



INTERMEDIATE IMPROVERS BRIDGE CLASS

Stage 2 – Parts 5 to 7

Saturday 4 September 2021, presented by Alan Grant
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This is a follow-up to the Stage 1 course (held on 29th May 2021) that covered parts 1 to 4 of the "Competitive Bridge for Improving Players" notes booklet.

Attendance at the last course is not an *essential* prerequisite - however, it is desirable that participants are familiar with transfer responses to 1NT, use of takeout and penalty doubles, and have at very least a year or two of regular bridge play experience.

Cost: \$55 including light lunch, the "Competitive Bridge for Improving Players" booklet & other notes (\$48 if you have the booklet & don't want an extra copy - N.B. it has a recommended retail cost of \$20).

Hand-outs of practice hands and partnership review sheet, as mentioned below, are included.

Pre-pay by 3 Sept with attendee name to ANZ account: A Grant Bridge Class, 06-0501-0513787-01

Starts: 10.00am **Finishes: 5:00pm approximately**

Approximate timetable in italics:

10:00-12:00 noon approximately:

Part 5A: Special conventional competitive bidding, including:

- Unusual 2NT jump overcall and Michaels overcalls or "cue bids"
- The "Gambling" 3NT opening

Briefly; an explanation of multi-2D openings and weak 2-suited openings – and how to cope with them

Part 5B: (If time allows) a few card-play techniques including:

- Best percentage play on a few common card combinations, rule of restricted choice, making the best use of your entries, combining chances.

12:05 to 1:30pm approximately: Practice hands on Parts 5A and 5B (hand-outs provided).

1:30-2:00pm: Light lunch provided – e.g. a filled-roll (or similar) and a piece of fruit.

2:00-3:00pm: Part 6: General improved techniques on slam bidding, including:

- Review of when to look for slam, using Blackwood and Gerber
- Splinters and using cue-bidding methods to find slams. Roman Key-Card Blackwood (RKCB - we will consider the 1430 version) & coping with interference during slam bidding
- *Briefly (if time allows); on coping with artificial systems such as Precision (strong club).*

3:10-3:40pm: Part 7 (if time allows):

- The Law of Total No of Tricks (TNT)
- Systems review workshop advice, and recommendations (including distribution of a partnership systems review sheet handout).

3:40- 5:00 pm: Some practice hands on Parts 6 and 7 (hand-outs provided).

