



FIRST-LEVEL IMPROVERS BRIDGE CLASSES – Parts 1 to 4

Saturday, 22nd September 2018, presented by Alan Grant

Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Rd, Thorndon

Cost: \$50 including the "Competitive Bridge for Improving Players" booklet, a light lunch of a filled roll and some fruit and handout notes on the practice hands.
\$40 if already have booklet and don't require a new copy (retail value \$20).

Approximate timetable in italics, parts 1 and 2: 10:00-11:30am:

Part 1: 1/2NT balanced openings & overcalls. Responses and follow-on bidding including:

- transfer responses to NT openings
- defensive bidding after a 1NT opening and dealing with interference over 1NT
- rescue from 1NT doubled.

Part 2:

- Weak 2's, other pre-emptive bidding, and sacrifices.

Briefly, if time allows, on some card-play techniques such as:

- hold-up plays
- ducking and avoidance.

11:30am to 1:00pm: Practice hands on Parts 1 and 2.

1:00-1:30pm: Light lunch provided (filled-roll and a piece of fruit).

1:30- 3:00; parts 3 and 4:

- Part 3:**
- More on takeout doubles, negative and responsive doubles
 - Truscott raises and other methods to distinguish between invitational, competitive and pre-emptive raises
 - competitive, pre-emptive and stronger (e.g. invitational) raises of overcalls
 - directional asking bids.

- Part 4:**
- Drawing trumps; when to and when to postpone - trump control
 - Improving your leads, signals and defensive play.

3:30 - 4:55pm: Practice hands on Parts 3 and 4

4:55pm: Expected finish (approximate).

