

DECLARER PLAY - FALL 2022  
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TOPICS

WEDNESDAY	TOPICS
09/21/2022	<b>Week 1: Introduction and Bidding Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Playing the Hand</li><li>• Listening to the Bidding</li><li>• Defensive Strategies and Opening Leads</li></ul>
09/28/2022	<b>Week 2: Playing No Trump Contracts - Part 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counting Winners</li><li>• Developing a Plan</li><li>• Promoting High Cards</li><li>• Holding Up</li><li>• Table Play</li></ul>
10/05/2022	<b>Week 3: Playing No Trump Contracts - Part 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing Long Suits</li><li>• Preserving Entries</li><li>• Playing Safe</li><li>• Table Play</li></ul>
10/12/2022	<i>No Class - Cash and Carry Sale</i>
10/19/2022	<b>Week 4: Playing No Trump Contracts - Part 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finessing High Cards</li><li>• Choosing the Best Alternative</li><li>• Table Play</li></ul>
10/26/2022	<b>Week 5: Playing Suit Contracts - Part 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counting Losers</li><li>• Developing a Plan</li><li>• Drawing Trump</li><li>• Table Play</li></ul>
11/02/2022	<b>Week 6: Playing Suit Contracts - Part 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ruffing Losers</li><li>• Using a Crossruff</li><li>• Managing Trump</li><li>• Table Play</li></ul>
11/09/2022	<b>Week 7: Playing Suit Contracts - Part 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discarding Losers</li><li>• Choosing the Best Alternative</li><li>• Table Play</li></ul>
11/16/2022	<b>Week 8: Questions, Review and Table Play</b>

Handouts, 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.

Handouts 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 read more about the play of the hand, Dave March suggests that you consider one or more of the following books:

- **Play of the Hand in the 21st Century** by Audrey Grant and Betty Starzec  
This is one of the books in the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Bridge Series. Many of the topics in this course were adapted from the material in this book. It contains numerous examples and exercises with answers.
- **25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer** by Barbara Seagram & David Bird  
This book covers 25 declarer play topics including many of those that are illustrated in the course. Each topic ends with exercises followed by the answers for the exercises.
- **Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction** by Audrey Grant  
Although this book emphasizes basic bidding, it also contains 32 complete deals with a discussion of the bidding, the appropriate opening lead, and the development of a plan to make the contract.

#### BRIDGE COURSE WEBSITE

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