

From a membership of over 200, we have a teaching group of 9. It is very much a team effort, with slightly different teams for different courses.

Our 4 current courses are:

- Fast Track F2F,
- Beginners F2F,
- Improvers Online RealBridge,
- Beginners Online RealBridge for Central Yarnton Bridge Club.

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All courses make extensive use of:

- EBED Beginning Bridge Book 1 (Red Book),
 EBED Continuing Bridge Book 2 (Green Book),
- EBED Hand Bank.

However, teachers mainly like to produce some of their own material rather than teach someone else's course.



Fast Track

- New venture for late 2022 and 2023. Comprises two weekends including lunch. Club members made numbers up to 2 tables.
- Starts with MiniBridge.
- Much emphasis on learning by playing lots of deals.
- Informal supervised competition at end of second weekend.
- Now reached extra practice in readiness for gentle club events. Important not to lose confidence.
- Quick format is appealing, also allows more than one cycle per year.
- Notes and crib sheet given, invited to buy Red Book.



Beginners F2F

- Usually 1 or 2 tables.
- From complete beginners, though some may have some experience.
- Daytime course.
- Homework and No Fear Bridge.
- Mixed ability and not optimum numbers.
- Students like a supervisor sitting at the table and then going through the required thought processes as the hand proceeds.
- A separate play and discuss session proved very popular.
- As always, keep it enjoyable.



Improvers Online RealBridge

- Usually 2 or 3 tables.
- Last year's beginners plus other club members. Players also participate in restricted regular club events (NGS ~ 46%).
- Formula is no more than half an hour of talk, including group exercises, then 8 deals, roughly 2 hours in total.
- A regular team of 3 supervisors. Supervisors normally spectate but will play to make up numbers.
- RealBridge is a good environment for all to see what transpired at every table. Teachers can then pick up common faults and expound better technique next time.



Beginners Online RealBridge for Central Yarnton

- Usually 5 tables.
- Players had some experience before but no formal learning, so starting from the beginning with EBED Red Book.
- Afternoon group so older students, very friendly. Concepts perhaps not grasped first time or remembered, so needs a lot of repetition.
- Very favourable feedback at end of first term. Having a supervisor at every table is very popular. Students are noticing improvements within their club games.
- Occasional computer technical problems detract.

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SAMPLE

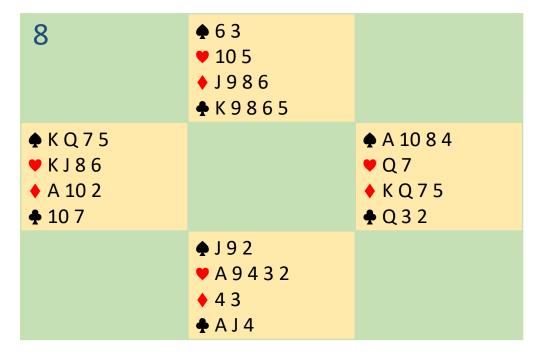
Here is an extra facet of Stayman that is worth knowing. You open 1NT and partner bids 2♥. You rebid 2♥ to show the 4-card suit and partner jumps to 3NT.

Well, your hearts did not hit the jackpot, but partner must have 4 spades on this auction to bother with Stayman. So you bid 4 confidently.

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Recommended bidding

West	North	East	South
1NT	Р	2♠	Р
2♥	Р	3NT	Р
4♠			

This hand is suitable for Stayman. If West responds
2♠, raise to 4♠, otherwise bid 3NT.
West now reasons East must have a motive for
bidding Stayman. It isn't a heart suit, or the long
club type we saw earlier, so it must be a spade suit.
So West confidently bids 4♠.

David Lewis.

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Discussion Points

- Split of teaching and play: students always want more play.
- All teaching is strongly linked to deals about to be played. Handouts for lessons and deals played.
- Average student is not young. Need to reinforce and repeat.
- One supervisor per table is very popular.
- How much to put right or let them make their own mistakes; need to learn but still enjoy playing; not being told what to do.
- Finding students, advertising, friends of members.
- Free first session (see if they like it).

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