

BIDDING CONVERSATIONS - FALL 2021
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TOPICS

WEDNESDAY	TOPICS
09/22/2021	Week 1: Introduction and Basic Bidding Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Bidding Concepts and Hand Evaluation• Review Medium Strength Opening Bids and Responses• Opening Bid Refinements
09/29/2021	Week 2: Responding to One of a Suit Opening Bids <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit Raise and Jacoby Two No Trump• Reverses and Help Suit Game Tries• Law of Total Tricks and Preemptive Raises• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
10/06/2021	Week 3: Weak Two Opening Bids and Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weak Two Opening Bids• Weak Two Overcalls• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
10/13/2021	Week 4: Preemptive Opening Bids and Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preemptive Opening Bids• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
10/20/2021	Week 5: Responding to No Trump Opening Bids <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quantitative Four No Trump• Review of Major Suit Stayman• Review of Major Suit Transfers• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
10/27/2021	Week 6: Strong Two Opening Bids and Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong Two Club Opening Bids• Strong No Trump Opening Bids• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
11/03/2021	Week 7: Confirming a Slam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control Bids• Blackwood for Suit Slams• Gerber for No Trump Slams• Table Play and Discussion of Preset Hands
11/10/2021	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:

- **Commonly Used Conventions in the 21st Century** from ACBL Bridge Series
This book includes the conventions taught in this course. Each chapter has a detailed discussion with many examples followed by exercises with answers and complete deals with discussion on the bidding, offensive play and defensive play.
- **Bridge Basics 3: Popular Conventions** by Audrey Grant
This book is similiar to the previous book but it covers fewer conventions and includes more practice deals for each convention.
- **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.
- **25 Bridge Conventions You Shoud Know** by Barbara Seagram & Marc Smith
This book divides the conventions into three sections: 1) Learn these first, 2) More complicated, and 3) Sophisticated stuff. This course covers most of the conventions in the first section, a couple of conventions in the second section, but none of the conventions in the third section.

BRIDGE COURSE WEBSITE

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