

I learned how to play bridge in college 1959-1963 & played off and on thru the years & even though I took some lessons I always shied away from learning duplicate-sounded way too serious! So when I moved back to Baton Rouge to a large condo development, I kept asking people if they played bridge & responses were "haven't played in years but would like to learn the new rules since I learned" to "always wanted to learn but never did." So I decided to teach anyone interested. About 10 showed up for 1st lesson. Some had never played cards (spades, canasta, etc) to those who learned in college. As I started the 1st lesson someone raised their hand and asked "what's a trump" and I thought "boy am I in trouble"!

Sure wish I had researched some bridge sites for books!

After about 3 months I told the group that they now knew everything I knew (like weak 2s, points to open, overcalls, etc.) & they needed to take REAL lessons at our bridge club & play as often as they could. About 5-6 people signed up for lessons & I purchased the books used for the lessons & plan on taking the 2 over 1 lesson from Janice Medlin's next class.

Every instructor, mentor, officer at Baton Rouge bridge club has been very encouraging & nice to the "newbies". In fact they now offer a Tuesday night game for players with less than 50 pts. I think that is "above & beyond" & should receive extra recognition of some kind. We usually have 4-5 tables for this session & hope it can continue.