



**ADVANCED LESSON**  
**MONDAY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023**  
**1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**



**SUBJECT: BIDDING AND CARD PLAY**

**PRESENTED BY: Steve Hughes**

**Come and join Steve Hughes for an insight into some ideas that will improve your play. This session is designed for Players that are at or above the 100 MasterPoint Level.**

Topics covered will include :

1. Some 'NUMBER' Rules
  - a. Rule of 1, 2 and 3 : How many off can you afford to go if you think opponents can make game
  - b. Rule of 11 : What you can tell as declarer when opponents lead their 4<sup>th</sup> highest
  - c. Rule of 13 : Some good advice from a World Champion
  - d. Rule of 15 : When you should open in 4<sup>th</sup> seat with less than a normal opening
  - e. Rule of 20 : Use this to open with less than 12 High Card Points
  - f. Rule of 29 : Use this to open or overcall in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat with zero to 3 points and your partner is Dealer and passes
2. How many rounds of Trumps should I play when opponents are out
  - a. Important to know if you are hoping to set up a Squeeze Play
3. Squeeze Plays
  - a. How to identify opportunities
  - b. How to play the hand to create the Squeeze
  - c. Only simple Squeezes will be considered
  - d. Compound Squeezes and compound guard Squeezes will be left until SH understands them !
4. Elimination Play
  - a. How to avoid trying to guess who you should Finesse
5. The free Finesse
  - a. The Finesse where you gain if it succeeds and don't lose if it doesn't
6. Using 3NT as Blackwood once a major fit is established
7. Bids after Partner has opened a 2-way Multi 2