

# Bridge 1– Bidding Part 1 Course Plan

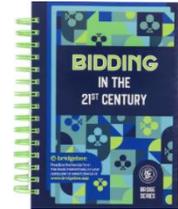
(February 5 – March 26, 2026 [no class March 12]; Thursday afternoon, 1:00-4:00 pm)

## Course Objective:

- Have a set of basic bridge bidding and playing skills to be able to play with other people
  - Begin with MiniBridge to gain basic playing skills without knowing bidding  
(these concepts are pulled out of the Bidding book and learned first)

## Course Materials:

- MiniBridge Packet
- ACBL Bridge Series, Club Series: Bidding in the 21st Century, 2010



## Course Registration:

Held at Fort Collins Senior Center, register online (<https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/registration>), by phone (970.221.6655) or in person.

Activity Nbr: 112465-01, \$147 (includes textbook). **Note: no class 3/12.**

*Italics in Chapter refer to chapter and page (3:76) in the Bidding textbook but skip bidding parts.*

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	2/5	MiniBridge (1,2, 8:284)	Experiential learning by playing. Fundamentals: etiquette, card deck, shuffle, deal, card rank, play to a trick, ruff using trump, hand valuation, partnership, determine who plays the hand, set contract, play hand. Suit rank, scoring, make PLAN
2	2/12	MiniBridge (3:76, 4:109)	Strategies to take extra tricks (Promotion, Length). Guidelines to improve partnership play. Initial lead by defender.
3	2/19	MiniBridge (5:152,6:204, 7:248)	More strategies to take extra tricks (Finesse, Ruff in Dummy, Discard Losers on Extra Winners in Dummy). Putting PLAN together – entries, holdup (duck), unblock
4	2/26	1, 2, 4a	New language of bidding to win auction for right to decide contract; 1-level Suit Openers; Respond to Major Suit Opener
5	3/5	4b	Continue Respond to 1-level Major Suit Opener; Respond to Minor Suit Opener; <i>Length</i>
6	3/19	5	Opener Rebid to 1-level Suit Opener; <i>Finesse</i>
7	3/26	6	Responder Rebid to 1-level Suit Opener; <i>Ruffing</i>