

BEGINNING BRIDGE - SPRING 2018
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TOPICS

LAST REVISED ON MARCH 27, 2018

WEDNESDAY	TOPICS
03/14/2018	Week 1: Introduction and Opening Bids <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules of the Game• Bidding Systems and Hand Evaluation• Opening One-Level Bids
03/21/2018	<i>No Class - Snow Storm</i>
03/21/2018	Week 2: No Trump Contracts - Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural Responses to No Trump Opening Bids• Opening Leads Against a No Trump Contract• Counting Winners, Promoting High Cards, and Simple Finesses• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
04/04/2018	Week 3: Suit Contracts - Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major suit bidding conversations.• Opening Leads Against a Suit Contract• Counting Losers and Drawing Trump• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
04/11/2018	Week 4: Suit Contracts - Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor suit bidding conversations.• Ruffing Losers and Discarding Losers• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
04/18/2018	Week 5: No Trump Contracts - Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artificial Responses to No Trump Opening Bids• Defensive Guidelines• Developing Long Suits• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
04/25/2018	Week 6: Competitive Bidding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple Overcalls and Takeout Doubles• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
05/02/2018	Week 7: Playing Tactics and Table Play <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declarer and Defender Holdup Plays• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
05/09/2018	Week 8: Review, Questions and Table Play <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands

Hand-outs, homework exercises, homework answers, and other paperwork will be available on the tables at the door. Please pick them up as you come to class.

Hand-outs for each class will be distributed a week in advance. To get the most out of each class, you should read the handout before class and prepare questions about any part of the hand-out that you do not understand.

There will be a homework assignment for most of the classes. These exercises are designed to reinforce your understanding of the topics that were covered in a class.

If you are going to miss a class please arrange with someone to get the material for you or download the material from the bridge website (see box at the bottom of this page).

BRIDGE BOOK SUGGESTIONS

If you would like to learn more about how to play bridge, Dave March suggests that you consider the following:

- **Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction** by Audry Grant
Covers the basics of bidding, declarer play, and defender play. Includes thirty two practice hands with a description of the bidding and the play.
- **Bidding in the 21st Century** ACBL Bridge Series
Each chapter is followed by exercises with answers and several complete bridge hands with a description of the bidding and the play.
*Warning: This text does not use the **Jacoby Transfer** response to no trump opening bids and it does not use the **limit raise** response to major suit opening bids.*
- **Bridge at a Glance** by Audrey Grant
This is a pocket reference with a primary focus on bidding. It contains numerous bidding tables along with brief descriptions of bidding strategies and conventions. It also includes a summary of the steps that declarer should follow to plan the play as well as defensive opening leads, signals, and general guidelines.
*The **Beginning Bridge Cheat Sheet** that is passed out in class is patterned after **Bridge at a Glance**.*

BRIDGE COURSE WEBSITE

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