



FALL BRIDGE CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER

"REVISTING BRIDGE BASICS FOR INTERMEDIATES"	Mondays, 9:10 – 10:50 AM
"MONDAY NIGHT DELIGHT---DEADLY DEFENSE"	Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 PM
"SLAM BIDDING MADE EASIER"	Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:15 AM
*"WHAT IS THIS GAME OF BRIDGE ANYWAY?"	Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
*"WHAT IS THIS GAME OF BRIDGE ANYWAY?"	Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:15 AM
"ADVANCED BEGINNERS, MORE BIDDING MORE PLAY"	Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
"PRACTICE BIDDING AND PLAY FOR NEWER PLAYERS"	Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:15 AM
"YOUTH BRIDGE (AGES 8-18)"	Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
"NEW OR KNEW...SAT. AM SPECIAL (2 CLASSES)"	Sat. 10/1 & 10/8, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
*"BRIDGE BASICS... BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR BIDDING AND PLAY"	Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
"CONVENTIONAL WISDOM"	Saturdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
"NEWCOMER GAMES: SUPERVISED PLAY FOR BEGINNERS"	Mondays, 6:00 PM, Tuesdays 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM, Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

***These classes are recommended for LBIAD? graduates who want to learn more before beginning to play in regular games. All Newcomer Games welcome LBIAD? graduates.**

**For COMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS of CLASSES, INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION
and INDIVIDUAL CLASS START DATES, SEE NEXT PAGE**



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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Class: REVISTING BRIDGE BASICS FOR INTERMEDIATES

Player Level: Intermediate players who want to improve their bidding, play and defense.

Class Description: This class is a review of Standard bids, play and defense, including leads. Get on the same page with your partner. There will be time for discussion and for play of topical hands. To a certain extent, the content of the class will vary based on needs of the students. There is a possibility of extension into November. Get out your Audrey Grant Better Bridge Basics 1 or your ACBL Bidding in the 21st Century books for review.

Class Time: Mondays, 9:10 am – 10:50 am. 6 classes starting **Sept. 26**.

Cost: \$60 for the classes includes handouts, but not the text.

Contact: ACBL and Better Bridge certified teacher Carol Martin for further information or to reserve a place. Please contact before classes begin:
carolma01@comcast.net or phone 1-615-969-6855.

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Name of Class: MONDAY NIGHT DELIGHT---DEADLY DEFENSE

Player Level: Beginner's Plus/Intermediates.

Class Description: Learn how to be a deadly defender. TOPICS: * Leads against NT; * Leads against Trump; * Second Hand Low; * Exceptions; * Third Hand High; * Introduction to Attitude Signals; * Using Signals When Partner Leads; * Opening Leads and Attitude Signals; * Discards and Attitude Signals. Handouts each class plus 8 hands with commentary. Information by Pat Harrington, consultant to ACBL and contributor to the Bridge Bulletin

Class Time: Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 AM. 9 Classes, beginning **October 3**.

Cost: \$112.50 (2 ½ hours x \$5 per hour x 9 classes) plus \$5 material fee.

Contact: Donna Young e-mail donnagmtn@hotmail.com or phone 615-332-7678 home, or 615-484-1469 cell for further information or to reserve a place.



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Name of Class: SLAM BIDDING MADE EASIER

Player Level: Adv. Beginners/Intermediates wanting to learn how to reach those slams everyone else seems to find.

Class Description: This course offers an introduction to Blackwood, Gerber, Keycard (1430 and 3014), and cuebids. More importantly, it discusses hand evaluation and how to decide when a slam should be explored.

Class Time: Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:15 AM. 9 Classes, beginning **Oct. 4** (no class 10/18 or 11/22).

Cost: \$90 for 9 classes plus the cost of the texts: Bergen's *Slam Bidding Made Easier* and the companion workbook.

Contact: ACBL certified teacher Louise Fontecchio for further information or to reserve a place: (615) 351-3394 or e-mail: loufon@att.net.

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Name of Class: WHAT IS THIS GAME OF BRIDGE ANYWAY?

Player Level: Beginners and those who want a refresher in modern bidding. Also appropriate for those who have not played in years and LBIAD? graduates.

Class Description: This class introduces you to the modern concepts of bridge including bidding, defending and playing a hand. You learn the basics of bidding and a few common bidding conventions. These newly learned skills are put into practice by playing hands each session. After this class you are ready to play in the beginner games. Therefore if you are new to the game, have not played in a long time or are a LBIAD? graduate, this is a good class for you,

Class Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. 8 classes beginning **Sept. 27**.

Cost: \$80 for 8 classes plus the cost of the text, Patty Tucker's *Beginning Bridge I*.

Contact: Grace Whitlow for further information or to reserve a place: (615) 830-2295 or e-mail: stangracewhitlow@gmail.com.



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Class Time: Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:15 AM beginning **Sept. 28**. No class 10/19 or 11/23.

Cost: \$100 for 10 classes plus \$10 text *Bidding in the 21st Century* = \$110

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Name of Class: ADVANCED BEGINNERS, MORE BIDDING MORE PLAY

Player Level: Players who have a basic knowledge of bidding and playing a hand and who are interested in exploring bidding beyond the basic conventions taught in the Beginning Bridge class.

Class Description: In this class principles learned in beginning bridge are reinforced and more bidding conventions are introduced – various doubles and common conventions you encounter in play. We explore better ways to play a hand with hands-on games that reinforce the lesson of the day. Also with each hand there is discussion of offensive and defensive play.

Class Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM beginning **Sept. 28**.

Cost: \$80 for 8 classes plus \$11 for text book: Patty Tucker's *Beginning Bridge II*.

Contact: Grace Whitlow for further information or to reserve a place: (615) 830-2295 or e-mail: stangracewhitlow@gmail.com.



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Name of Class: PRACTICE BIDDING AND PLAY FOR NEWER PLAYERS

Player Level: Adv. Beginners and others wanting to practice basic bidding and play.

Class Description: Improve your Declarer play and review modern bidding methods. Practice partnership communication in good bidding, and how to PLAN, count winners and losers, and use thoughtful techniques in playing the hand. This class is based on the ACBL text *Play of the Hand, Play Course*, which you will receive as part of your class fee.

Class Time: Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:15 AM beginning **October 6** (no class 10/20 or 11/24)

Cost: \$80 for 8 classes plus \$10 text = \$90

Contact: ACBL certified teacher Louise Fontecchio to reserve a place or for more information (615) 351-3394 or e-mail: loufon@att.net.

Name of Class: YOUTH BRIDGE (AGES 8-18)

Player Level: Beginners and Intermediate Youth

Class Description: Bridge Basics, Bidding and Play of the Hand. No previous knowledge of bridge is required.

Class Time: Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Classes resume **Sept. 10, you are welcome to join after that date.**

Cost: FREE. Bring a friend! Parents are welcome to participate with your child.

Contact: Alison Gembar (615) 290-0185, or email: gembar209@comcast.net or Fran Skinner (615) 739-1908, or email: renniksfa@gmail.com

Notice to club members: Your Grandchildren are invited to participate in this free class!



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Name of Class: BRIDGE BASICS...BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR BIDDING AND PLAY

Player Level: Beginners and those who want a refresher in modern bidding. Also appropriate for those who have not played in years and LBIAD? graduates.

Class Description: Newcomers are welcome. Have fun playing while you learn how to handle basic Notrump and Suit Contracts. The word fundamentals starts with FUN. There's also some mental. Bridge helps build our memories while socializing. An add-on course is possible in November if students want more.

Class Time: Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM beginning **Sept. 24.**

Cost: \$70 for 6 classes including handouts. The text *Bidding in the 21st Century* will be available for purchase from the Vanderbilt Bridge Club for \$10.

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Name of Class: NEW OR KNEW...GAME BIDS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Player Level: Adv. Beginners/Intermediates

Class Description: This is a special 2 lesson class on bidding special hands.

*The Weak Freak - October 7

*Help Suit Game Try - October 14

Class Time: Sat. Oct 1 and Sat. Oct. 8, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Cost: \$25 Handouts based on materials by Pat Harrington will be provided.

Contact: Donna Young (615) 332-7678 or donnagmtn@hotmail.com



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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Class: Conventional Wisdom

Player Level: ALL SKILL LEVELS.....SOMETHING TO BE GAINED BY EVERYONE.

Class Description: We will continue to cover the most common and useful conventions. Prior attendance is not necessary. You will get exposure to new ideas, some of which you will want to adopt. We will also cover old ideas, often providing you with new insights. You will have the opportunity to gain more understanding about what opponents are doing. Weekly topics are usually announced in the Friday Club Newsletter.

Class Time: Class meets most Saturdays at 11:00 for about an hour

Cost: Cost is \$10 per week—Attend any 5 and the 6th one is free. You pay only for the sessions you attend.

Contact: Pat Williams for more information (615) 423-6472, or e-mail stopgaap@yahoo.com



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Newcomer Games

THESE GAMES ARE FOR YOU IF:

YOU have begun taking lessons, or

YOU have played before but are new to modern bridge bidding, or

YOU have played “party bridge” but are new to duplicate, or

YOU have played before but feel rusty, or

YOU have taken LBIAD? and want to start to play right away

AND

YOU don't feel “ready” to compete in “regular” duplicate games, even at the beginner level...in other words, “Duplicate is scary!”

Taking lessons is fun and will improve your bridge, but nothing takes the place of practice. Our newcomer games are a FUN, WARM place to learn with others just like you...in other words...“It's NOT scary!”

These are teaching games so they start with a 30 minute “mini-lecture” before the game begins. During the game you may refer to notes and/or ask questions of the facilitator/director, but you will be playing real bridge in a real game for points. **No partner is necessary**, but if you are learning with your favorite partner this is a great time for the two of you to practice together.

See the schedule on the next page and contact the director for more information. **Pre-registration is not necessary...just come and have fun.**



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Newcomer Games

Monday	6:30p	0-50 pts
Tuesday	7:00p	0-20 pts
Wednesday	11:30a	0-50 pts

Beginner/Novice Games

Monday	11:30a	0-299 pts
Tuesday	7:00p	0-199 pts
Saturday	1:00p	0-299 pts

Intermediate Games

Monday	7:00p	0-999 pts
Wednesday	11:30a	0-999 pts
Thursday	6:30p	0-999 pts (handicapped)

Open Games

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	11:30a
Wednesday	6:30p
Thursday (ABA game)	6:00p
Friday	10:00a
Saturday	1:00p
Sunday	1:15p



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