



Fall/Winter Courses 2024

We are offering courses this Fall to support people who wish to learn the game , or improve their level of play. ***In order to identify whether there is sufficient interest for these courses to proceed***, if possible, please register by September 1st on the GBC website(below).

Please note: We are offering a new schedule of courses:

Basic Bridge, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Intermediate 3 beginning this fall and winter, following Barbara Seagram’s four books with the same titles.

A chapter summary of each book is shown at the end.



Course	Instructor	Classes (9:00-11:30 a.m.)	Cost *	Dates
Basic Bridge	Tom Reidel	Mondays, 10 classes	\$190	September 9 th - Nov 18 th .
Intermediate 1	Rob MacKinnon	Wednesdays, 8 classes	\$160	September 11 th - October 30 th
<i>Additional Fall workshops may also be offered, watch for a separate flyer</i>				
Basic Bridge	Tom Reidel	Mondays, 10 classes	\$190	January, if enough interest
Intermediate 1	Rob MacKinnon	Wednesdays, 8 classes	\$160	January
Intermediate 2	Patrice Baker	TBA, 8 classes	\$160	January
Intermediate 3	Thea Davis	TBA, 8 classes	\$160	January

* Note: Cost includes lessons, text and all materials

Please register online at : <http://www.guelphbridgeclub.org/>

Chapter Outlines

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 - 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 #	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

Intermediate 3

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