

Library Update –June 2019

We have recently purchased a number of new books from the US and I have provided a brief synopsis of them here.

Much interest has been shown in the ‘Two over One’ system - 2/1 - so we have added 3 new titles on this system to our library. Also a specialised book on statistics has been introduced together with a few other topics.

The following is a synopsis of the new titles.

1) **The MATHEMATICAL THEORY of BRIDGE** by Messieurs Borel and Cheron. This is a reprint of a book originally published in 1940. It is highly specialised and totally theoretical so I would say some knowledge of Math would be necessary to get the most from this work. It’s a hardcover book and is probably the only book published on this topic. Definitely a read for insomniacs!

2) **FALSECARDS** by Mike Lawrence. This is another older title by a bridge master who has won 3 World Titles and numerous other distinctions. All his books are well-done and very readable: this book is no exception. It is described as “the definitive book on pulling the wool over your opponents eyes” and is definitely a book to brush up on this lesser-known area of the game.

3) **The Secrets of Winning Bridge** by Jeff Rubens. This is another old chestnut from the 20th Century that has been ‘modernised’ and updated; it is not system specific and is considered a bridge ‘classic’. Timeless and practical this is a great addition to our library.

4) **15 WINNING CARD PLAY TECHNIQUES** by David Bird & Tim Bourke. These are 2 of the best bridge writers and they summarise 15 declarer play techniques that are clearly explained with great exercises. I found the section and examples of how to prevent a ‘trump promotion’ very instructive.

This leads us to:

5) **PLAYING 2/1 - The Rest of the Story** by Paul Thurston. This is in some ways a sequel to his first book that laid the foundations of the 2/1 System and thus becomes a more advanced treatment of the system. Lots of good stuff showing ways of dealing with exceptional bidding situations. Amplifies the system.

6) **TWO OVER ONE** by Bill Treble. This is a basic introduction to the 2/1 System and takes the Standard player to a new level. Easy to read with lots of exercises this is a good start for this increasingly popular system. And finally:

7) **Larry Teaches 2 over 1 Game Forcing** by Larry Cohen. This is a basic introduction to the system by an old master. This guy has been teaching and writing for 40 years and he presents here a very readable and easy to understand book. It’s basic with exercises and examples aplenty.

Some of these books may be out on loan already.

If you want a hand locating a book please ask me – Richard Cooke – to assist you.

And remember: others will want to enjoy our library so please read and promptly return your loans - 2/3 weeks is a reasonable loan period.