

Christmas 2021 to early 2022  
Print Post approved: PP 100021773

# WHAT'S TRUMPS?

## SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Bridge is often said to reveal the optimists and pessimists, and COVID is similar in this way, especially with the new Omicron strain.

Amidst the uncertainty, the annual Festival of Bridge is scheduled to run alongside normal Trumps games after Christmas. The regular program resumes from 3 January, and there is a bridge holiday from 16 January.

We have a bonus voucher for 2021 members as thanks for coping with a disrupted year. See also p2 for a special day on Sunday 6 February. Here's to 2022!



# Events to early 2022

## Red Points

**Red Masterpoints** (or Gold points) are currently offered on **Friday afternoons (1.20 for 1.30pm)** and Friday nights, and 1pm Wednesdays on BBO. Most are walk-in duplicates. Timings are changing next month.

**See middle pages of this newsletter or Trumps Festival of Bridge booklet (available online) for details of the program from 26 December 2021 to 2 January 2022**, including most of our regular sessions.

## 1.20pm Fri reds

**7, 14 January.** 1.20 talk for 1.30pm game. Walk-in pairs. Then our day red points move to Wednesdays:

## 10am Wed red points

**from Australia Day 26 January** with a 1-session pairs, then a mixture of events thereafter.

## Celebration day!

**Sunday 6 Feb**, 1pm (nibble/drink) for 1.30pm (bridge). Choice of supervised (finish 4pm) or open (to about 4.30pm). Free for members who have already joined/renewed for 2022 (normal session price for others).

## Summer Teams

**Sunday 13 Feb**, 10am - 5.15pm. **Red Points** and cash prizes. \$40 per player, including lunch.

## About our events planning

As this newsletter goes to print, we are hoping that Omicron, while highly transmissible, will generally not lead to severe illness for vaccinated people. However, it is a little early to have clear data. For this reason - and also because we now send out frequent email newsletters - we have not attempted to solidify our schedule far in advance. We are hoping to be able to provide a better picture of things soon.

## Vaccination mandate

We have extended the requirement that everyone at Trumps be fully vaccinated. At this stage it is mandatory until 15 January, at which stage we hope to be able to better assess the situation.

## Masks

These are not compulsory, unless requested by a nearby player.

# Holidays



## **Dormie House, Sun 16 to Fri 21 January.**

This popular Moss Vale guest house charms us with their service, delicious country food, beautiful grounds and well-maintained facilities. \$1049, + \$250 single, less discount for members. Currently almost fully booked.



We plan to visit Canberra, where we stay at the Mercure, in September. Confirmation soon!

We are working to expand this holiday schedule. Here are some possible venues; let us know what interests you!



Should we return to the Fairmont, or elsewhere in the Blue Mountains?

Or to Echuca/Moama, on the Murray?



Or a cruise?



Or perhaps we should return to Norfolk Island? Or a real overseas holiday if things clear up? Let us know your preferences!

## *For Intermediates: Reverse for everyone*

**by Nick Hughes**

For better or worse, beginners learn that a major opening guarantees five cards. With a four-carder, they have to learn to wait. So they wait:

YOURHAND	YOU	PARD
♠ 10 2	1♣	1♠
♥ AKQ 4	?	
♦ K 7 5		
♣ Q10 5 4		

West, who was aching to open 1♥, remembered the rule then thought... "Partner might have hearts with me. I couldn't start with them but surely I can bid them now." That produces:

PARD HAND	PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
♠ 10 2	1♣	1♠	♠ Q9 7 4 3
♥ AKQ 4	2♥	2NT	♥ 10 2
♦ K 7 5	3NT		♦ A10 3 2
♣ Q10 5 4			♣ K 6 5

East has done nothing wrong. No fit in hearts, diamond stopper. East would prefer to be able to rebid 1NT - not 2NT - but that's partner's problem.

West thought: "I've got 14 points, not 12, so maybe we can make 3NT." And there they are, in game with their combined 20-count.

You can't teach reverses to beginners but you can do something to avoid auctions like those. There are two complementary approaches:

\* "balanced hands rebid in notrumps" (unless you have a fit with partner's suit)

That will save them here. West will rebid 1NT, which East will hopefully pass. Alternatively, or as a corollary:

\* "opener's rebid in a new suit shows an unbalanced hand, 5-4 shape."

That guideline works here as well. It brings up a contentious side-issue:

YOURHAND	YOU	PARD
♠ AKQ 4	1♣	1♥
♥ 10 2	?	
♦ K 7 5		
♣ Q10 5 4		

If they follow the guideline(s), they will reluctantly rebid 1NT here, which risks missing the 4-4 spade fit. Tournament players will have Checkback to recover a missed fit but beginners might end up playing hands in 1NT or 3NT, when they should be in 2♠ or 4♠.

Too bad. I still think rebidding 1NT with these cards will gain more for them (and us) than it loses.

The real problem comes when opener has an unbalanced hand:

YOURHAND	YOU	PARD
♠ 2	1♣	1♠
♥ AKQ 4	?	
♦ K 7 5		
♣ Q10 5 4 2		

This time they will gratefully rebid 2♥, quoting the guidelines. "Not balanced, so not 1NT. Also, bidding 2♥ shows 5-4 shape. Perfect. Now I get it!"

East correctly will rebid 2NT and there they will be, again. With new players, I just grin and bear it. More experienced players will want to know how to avoid getting too high with these cards. A teacher can start with: "It's OK to rebid 1NT with a singleton in partner's suit." Tournament players can see the virtue of that approach. However, you will run into partners who will **always** repeat a five-card major as responder:

PARD HAND	PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
♠ 2	1♣	1♠	♠ Q9 7 4 3
♥ AKQ 4	1NT	2♠?	♥ 10 2
♦ K 7 5			♦ A10 3 2
♣ Q10 5 4 2			♣ 6 3

Most of us have partners who do this. For such players, their crude way to find a 5-3 fit is to repeat the suit with five of them, so that partner can raise with three.

They will complain about your 1NT rebid. You **could** point out that even if you had two or three spades, notrumps would have been better.

If partner isn't convinced, what can you do? First, admit that sometimes it is OK for responder to rebid five-carder. Give partner the following:

PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
1♣	1♠	♠ Q 10 9 5 2
1NT	?	♥ 6
		♦ A 6 4 2
		♣ 7 3 2

After the auction above, removing 1NT to 2♠ looks like a good idea, although not clear-cut.

Better to keep such partners happy, which restricts your choices to 2♠ and 2♥:

PARD	HAND	PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
♠	2	1♣	1♠	♠ Q 9 7 4 3
♥	A K Q 4	2♣		♥ 10 2
♦	K 7 5			♦ A 10 3 2
♣	Q 10 5 4 2			♣ K 6 5

It's hateful to rebid that jejune five-card suit but at least it allows you to play in 2♣. True, that could be a 5-1 fit like partner's 5-1 spade fit. These things happen.

Partner will pass your 2♣ rebid, which proves to be a decent spot, though worse than 1NT.

If instead you rebid 2♥ like a beginner might, you will be putting down your cards as dummy in 2NT or 3NT, not a pretty sight.

Another problem with 2♥ is seen whenever partner genuinely **prefers** to play in clubs. Then you might end up in the failing 3♣, when the economical 2♣ rebid would have given you a plus.

2♥ is a reverse because it forces partner to the 3-level in order to show preference for the opened suit. Hence the definition, "a reverse by opener is a rebid of a new suit above the level of two of the opener suit."

That requires 16+ points, in order to offer some prospects in 2NT or higher. A reverse is forcing for one round:

PARD	YOU
1♦	1♠
2♥	

Reverse, so 5-4 shape, 16+ points, forcing.

PARD	YOU
1♦	1♠
2♣	

Not a reverse. Still 5-4 shape but 12-18 points, not forcing (opener needs 19+ to jump to 3♣).

PARD	YOU
1♠	2♥
3♣	

Reverse, forcing to game. Responder shows 10+, so opener can get by with 15+ for this reverse.

### Responding to a reverse

There are fancy things you can try but the traditional method is adequate and simple.

All minimum bids show weakish hands, around 6-8 points. Responder has to jump or bid the fourth suit with a stronger hand. Then the auction is game forcing, because  $16+9=25$ . (PTO)

PARD	YOU	
1♦	1♠	
2♥	Pass	Not allowed!
	2♠	Usually 6 ♠s, weakish
	2NT	Club stopper, 6-8
	3♣	4th suit forcing to game
	3♦	Preference, 6-8 points
	3♥	4-card support, 6-8 TP
	3♠+	Forcing to game

PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
1♦	1♠	♠ A 10 5 4 3
2♥	?	♥ K 3
		♦ K Q 6 4
		♣ 9 6

Not 3♦, if you play standard where opener can pass. Either 3♣, fourth suit forcing, looking for 3NT, or 4♦ jump preference. With 14 TP opposite partner's 16+, you are in the slam zone.

On a goodish day, partner will have:

PARD HAND	PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
♠ 7	1♦	1♠	♠ A 10 5 4 3
♥ A Q J 4	2♥		♥ K 3
♦ A J 10 7 3			♦ K Q 6 4
♣ A 10 2			♣ 9 5

when 6♦ will make at least 12 tricks.

## Continuations

Opener will sometimes reverse on a hand worth a jump raise

YOUR HAND	YOU	PARD
♠ A 6 4	1♣	1♠
♥ K Q 4 3	2♥	2NT
♦ A K 8 4 2	?	
♣ 9		

Opener had values for a jump raise to 3♠ first time but that would guarantee four-card support, hence the reverse. 3♠ now completes the picture of opener's hand and offers responder a choice between 3NT, 4♠ and maybe even 4♦. While it's true this might take the partnership overboard, we've all been down before. There is no brake pedal.

## Responder's reverse

Similar principles apply to responder's reverse. A reverse by responder is forcing to game:

PARD	YOU	YOUR HAND
1♣	1♥	♠ K Q 10 5
2♣/1NT	2♠	♥ A J 7 4 3
		♦ 7
		♣ K 6 2

2♠ shows this shape and is game forcing. It's a reverse because it's a new suit beyond two of the first suit.

Over a 2♣ rebid by opener, there won't be a spade fit but 2♠ is still right. It might be the way to get you to 3NT, or 4♥ when partner works out that you have shown five of those.

It's a bit different over a 1NT rebid by opener, since there may well be a concealed 4-4 spade fit, which 2♠ will uncover. Many tournament players would have (two-way) Checkback available to handle that.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

## Month winners

To work this out, we take the best three scores by member pairs from the 4 or 5 sessions that make up each monthly event. (**Seven pairs** need to have played three or more times for meaningful results)

### NOVEMBER

*Tuesday morning*

Michael Bergheim & Eric Monty

*Tuesday afternoon*

Meg Sharp & Barbara Gassman

*Tuesday night*

Tim Rickard & Alec Spiller

*Wednesday afternoon*

Judith Oliver & Marika Kruppay

*Thursday morning intermediate*

Diana Price & Paddy Mullin

*Saturday afternoon*

Vivienne McDonald & Sue Robinson



## Available at Trumps

Books, flippers and pamphlets

Beginners' Bridge	\$14.95
Beginners' Play	\$14.95
Improvers' Bridge	\$16.95
Improvers' Play	\$16.95
Intermediate Bridge	\$16.95
Intermediate Play Problems	\$16.95
Advanced: Uncontested	\$16.95
Advanced: Contested	\$16.95
Benjamin Twos	\$9.95
5-card flipper - Benjamin <small>version</small>	\$8.50
5-card flipper - Strong 2♣ <small>version</small>	\$8.50
Modern Standard flipper	\$8.50

### **Trumps Pamphlets (all \$2)**

#### **Novice**

- Counting Losers
- Five-card Standard
- Overcalls
- Preempts
- Strong 2♣ & weak twos

#### **Developers**

- Fourth suit forcing
- Jacoby 2NT
- Michaels Cuebids
- Roman Keycard Blackwood
- Transfers

#### **Advanced**

- 2-over-1 Game Force
- 2♣ Checkback
- Bergen Raises
- Kickback
- Landy
- Multi 2♦ and RCO Twos

#### **All Levels**

- Bidding Mantras
- Card Play Mantras
- Leads
- Negative Doubles

- and more

We also have a range of other bridge books, software, cards and bridge accessories for sale.

## Top rated as at 17 Dec 2021

Members who have played 13 times in the last six months are rated.

1	Derrick Browne	68.31
2	Alessandro Gado	66.62
3	Kerry Boytell	66.19
4	Eric Lippey	66.15
5	Alex Kemeny	64.90
6	Neil Williams	63.78
7	Barbara Gassmann	63.32
8	Kevin Murray	62.46
9	Rob Holgate	62.41
10	Marjorie Thomas	62.27
11	Fay Cooney	62.13
12	Kim Dalling	61.99
13	Tina Strickland	61.90
14	Meg Sharp	61.73
15	Peter Fitzmaurice	61.44
16	Tim Trahair	61.43
17	Inez Glanger	61.23
18	Vivienne Mcdonald	61.14
19	Tim Rickard	61.00
20	Ceiny Maybury	60.99
21	Cia Benecke	60.92
22	Sue Robinson	60.88
23	Elizabeth Neil	60.81
24	Alec Spiller	60.71
25	Kevin Ellwood	60.58
26	John Green	60.58
27	Michael Kidd	60.48
28	Noreen Armstrong	60.45
29	Simon Moore	60.43
30	Trish Armstrong	60.15
31	Gordon Coss	59.99
32	Lesley Murray	59.99
33	Marika Kruppay	59.96
34	Keran Smith	59.49
35	Anthony Smuts	59.30
36	Judith Oliver	59.07
37	Marilyn Vaughan	58.93
38	Michael Bergheim	58.82
39	Judith McPhee	58.80
40	Tony Franklin	58.80

	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29
10am	Event 1	Event 2	Normal Tue AM game (see below)	(Wed aft - see below)
1:30pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b>	<b>Aust Bridge Teams</b>	Event 3a <b>Gourmet Pairs</b>	Event 4 <b>1pm Online Aft Pairs</b>
7pm	See below for regular sessions		Event 3b <b>Gourmet Pairs</b>	Normal Wed night game (see below)

**Normal 2021 program to Fri morning 24 Dec** (morning normal, no aft or evening)

Closed Xmas Day Sat 25th

**Sun 26**

(No side game today)

**Mon 27**

(No side game today)

**Tue 28**

9.50 for 10am Sup

1.20 for 1.30pm see Gourmet

7 for 7.10pm: see Gourmet

**Wed 29**

1.15pm tip then Dup

7pm Int Dup

Dup = normal duplicate  
Int = intermediate dup.  
Sup = supervised



**Thu  
30**

**Fri  
31**

**Sat  
1**

**Sun  
2**

*Normal  
Thu AM  
game (see  
below)*

*Normal  
Fri AM  
game (see  
below)*

*No Sat AM  
game  
Today*

*Event 7*

**10:00 am**

**Festival  
Teams**

**1:30pm**

*Event 5a*

**Gourmet  
Pairs**

*Event 5b*

**Gourmet  
Pairs**

*Event 6*

**Festival  
Pairs**

*(closed for  
NY Eve)*

*See  
below for  
regular sessions*

**7pm**

**Thu 30**

10am Dup

1.20 for  
1.30pm see  
Gourmet

**Fri 31**

10am Dup

1.20 for  
1.30pm see  
Gourmet

**Sat 1**

1.30pm  
Dup (or  
might join  
Fest  
pairs)

**Sun 2**

(No side  
game to-  
day)

**Normal  
Trumps  
program  
resumes Mon  
3 Jan.**

See  
[trumps.net.au](http://trumps.net.au)  
for all  
sessions  
including  
special events  
and lessons.

# Bidding Forum

*Moderated by Alex Kemeny*

You are South in these hands. Choose your call then compare with the experts. Trumps Standard and Pairs scoring in all four.

On our panel, Derrick Browne and leading world bridge authorities Barry Rigal and Ron Klinger are joined by Nick Fahrer from The Bridge Shop and NSW representatives Tina Zines, Nick Hughes and Nicoleta Giura.

## 1) East Deals, NS Vulnerable

♠ 9 8 6 4 2

♥ Q J 8 6 3

♦ A K

♣ K

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		3♦	?
	CALL	VOTES	
	4♦	3	
	Pass	2	
	Double	1	
	3♥	1	

**Browne:** Normally I like to show both majors (4♦ Michaels) so we find our better fit even at the risk of getting too high, and I confess to taking this route when I had this hand at the table. Upon reflection, this is just too much of an overbid, while pass is too conservative and the spades are too weak to bid here, so put me down for 3♥ please.

**Fahrer:** Pass. I can't overcall 3♠. And half my hand is the opponent's suit.

**Giura:** Pass. I will bid 4♦ over partner's re-opening double.

**Hughes:** Double. 4♦ instead would get us to the right suit but possibly the wrong level. Will pass partner's three of a major. Over 4♣, I like 4♦ by me to show this - equal level conversion. And if partner bids 5♣? These things happen. Might even be the best spot.

**Klinger:** 4♦. At least 5-5 majors. Underweight with six losers, but worth taking the risk.

**Rigal:** 4♦. Hide my answer - please. Wild overbid but anything else looks worse. I'll find out why I'm wrong in due course.



*Barry  
Rigal*

**Zines:** 4♦. Close between 3NT and 3♦ to show both majors. Overbidding a little, but Double might get clubs from pard and I am too weak to bid again.

*Most popular choice was the Michaels Cue Bid, 4♦, showing at least five in each major. Although this is an overbid, experts tend to be willing to risk finishing a level too high, knowing at least they will not miss the better fit.*

**2) North Deals, Nil Vulnerable**

♠ Q 10  
♥ K 7 6  
♦ A 7 5 4 3  
♣ 8 5 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	2♥	?	
	CALL	VOTES	
	3♠	5	
	Pass	2	

*This problem comes from Competitive Bidding in the 21st Century by Marshall Miles. He comments: "To me, this is not a negative double, but a clear-cut 2♠ bid. You normally have three-card support for a raise, but when partner has a minimum opening, 2♠ will be the best contract nine times out of ten." Let's see if the panellists concur!*

**Browne:** Pass. This is a useful problem, for one often encounters this sort of dilemma. The hand is clearly not strong enough to bid 3♦. It is not even strong enough for 2NT, although I stretch to make this call in some games. I am not one to make an immediate raise of partner's 5-card major with a doubleton. Pass and then (over partner's expected reopening double) 3♦ is attractive IF you play that this promises values (because you play 2NT as Lebensohl to show weaker hands). If I must pick one option then let this be it, but in real life I would choose my action depending upon context (partner/system and opponents).

**Fahrer:** 2♠. Not pretty but not as ugly as other options. Next choice Dbl

**Giura:** 2♠. Closest available.

**Hughes:** 2♠. This is why we play 5-card majors, right?

**Klinger:** Pass. If West also passes and partner cannot re-open, defending is fine. If West bids, we are probably better out of the auction. If West passes and North doubles, Pass from East, a 2NT bid should show a hand too weak for 2NT initially, maybe 7-9 points here, but not a weaker hand.

**Rigal:** 2♠. Routine with three card trump support and 6-10 points...you argue my math? I have the Queen, one and zero by my count. Seriously doubleton double-honor = 3.

**Zines:** 2♠ - better than forcing to the 3-level by doubling. Pass is certainly possible, but my lie doesn't seem too heinous.

How the panel voted:

	1	2
Klinger	4♦	Pass
Hughes	Dble	2♠
Giura	Pass	2♠
Fahrer	Pass	2♠
Browne	3♥	Pass
Rigal	4♦	2♠
Zines	4♦	2♠

♠♥♦♣



Alex Kemeny



## At the club

Tim Trahair (left) is running sixth in the Most Masterpoints race for the year, while Judith Oliver (above) is tenth, but leading are partners Kerry Boytell and Eric Lippey (photo next time?).

Top left: Christine Ingate, third biggest recent increase in Rating, behind Mary McDonald and Cheryl Thomas.

See p14 for more.

## Dine & Discover

Yes, you may use your Discover vouchers at Trumps, or your Dine vouchers if purchasing from the kitchen.

## Santa's helpers

Left: Jarrah and Kiandra stocked up the Christmas lolly tree (these trees don't grow by themselves; in fact, even with the kids helping, some players observed that the tree sometimes shrank instead of growing!).

Right: Kate Jarrett has helped us many times, not just at Christmas!



## ABF Promotions

Here are Home Club members who recently (Nov) achieved a new rank in the **ABF Masterpoint Scheme**.

If you're on the list, there is a certificate for you. You may even claim a small reward with it.

Bronze Regional: Lilly Wilson. Bronze Local: Margaret Scott. Club: Wendy Bagot.

*Note: To achieve higher ranks, you need some red point events. These are available in our Summer Festival of Bridge (see program in middle pages of this newsletter), plus our congresses and club red points (currently Fridays, though we have Wednesday mornings from 26 January). Our BBO sessions currently have red points too.*

## Most Improved Rating

Those who boosted their ratings by the most in this calendar year.

### Most improved ratings in 2021

1	Mary McDonald	+3.58
2	Cheryl Thomas	+3.44
3	Christine Ingate	+3.24
4	Lilly Wilson	+2.70
5	Peter Fitzmaurice	+2.65
6	Victoria Westphal	+2.59
7	Carolyn Rendle	+2.51
8	Neil Williams	+2.50
9	Jenny Small	+2.45
10	John Rendle	+2.37

## 2021 Local Masterpoint Race

Most masterpoints at Trumps in this Calendar year. (to end November)

1	Kerry	BOYTELL	23.09
2	Eric	LIPPEY	22.86
3	Cia	BENECKE	17.27
4	Kim	DALLING	15.55
5	Sue	ROBINSON	12.85
6	Tim	TRAHAIR	11.81
7	Neil	WILLIAMS	11.62
8	Vivienne	MCDONALD	11.60
9	Rob	HOLGATE	11.57
10	Judith	OLIVER	11.47

### Monthly newsletter by email

We have cut down to this one end-of-year hard copy of the newsletter, while increasing our overall mailouts from quarterly to monthly - but with the rest by email.

Advise us at [trumps@trumps.net.au](mailto:trumps@trumps.net.au) if you are not receiving those monthly emailed newsletters (just tell us your best address).

## Trumps schedule over the Christmas & New Year period

Our schedule - as usual in COVID times - is subject to change according to government regulations; check the website [trumps.net.au](http://trumps.net.au) if in doubt. See [nswba.com.au](http://nswba.com.au) to enter congress events (BBO and F2F).

This is the plan:

Normal program runs to Friday morning 24 Dec.

Closed Xmas Sat 25 Dec.

Swiss Pairs 10am Sun 26 Dec.

Australian Bridge Monday Teams 10am Mon 27 Dec.

*Then we have club and Festival events:*

Tues 28 Dec: 10am Supervised, 1.20pm Gourmet Pairs, 7pm Gourmet Pairs.

Wednesday 29 Dec: 1.15pm Intermediate Duplicate; 1pm Online Afternoon Pairs; 7pm Intermediate Duplicate.

Thursday 30 Dec: 10am Duplicate and Supervised; 1.20 for 1.30pm Gourmet Pairs.

Friday 31 Jan: 10am duplicate; 1.20 for 1.30pm Gourmet Pairs.

Saturday 1 Jan: 1.30pm duplicate, or may join the first session of the Festival Pairs 1.30pm & 7pm.

Sunday 2 Jan: 10am Festival Teams.

See middle pages of this newsletter for an outline of our Boxing Day to New Year program.

*Then our normal Trumps program resumes from Monday 3 January, 2022.*



## Timetable

### Open Duplicates

	Morn	Aftern	Night
Mon	9.50*		
Tues		1.20*	7pm*
Wed		1.15*	7pm*
Thurs	9.50*	1.20*	
Fri	9.50*	1.20*	7pm*
Sat		1.30	

\*These games start with a short talk.

**Red/gold points** 1.20pm Fridays.

### Supervised

Mon		1.20*	7pm*
Tues	9.50*		
Wed	(lessons)		
Thurs	9.50*		
Fri	(lessons)		
Sat	10am*		

\*Supervised games start with a talk.

We run normal sessions on most public holidays, but there is a special program at year end and Good Friday / Easter.

Relaxed bridge 10.30 Tues at **RAC**, Circular Quay from 11 Jan (no 18th); 9.30am Thurs at **Monash** Golf Club, Ingleside from 14 Jan; Manors (Mosman) from Jan.

### Online duplicates on BBO

Wednesdays 1pm. BB\$3.

### Online FunBridge Individuals

“Start-of-week” to 4pm Tuesdays.

“Mid-week” to 4pm Thursdays.

“Weekend” to 9am Mondays.

(No charge, except if you need to buy deals. Password Trumps)

*What's Trumps* is mailed/emailed to our 1000 members/others annually.

### Sample advertising rates:

Full page \$200, ½ \$120, ¼ \$75, eighth \$50; Insert (max A5 size) \$175. (10% off for members. Extra charge for colour, or to choose placement position.)

## Benefits

### of Trumps membership

- A quarterly bulletin of news, views and tips
- Save \$3 on duplicate sessions at and lessons at Trumps
- Reciprocal membership rights at Tuebridge at Manly club, Mosman Rowers Trumps Bridge Group, Social Bridge, Turramurra, Killara & Narrabeen
- Special events for members
- Members' phone book
- We pay your ABF fees if we are your home club (\$10 extra).

### Rights and duties

- We cater for players of all levels
- Use the suggestion box in the main foyer
- Greet your opponents
- Let us know if you are available as a "fill-in" player, to be called in at the last moment (as our guest) if we are short
- Post mortems should never hold up play
- Support those who support bridge! *Australian Bridge* magazine (also in novice edition) and the Bridge Shop. We recommend: Mosman Rowers, Trans Restaurant, Thai Kanteen, Hotel Mosman, Fourth Village, Lok Lok Dumpling Bar, Waterbrook Bowral, and Baytree Greenwich.

**Website** [www.trumps.net.au](http://www.trumps.net.au)



# Lessons

## Beginner lessons

**7pm Thursdays from 3 February** (to 3 March), or  
**10am Fridays from 4 February** (to 4 March)

You know what a great game bridge is, so please spread the word to your friends. Five two-hour lessons. We run a special offer for beginners: \$99 for the course, including textbook, two free supervised sessions, and the joining fee for Trumps membership. Main teacher Derrick Browne.

## Intermediate

**10am Wednesdays from 2 Feb** (to 23 Mar). Expand your Standard bidding with topics such as Reverses, Showing shape, Unusual 2NT, Transfers etc. Eight weekly sessions. Main teacher Derrick. Lessons are \$2 extra (\$14/\$17) but this is deducted if you use your copy of the Intermediate book (then \$12/\$15).

## Beginners' Play

**Likely to be 10am Fridays from 12 March (or 7pm Thursdays from 11 March if people prefer)**. Declaring notrumps; Leads against notrumps; Declaring suit contracts; Leads against suits; Finessing; Second and third hand. \$12/15 + \$14 including text. With Derrick.

## Mentoring

If you are an enthusiastic intermediate, perhaps wanting to move out of the supervised room, let us know if you would like a mentor to help you on your way. We will advise you if there is someone we think compatible. No charge, except you pay the table money for both of you. Usual practice is that you will have completed the Intermediate course, and agree a maximum of four weekly sessions.

