

Class Schedule for Sea Breeze and Odell

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Thursday Sea Breeze Novice & Newcomer Lessons (9am until 11am)

Date	Class	Instructor	Email
07/19/18	New to Bridge Week 4 This class aims to teach the basics of the game from the very beginning and is suitable for those who have never played before or played a long time ago.	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
07/26/18	New to Bridge Week 5	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
08/02/18	New to Bridge Week 6	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
08/09/18	New to Bridge Week 7	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
08/16/18	New to Bridge Week 8	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
08/23/18	New to Bridge Week 9	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
08/30/18	New to Bridge Week 10	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
09/06/18	Advancing Newcomers week 1 A series of 8 weeks where those who have attended the New to Bridge course can choose to develop their knowledge and abilities further, including the introduction of several 'Conventions' and 'Play of the Hand' techniques.	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
09/13/18	Advancing Newcomers week 2	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
09/20/18	Advancing Newcomers week 3	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
09/27/18	Advancing Newcomers week 4	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com

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10/04/18	Advancing Newcomers week 5	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
10/11/18	Advancing Newcomers week 6	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
10/18/18	Advancing Newcomers week 7	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
10/25/18	Advancing Newcomers week 8	Janet Matthews	janetmatthewsusa@gmail.com
11/01/18	<p>Staymen and Jacoby Transfer Reviews</p> <p>Single week lesson that reviews and reinforces the Stayman Convention, confirming when it can be used and when not, as well as looking at the parts both Opener and Responder play in reaching the right level of bid. The lesson will then also reviews the Jacoby bTransfer Convention in a similar manner</p>	Jon Williams	jdwmrw@earthlink.net
11/15/18	<p>Weak Two Bid Review</p> <p>Single week lesson similar to the Stayman Review above, but for when a weak two bid is used or made.</p>	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
11/22/18	Thanksgiving		
11/29/18	<p>Negative Double Review</p> <p>Single week lesson similar to the Stayman Review above, but for when a Negative Double bid is used or made.</p>	Jon Williams	jdwmrw@earthlink.net
12/06/18	<p>Blackwood / Gerber Review</p> <p>Single week lesson on the uses of both the 'Blackwood' and the 'Gerber' Conventions for use in potential Slam bidding.</p>	Jon Williams	jdwmrw@earthlink.net
12/13/18	<p>Takeout Double Basics</p> <p>Single week class that introduces the student to the basics of the use of a 'Takeout' Double after a bid by the Opposition.</p>	Jon Williams	jdwmrw@earthlink.net
12/20/18	Responding to Takeout Doubles	Jon Williams	jdwmrw@earthlink.net

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	<p>This class will develop the thinking that both the bidder and his partner should be having about competing in the auction level and possible contract.</p>		
12/27/18	<p>Overcall Basics</p> <p>This class will provide guidelines for the requirements needed to ‘overcall’ as well as when to make such a bid and go into the alternative choices that the over-caller and their partner then have between them.</p>	Jon Williams	jdwmrw@earthlink.net

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Tuesday Odell Intermediate & Advanced Lessons (8:45am until 10:45am)

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07/17/18	Useful Rules for Decision Making, Part 1	Neil Timm	timmm@pitt.edu
07/24/18	Useful Rules for Decision Making, Part 2	Neil Timm	timmm@pitt.edu
07/31/18	Jacoby 2 No Trump & Splinter Bids	Buck Buchanan	buckandmauri@aol.com
08/07/18	Opening Leads	Rich Seadman	rasedman@gmail.com
08/14/18	Second Hand Play	Dean Robinson	robinsondean486@gmail.com
08/21/18	Third Hand Play	Dean Robinson	robinsondean486@gmail.com
08/28/18	Precision Basics If you have ever considered learning the basics of Precision Bidding, this would be a 'must take' class. Many of our members are trying this as an alternative bidding system, but even if you never choose to play it yourself with a partner, knowledge of the system will help tremendously when defending against its use. Attending with a regular or possible partner would offer a lot of advantage as you would learn the system basics together.	Jeff Koltenuk	jkoltenuk@icloud.com
09/04/18	Idle Bids There is a strong consensus that when the bidding starts 1D-1H-1S it is so unlikely that 2C will score well for our side, that it is an 'idle' bid, available for artificial use. We classify idle bids and discuss the best use for each class. Finally, as an example, we explore bidding after a takeout double, showing that applying the rules we have just learned creates an extremely powerful system.	John Blackwell	john.blackwell.iv@gmail.com

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09/11/18	Basic Signaling	John Quinn	jtqvt@comcast.net
	<p>With almost every card we play we are able to tell, or 'signal' to our partner further information about our hand. There are three basic forms of information: Our Attitude towards the suit just led; a count of the number of cards in a suit or our Preference for a particular suit. There are several systems that can be used for each of these. This class will explore these and offer an opportunity for you and your partner(s) to adopt ones that you feel are suitable.</p>		
09/18/18	Workshop on Counting part 1	Rich Seidman	rasedman@gmail.com
	<p>Knowing how many cards are held by your partner and by the two opposition players in a particular suit can offer a distinct advantage. How to obtain or make informed decisions about this information will be the thrust of this class.</p>		
09/25/18	Workshop on Counting part 2	Rich Seidman	rasedman@gmail.com
	<p>Of particular use is an ability to form an accurate idea of how many cards are held by the others around the table when you are trying to defend against a contract. How to best achieve this will be presented in this class.</p>		
10/02/18	Advanced Signalling	Phil & Lyn Benner	rado3645@att.net
	<p>This is a follow up class to the basic reasons for having an agreed, partnership signaling system. It takes further the idea that every card played can indicate something of value to your partner, either as attitude towards a suit, a suit preference if partner needs to switch suits or a count on the number of cards you hold in a particular suit. It considers alternative methods of giving these signals and will consider, time allowing, more advanced methods to use such as 'Smith Echo' and 'Present Count'.</p>		

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10/16/18	Practical Applications for Losing Trick Count	Susan Fraser	ronsusanf@yahoo.com
	The concept of 'losing trick count' as a hand evaluation and how this knowledge, once established, can be of benefit in making an initial bid as well as finding the correct final bid.		
10/23/18	Opening Pre-Empts	Jeff Koltenuk	jkoltenuk@icloud.com
	Opening with a pre-emptive bid can thwart the opponents' ability to find their best contract and can be achieved usually with some safety provided always that both you and your partner follow some basic guidelines or 'rules'. This class will teach when to open this way and at what level and what possible follow up there might be from the partner of the pre-empter.		
10/30/18	Lebensohl over NT Interference	Colleen Treanor	ctreanor5@gmail.com
	Lebensohl is a convention used when an opponent overcalls your partner's 1NT opening bid. Typically the direct seat overcaller will 'double' or bid naturally up to 2S. This convention allows your side to still find a fit and continue bidding where possible.		
11/13/18	New Minor Forcing	Colleen Treanor	ctreanor5@gmail.com
	This is a convention (and 'Alterable' bid) that allows for a partnership to establish more readily the length of holding by one another in a particular suit in an attempt to find a possible fit and support towards a contract. This class will teach how to find 5-3 and 4-4 fits as well as where to place the final contract.		
11/20/18	Fourth Suit Forcing	Colleen Treanor	ctreanor5@gmail.com

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	<p>This class will consider the use of the convention of making a fourth suit bid by your side into a 'Forcing' bid and whether or not that should be for a single round of bidding or to game. It would be good to take this with a regular or potential partner as how to treat the fourth suit is a partnership preference based on several factors.</p>		
11/27/18	<p>The 'Forcing' No Trump Bid</p> <p>The class will focus on when a 1NT bid is forcing, semi-forcing or non-forcing. It will look at rebids by both the opener and responder and what to do if there is interference by the opponents.</p>	Russ Pearly	rousel51@yahoo.com
12/04/18	<p>Lebensohl over Weak Two's and Reverses</p> <p>Using Lebensohl over a weak two bid by the opponents when your partner then makes a takeout double can allow you to sign off in a suit that is of a lower rank than the preempter's suit. The convention can also be used following a reverse by your partner when you know that you must stop short of game especially when both you and your partner are at minimum point levels.</p>	Colleen Treanor	ctreanor5@gmail.com
12/11/18	<p>Slam Bidding Tips</p> <p>(Information still to be posted)</p>	Charlie Showalter	showaltck@aol.com
12/18/18	<p>Unusual No Trump Defense</p> <p>(Information still to be posted)</p>	TBD	
12/25/18	Christmas		