

## Bridge Resources – Revised 7/4/20

The following resources are but a small sample of the bridge "wisdom" that is available to those who want to become better players.

### **On the internet:**

Link to an ACBL convention card which may be filled out online by both you and your partner.

[https://www.acbl.org/learn\\_page/how-to-play-bridge/introduction-to-duplicate/convention-cards/](https://www.acbl.org/learn_page/how-to-play-bridge/introduction-to-duplicate/convention-cards/)

Get free how to play software, downloadable at <http://www.acbl.org/index.html> under the Learn and Improve heading.

Fill out your convention card: <http://www.acbl.org/play/conventionwisdom.html> shows not just how to fill out your card but briefly describes the conventions that are commonly used in various places on the card.

Find details of how a convention works: Type "bridge convention" followed by the name of the convention you want to look up, into Google or your favorite search engine.

Daily bridge hands: <http://www.bridgeclues2.com/> is a Mike Lawrence web site that has two new bidding hands and two new play hands every day, presented in interactive format. There is also a "flash card" which presents a question to be considered –and gives the answer when you click on the card to see the reverse side.

Bridge articles and more: <http://www.larryco.com/> is a Larry Cohen web site which has a myriad of articles on bidding and play. You can also sign up for Larry's free newsletter and receive four interactive play hands with every issue.

Read past issues of ACBL's *Bridge Bulletin*: <http://www.acbl.org/index.html> under the heading "My ACBL." You must be registered (free but you must be an ACBL member) to access the past issues.

Practice bidding with your favorite partner: <http://www.rpbridge.net/rpbp.htm> by Richard Pavlicek. Be sure to read "About the Bidding Practice" for how to use the hands. This is one part of a comprehensive bridge site by a champion player.

General source for bridge education - *Adventures to Bridge*: <https://www.advinbridge.com/>

Our own Neil Timm has helpful hints on a variety of topics. Go to [www.bridgewebs.com/ocala](http://www.bridgewebs.com/ocala) and click on the *Timm's Bridge Bits* button on the left side of the home page.

The Common Game Defines it. <https://sites.google.com/site/tcgdefinesit/home>. Here you will find definitions of bridge terms and conventions commonly used in the game of bridge. You will also find links to other resources if you would like more in-depth information about a particular term or convention.

### **Books, magazines, and CDs:**

The ACBL *Bridge Bulletin* has articles specially designed for beginning (green tab at top of page) and intermediate (gold tab) players. The other major U.S. publication is *The Bridge World*. There are also English language publications from England and Australia.

Books and CDs are available online at <http://www.baronbarclay.com/> and at regional tournaments. Baron Barclay also has a daily bridge column by Frank Stewart and, if you sign up for their email list, you will receive one interactive hand per week. Bridge books and software are also available at <http://www.amazon.com/>

Recommended books: Watson's Play of the Hand, a classic again in print; Commonly Used Conventions (ACBL Spade Series) is an excellent primer on standard bidding principles. For advancing bidders, see Larry Cohen Teaches 2 over 1 and The BridgeClues Series on Two Over One Bidding, the latter at <http://www.bridgeclues.com/>

Recommended CDs: *Counting at Bridge Volumes I and II, Defense, Private Bridge Lessons Volumes I and II* (all by Mike Lawrence).