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Contact Nila to schedule online or face-to-face tutoring.

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Subject: Bridge Tutoring

Discuss what player(s) are looking for. Suggest a plan of action. Get together to work on specific Bridge topics and skills.

Background

My goal is to show people how fun this great game of Bridge is! I want them to become regular Bridge players whether they go on to play competitively in Duplicate Bridge Clubs and Tournaments or just want to play Party Bridge with friends.

I am a Life Master and ACBL TAP and Online Certification accredited teacher with over 10 years of teaching experience. I teach Beginning and Intermediate Bridge classes at the Fort Collins, Colorado, Senior Center (970-221-6644) and the Fort Collins Bridge Center. To view the current offerings in the Recreation Dept. publication, The Recreator, go to fcgov.com/recreator in the Retirement Age Programs section, Education, Bridge. (Open to 18+). Also refer to the NorthernColoradoBridge.com website. I also tutor.

During the pandemic shutdown, I did virtual Bridge classes and tutoring using Zoom and Shark Bridge. I also do free "Introduction to Playing on BBO", "Intro to MiniBridge" and "Intro to Some Software Options" sessions.

I start with MiniBridge which lets students start playing bridge hands right away and learn the basics of the game: card and suit ranks, playing to a trick, understanding trump, selecting a contract, Declarer play, scoring and some Defender play without having to know how to bid.

I then take away the training wheels and add the new language of bidding by using the ACBL Bridge Series to cover the Standard American Yellow Convention Card (SAYC) practices, "the most popular online bidding system". The five books are Bidding (Club book), Play of the Hand (Diamond), Defense (Heart), Commonly Used Conventions (Spade) and More Commonly Used Conventions (NoTrump).

I also teach the ACBL "Play" classes for additional practice opportunities. I have added a new course based upon Barbara Seagram's "25 More Bridge Conventions You Should Know" to address useful conventions beyond SAYC plus a Basic Two Over One Game Force course based upon Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell's book.

Please contact me if you are interested in some private lessons to discuss the details.

I hope to see you at a Bridge table!