

Fall Education Schedule 2026

Bridge Basics 1 –

This class starts at the beginning, introducing the mechanics of the game and covers the fundamentals of the three aspects of the game: bidding, play, and defense. This modern approach provides a well-balanced overview using carefully prepared deals which allow for plenty of practice.

Ellen Gabriel – 6 weeks - \$180 – **Wednesday Oct 14**, Oct 21, Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 11, Nov 18: **9:30-11:30am** – Beginner level

Major Suit Raises –

This course covers simple raises, limit raises, and forcing raises with and without interference. This will help you learn how to evaluate your hand in each scenario.

Ellen Gabriel – 3 weeks - \$90 – **Wednesday Dec 2**, Dec 9, Dec 16: **10-11:30am** – Intermediate level

Play of the Hand Part 1 –

This class for Advanced Beginners to Intermediate players will give you the tools you need to accomplish your trick taking potential. Lessons will include skills and practice needed to assess the situation, how to develop extra tricks, and options to maximize your results.

Tony Cipolla – 4 weeks - \$120 – **Tuesday Oct 27**, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17: **9-11:30am** – Beginner level

Play of the Hand Part 2 –

This class will dive into the intricacies of conserving, creating, and establishing entries. You will also learn to identify the safe and dangerous opponents. Lots of practice hands!

Tony Cipolla – 3 weeks - \$90- **Tuesday Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15: 9-11:30am** – Advanced Beginner to Intermediate level

The Art of Balancing –

These lessons will cover a wide range of auction situations in which the opponents have entered the bidding, and you are faced with the decision to either allow them to play the contract or make a balancing bid. We will explore the many reasons for balancing, as well as the situations in which passing is the better choice because balancing would be unwise.

Melanie Schaengold – 4 weeks - \$120 – **Thursday - Oct 29**, Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19: **10 – 11:30am** – Intermediate – Advanced levels

Conventional Wisdom –

This course is designed for partners who want to begin the 2027 bridge season with a fully completed ACBL convention card. We will review every section of the card and answer all questions related to its completion. While all convention card entries will be explained, the course **will not include** in-depth discussions or instruction on individual conventions.

Melanie Schaengold – 2 weeks - \$60 – **Saturday – Dec 5**, Dec 12: **10-11:30am** – all levels
Winter/Spring Education Schedule 2027