

DEFENDER PLAY  
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TOPICS

WEDNESDAY	TOPICS
03/16/2022	<b>Week 1: Defensive Bidding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opponents Bidding System and Listening to the Bidding</li><li>• Competitive Bidding (Overcalls and Doubles)</li><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
03/23/2022	<b>Week 2: Defense Against No Trump Contracts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategies and Tactics</li><li>• Opening Leads Against No Trump</li><li>• Basic Third Hand Play</li><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
03/30/2022	<b>Week 3: Third Hand Play Against No Trump</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rule of Eleven</li><li>• Unblocking, Overtaking, and Holdup Play</li><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
04/06/2022	<b>Week 4: Review, Questions and Table Play</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
04/13/2022	<b>Week 5: Defense Against Suit Contracts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategies and Tactics</li><li>• Opening Leads Against Suits</li><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
04/20/2022	<b>Week 6: Second Hand Play</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Second Hand Low or Not So Low</li><li>• Cover an Honor With an Honor or Not Cover</li><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
04/27/2022	<b>Week 7: Defensive Trump Tricks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Getting a Ruff and When to Ruff.</li><li>• Giving Partner a Ruff.</li><li>• Forcing Declarer to Ruff.</li><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>
05/04/2022	<b>Week 8: Review, Questions and Table Play</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Table Play Preset Hands</li></ul>

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 defense, Dave March suggests that you consider the following:

- **Bridge Basics 2, Competitive Bidding** by Audrey Grant.  
This book covers preemptive opening bids, overcalls, and takeout doubles. Each chapter includes a detailed discussion of a topic with many examples, a summary, a quiz with answers, and a collection of complete deals with discussion on the bidding, the opening lead, and the play of the hand.
- **Defense in the 21st Century** from ACBL Bridge Series  
Each chapter includes a detailed discussion of a topics with many examples. This is followed by a bidding review, a play of the hand review, exercises with answers and complete deals with discussion on the bidding, offensive play and defensive play.
- **25 Ways To Be a Better Defender** by Barbara Seagram & David Bird  
This book divides the defense into three sections: 1) The basics of sound defense, 2) Building a picture of the closed hands, and 3) Becoming a great defender. Each chapter ends with exercises followed by the answers for the exercises.

#### BRIDGE COURSE WEBSITE

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