



2017 SEMESTER 2 Improver Program

THURSDAYS 2PM-4PM \$15 Venue: Club Willoughby DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS with Anita Curtis



Develop Your Skills lessons with Anita extends knowledge from Build on the Basics topics and prepares players for unsupervised duplicate play. This course covers declarer play techniques; defensive skills and new bidding challenges such as slam bidding using Blackwood; what to do when the opponents pre-empt; forcing or not forcing; delayed game raises; hand evaluation & competitive auctions.

Date	Ref	Lesson Topic
This course continues from previous - SEMESTER 1		
Thu, 27 Jul	1	Make more tricks - Cross ruffs
Thu, 3 Aug	2	Life after transfers: transfers to a minor & new suits
Thu, 10 Aug	3	Do I really know how to play this NT contract?
Thu, 17 Aug	4	Do I really know how to play this suit contract?
Thu, 24 Aug		No lesson
Thu, 31 Aug		No lesson
Thu, 7 Sep		No lesson
Thu, 14 Sep		No lesson
Thu, 21 Sep		No lesson
COURSE RESTARTS @ LESSON 1 New attendees welcome		
Thu, 28 Sep	1	Bidding after interference over 1NT
Thu, 5 Oct	2	We're going to Slam! (Slam Bidding in suits – Blackwood)
Thu, 12 Oct	3	They aren't going to steal this contract! Bidding over pre-empts
Thu, 19 Oct		No lesson
Thu, 26 Oct	4	I CAN support you but not now! (Delayed game/slam raises)
Thu, 2 Nov	5	Managing entries (Declarer play)
Thu, 9 Nov	6	Let's get into the bidding! (Weak Jump Overcalls)
Thu, 16 Nov	7	Whose hand is it? One more for the road? (Competitive bidding)
Thu, 23 Nov	8	DYS Hand Analysis
Thu, 30 Nov	9	Signalling is Legal (Defence)
Thu, 7 Dec	10	Brilliant switches (Defence)
Thu, 14 Dec	11	Double or nothing (Penalty Xs – bidding & defence)
Thu, 21 Dec		No lesson
Thu, 28 Dec		No lesson
Thu, 4 Jan	12	You CAN bid slams in NTs (Quantative or Blackwood?)
Thu, 11 Jan		No lesson
Thu, 18 Jan		No lesson
Thu, 25 Jan		No lesson
Thu, 1 Feb	13	Forcing or not forcing? (When is a bid invitational / forcing?) - End of course
The following lessons are scheduled on Thursday to complete the Build on the Basics course from Wednesdays		
Thu, 8 Feb		Takeout Xs part 2 (Responding with stronger hands)
Thu, 15 Feb		Hello – is anyone there? (Stayman over 1NT/2NT and 1NT overcalls)
Thu, 22 Feb		I am NOT playing this contract! (Major suit Transfers over 1NT/2NT & 1NT o'call)
Thu, 1 Mar		Hand Analysis (Final consolidation 4) End of Build on the Basics Course