



Bridge Classes: February – May, 2019 Schedule

Our bridge classes will be held one Sunday afternoon per month (typically the first Sunday) and one Friday afternoon per month (typically the third Sunday), from 1 – 3 P.M. Each class will cover a specific topic. After the lesson, we will generally play 4-8 hands centering around the topic. The cost is \$10 per person.

Sunday, Feb 3: Defensive Signaling: Attitude. Defensive signaling is a critical aspect of your bridge game. In this class, we will cover “attitude”: encouraging or discouraging your partner to continue a suit.

Friday, Feb 16: Major Suit Openings & Raises. We will cover the fundamental major suit bidding sequences in both competitive and non-competitive bidding sequences.

Sunday, March 3: Defensive Signaling. We will cover Suit Preference & Count.

Friday, March 15: Opener's Rebids after Major Suit Openings and Responses. We will cover whether and how to bid on after your partner has raised your major suit opener. We will discuss forcing bids by partner, how to invite to game with extras, and how to deal with bidding interference.

Sunday, April 7: Overcalls & Advances: Requirement for overcalling; how to respond to partner's overcalls.

Friday, April 19: 1NT Openers and Responses; Notrump structure. We will review Stayman and Jacoby transfers, invitational and game forcing bids after partner has opened NT, opener's responses, and handling interference.

Sunday, May 5: Takeout Doubles & Advances: Requirements for takeout doubles; when and how to respond to partner's takeout doubles; when is partner's bid for penalties?

Friday, May 17: Staying out of bad NT contracts. How to recognize when it's better to settle in a part-score or game contract in a minor rather than NT.

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