

DEFENDER PLAY - SPRING 2017
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND TOPICS

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FRIDAY	TOPICS
03/08/2017	Week 1: Defensive Bidding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opponents Bidding System and Listening to the Bidding• Competitive Bidding (Overcalls and Doubles)• Table Play Preset Hands
03/15/2017	<i>Snow Day</i>
03/22/2017	Week 2: Defense Against No Trump Contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategies and Tactics• Opening Leads Against No Trump• Basic Third Hand Play• Table Play Preset Hands
03/29/2017	Week 3: Third Hand Play Against No Trump <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rule of Eleven• Unblocking, Overtaking, and Holdup Play• Table Play Preset Hands
04/05/2017	Week 4: Review, Questions and Table Play <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table Play Preset Hands
04/12/2017	Week 5: Defense Against Suit Contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategies and Tactics• Opening Leads Against Suits• Table Play Preset Hands
04/19/2017	Week 6: Second Hand Play <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second Hand Low or Not So Low• Cover an Honor With an Honor or Not Cover• Table Play Preset Hands
04/26/2017	Week 7: Defensive Trump Tricks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting a Ruff and When to Ruff.• Giving Partner a Ruff.• Forcing Declarer to Ruff.• Table Play Preset Hands
05/03/2017	Week 8: Review, Questions and Table Play <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table Play 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 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.
- **Eddie Kantar Teaches Modern Bridge Defense** by Eddie Kantar
This book covers the topics in the course in greater depth. Each chapter has a detailed discussion with many examples followed by exercises with answers.

BRIDGE COURSE WEBSITE

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