



Winter Courses 2025

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Beginner	January 6 to March 10 March 17 (Feb 18 cancelled)	No prerequisite
	March 24 to May 26 if there is sufficient interest, but day may change.	
	Monday – 9 to 11:30 am	10 weeks
with Tom Reidel		\$190*

Intermediate 1	March 26 to May 14	Recommended Prerequisite : Beginner
	Wednesday – 9 to 11:30 am	8 weeks
with Rob MacKinnon		\$160*

Intermediate 2	January 8 to March 19	Recommended Prerequisite : Int. 1
	will be repeated in the fall	
	Wednesday – 9 to 11:30 am	10 weeks (no class Feb 5th)
with Patrice Baker		\$190*

Intermediate 3	April 21 - June 9 (if there is sufficient interest)	Recommended Prerequisite : Int 2
	Monday – 9 to 11:30 am	8 weeks
with Thea Davis		\$160*

* **Note:** Cost includes \$40 for text and course materials

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Additional Single topic Workshops may also be offered

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Chapter Outlines

Beginner(Basic Bridge)

LESSON #	PG #	TOPICS
1	5	Up the Bidding Ladder Requirements to Open the Bidding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Evaluation • Some Bridge Terms You Should Know
2	21	Responder with 6-9, 10-12 Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate Trump Support • Excellent Trump Support • Biddable Suits
3	33	Responder with 13-15, 16-18, 19+ Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring • Concept of "Game"
4	45	Rebids by the Opening Bidder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13-15 - 16-18 - 19+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revaluing When Your Suit Has Been Supported by Partner
5	63	No Trump Bidding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening N.T. & Responses • Counting Winners • Playing the Hand in No Trumps
6	79	Bidding by the Opponents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcalls
7	89	More Bidding by the Opponents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take-Out Doubles • Doubles • Responses to Take-Out Doubles • Rebids by Take-Out Doubler
8	101	Big Hand Bidding Pre-Emptive Bidding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackwood Convention • Stayman Convention • Weak 2's • Strong 2 Clubs

Intermediate 1

LESSON #	PG #	BIDDING TOPICS	PLAY TOPICS
1	5	Hand evaluation Revaluing your hand Opening Bids of 1 of a Suit and 1 NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Your Play as Declarer • Counting Losers • Ruffing in Dummy
2	19	Responding with 0-5, 6-9, and 10-12 points (includes limit raises)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposing of Losers - Extra Winners in Dummy and in Declarer's hand
3	31	Responding with 13-15, 16-18 and 19+ points Filling in Your Convention Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposing of Losers - Long Suit Establishment - Knowing the Odds
4	41	Rebids by the Opener (Includes Reverses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unblocking • Finesses • Ruffing Finesses
5	55	Opening Bids of 1NT, 2NT, 3NT Opening 2♣ and rebidding NT Responses to NT Opening Bids - Stayman - Introduction to Jacoby Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play of Hand in No Trump - Counting Winners - Safe Hand-Danger Hand - Hold-Up Plays with One Stopper
6	71	Getting into Auction once Someone Else Has Opened the Bidding - Overcalls - Takeout Doubles - Redoubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play of Hand at No Trump - Safety Plays in NT - Safe Hand-Danger Hand continued

Intermediate 2

LESSON #	PAGE	TOPICS
1	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Bids of Two of a Suit • Opening Bid of Two Clubs (Strong) • Counting and Disposing of Losers
2	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sound of Slam • Roman Key Card Blackwood • When is 4NT Blackwood • End Plays
3	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sound of Slam (Continued) • Control Cuebids • The Gerber Convention • Analyzing Leads & Play at Trick One
4	37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual Notrump • Michaels Cuebids • Double Finesses
5	49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Weak Two-bid • The Pre-Emptive Opening Bid • Counteracting Weak Twos and Pre-Empts
6	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cross Ruff • Loser on Loser Play • The Safety Play
7	73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Light in 3rd Seat • Responses by a Passed Hand • Balancing
8	81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence • Picking the Correct Card for Opening Lead • The Opening Lead against Suit Contracts • Signals • Defensive Signalling • Defensive Strategy

Intermediate 3

LESSON #	PG #	TOPICS	SUBTOPICS
1	5	Defence vs Suit Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Opening Leads • Signals • Third Hand Play
2	23	Defence vs Suit Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Directing Doubles • Doubling for Penalty • Discards • Second Hand Play • When to Lead Trump
3	41	Defence vs NT Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Leads vs No Trump • Exceptions to 3rd Hand Play • The Rule of 11 • Defensive Signals vs No Trump • Defensive Strategy
4	63	Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative Doubles • Limit Raises • Bergen Raises
5	78	Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splinter Bids • Jacoby 2 N.T.
6	92	Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacoby and Texas Transfers • Raising Partner's Suit • Roman Key Card Blackwood • Cue Bidding First Round Controls