Bridge Improvers' Course in Defence - 5 lessons

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Travel further on your exciting Bridge journey. Problems to discuss and deals to play.  
Extensive lesson notes. 10am-12.30pm.



## Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> **IMPROVE YOUR OPENING LEADS**

The limitations of some popular guidelines and the value of others. Remembering bridge is a partnership game - keeping partner in the loop. Knowing how many tricks you need in defence. Different aims vs. notrump and suit contracts. Gathering clues from the bidding. When to think twice before leading partner's suit. A closer look at leads from sequences. On not leading aces. When to lead singletons and doubletons. Why top of a doubleton? What to lead from three or more small cards. When to lead trumps. Understanding a forcing defence. What to lead when they have bid your suits, or from a motley hand.

## Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> **THIRD HAND PLAY**

A closer look at the popular cry 'third hand high'. Playing detective. Third hand ducking to maintain communication with partner. Or refusing to play high because it will only benefit declarer. Or finessing against dummy. Unblocking. Applying the Rule of Eleven.

## Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> **SIGNALLING IN DEFENCE**

Using modern reverse signals to communicate with partner. What sort of signal is it? Attitude signals - using them on partner's leads and in discarding. Making thoughtful negative signals. Recognising when count signals are essential. Basic suit preference signals.

## Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> **DISCARDING**

How to reduce your errors in this tricky area. Count declarer's tricks. How to use discards as attitude signals, as count signals. How to read partner's. Keeping parity with their long suits.

## Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> **SOME TESTING DEALS TO PLAY**

Putting all this into practice at the table. Seeing it come together.