

# BECOME THE SHARK

**What:** A 10 week series to improve your defense - both play and bidding

**Where:** Asheville Bridge Room

**When:** 10:00-11:45, Thursdays starting May 10

**Who:** Designed for advancing intermediates and serious novices

**Taught by:** Jef Pratt, Silver Life Master

**How:** Each class is a one hour lecture followed by 45 minutes of play using boards tailored to each class

**Cost:** Total series \$100, individual class \$12 (half price for Shark alumni)

**Registration:** Email Jef at [BillyJef@outlook.com](mailto:BillyJef@outlook.com) or use signup sheet at the ABR

## Schedule:

Week 1 - Premeditated Murder: Planning the Killer Defense

Week 2 - First Strike: The Killer Opening Lead

Week 3 - Killer Execution 1: Signaling, the Art of Sharing Useful Information

Week 4 - Killer Execution 2: The Art of Acting with One Mind, Knowledge and Visualizing

Week 5 - Losing Trick Count (LTC) and Defensive Bidding

Week 6 - The Law of Total Tricks (LTT) and Defensive Bidding

Week 7 - The Dance between Losing Count and The Law

Week 8 - The Science of Pre-empting

Week 9 - The Art of Balancing 1

Week 10- The Art of Balancing 2

## Testimonials:

Pat Campbell- Learning LTC and how to apply this knowledge in bidding (including pre-empts) has been invaluable

Carol Church- A little something for all levels and a treasure trove for the serious player.

Arthur Harvey- This course offers practical knowledge not found in most books.

Russ Palmeri- Took my game to a whole new level.

Rosalie Phillips- So valuable I would take the course again.

Pete Schissel- BTS was a game changer for me. I went from playing a bare convention card and making blind leads to having a good idea of what I was doing.

Judy Shillinglaw- After this class, I understood for the first time what my convention card information really meant.

Lisa Wester- I have taken many bridge classes but the Shark class was the best. It elevated my game.