

HONORS INTERMEDIATE COURSE SCHEDULE SPRING 2018

Monday 10:00 am with Joe Byrnes (\$35)

Beyond the Basics – Defense

For intermediate players.

Topics to be emphasized: When to cover an honor, when not to; second hand low, third hand high, and exceptions, selecting a choice of opening leads in both trump and no-trump contracts based on the bidding and the look of your hand; selecting the right card when breaking a suit. Four or more hands thoroughly analyzed each week.

*Email Jbyrnes810@gmail.com for reservations.

Monday 1:00 pm with Gail Greenberg (Ongoing)... \$40

Gail's Famous Dupli-Lesson

An eight board duplicate game.

This is the definitive class for developing your match-point skills. Gail pre-selects eight hands. After each hand, Gail goes over the bidding, play, and defense from a match-point (duplicate) perspective. Master points will be awarded.

This course is ideal for the entire range of intermediate players. Hand records with the suggested bidding are included. For more information or to register:

*Email gailhartegreenberg@yahoo.com.

Tuesday 9:45 am with Yefim Shoykhet ... \$35

Two Over One: The Whole System Every aspect of 2 over 1 bidding: Forcing no trump, invitational sequences, and when not to use 2 over 1 even with a good hand.

*Email yefim50@verizon.net for reservations.

Tuesday 10:00 am Develop your Bridge Judgement with Gail

Greenberg. (Ongoing)...\$35

Email gailhartegreenberg@yahoo.com to register.

Unfortunately it is impossible to be a winning player just by adding more conventions or by trying to master more advanced play and defensive techniques. Getting better is possible though. But...“Oh no!” you groan, “What more do I need to do?”

You need to develop JUDGEMENT. You do this by learning how to listen to the bidding with your third ear; by visualizing the best play through your observation of the cards played; even by making note of the inferences to be drawn from bids that were not made.

By understanding how things change during the bidding and the play, you will begin to develop what we refer to as *table presence and bridge judgement*.

Topics to be covered in this multi-part series are: When to go with or against the odds. When to upgrade or downgrade the strength of your hand. When to bid or double the opponents. How to recognize when to follow the general rules and when to ignore or even go against them. Learn to use your new found table presence and JUDGEMENT skills to help you tackle all the grey areas that make this game so interesting and frustrating.

Tuesday 4:20 pm with Andrea Hayman (Ongoing)... \$35

Play and Defense

September topic: Safety Plays

This course is designed for students who have been playing for several years. Emphasis will be placed on bridge logic: Drawing inferences from the auction, the opening lead and the play to the first few tricks. Special emphasis will be placed on counting out the distribution of the hands and placing the high card points.

*Email ashbridge22@hotmail.com.

Tuesday 4:20 pm with Gail Greenberg (Ongoing)... \$35

Think Like An Expert

Eight hands dealing with more advanced concepts.

Squeezes, end plays, new ideas in defensive strategy, cutting edge conventions, etc.

No reservations needed.

*Email gailharteegreenberg@yahoo.com.

Wednesday 9:15 am with Yefim Shoykhet (Ongoing)... \$22

Duplicate and Discussion

Yefim starts each of these hugely popular sessions with a twenty minute lesson. Four or more example hands from the lesson are embedded in the eighteen board duplicate game that follows. Master points are awarded. Hand records with analysis are provided.

September's lessons will be on slam auctions, cue bidding, splinters, etc.

*Email yefim50@verizon.net for reservations.

Wednesday 9:30 am with David Libchaber ... \$35

Play of the Hand

Do you know the best way to play this 8-card combination?

KT54 opposite Q632?

(Does this remind you of your last 4-4 major suit holding?)

Do you know the best line of play to hold your losses to one trick?

Even more important, do you know why that is?

How about this combination:

543 facing AJT?

This course will have you looking at common suit combinations and how best to play them both on offense and on defense.

The focus will be on visualizing and understanding how cards work.

These lessons will be on an Advanced Beginner, Low Intermediate level, similar to Jeff Hand's very popular Thursday morning "Play Of the Hand" series. *Email

dlibchaber@gmail.com.

Wednesday 10:00 am with Joe Byrnes

Advanced Declarer Play

Entry management and interesting finessing situations. Avoidance plays, end plays, hold up plays in no trump and suit contracts, some squeezes, and lots of other fun stuff

*Email Jbyrnes810@gmail.com for reservations.

Wednesday 6:30 pm with Tom Ng (Ongoing)... \$25

Combination Defense Class & Supervised Play

This is a supervised play session with a nice long lesson. The lesson, with several example hands, is always on some aspect of play or defense. Hands are taken from an afternoon duplicate game; your results are compared with the actual results from the game. This is a wonderful way to improve your match point skills and judgment in a pressure free environment. No reservation required.

Wednesdays from 7:00 pm with Joseph Byrnes (Ongoing)... \$35

Two Over One: The whole system.

Every aspect of 2 over 1 bidding.

Forcing and semi-forcing 1NT responses.

Invitational sequences.

When NOT to use 2 over 1, even with good hands.

Slam sequences.

This is a multi-week course, two months or more.

Every Wednesday evening starting April 18th...\$30 per session.

*Email Joe at jbyrnes810@gmail.com or visit his website: bridgeprojoe.com

Wednesdays from 6:30 with Yefim Shoykhet (Ongoing)... \$35

Play and Defense: A logical approach.

The Defense:

Choosing the right opening lead.

Second and third hand play.

What to think about when dummy comes down.

Forming a picture of the opponents' hands.

Clues from the bidding.

Lots of counting.

Active versus passive defense.

The Play of the Hand:

Forming a plan based on the opening lead and the opponents bidding, or lack of bidding.

Suit combinations.

When not to draw trump.

End plays, a squeeze or two.

Lots of counting.

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***\$10 with EASY PASS.**

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Thursday 9:45 am with Jeff Hand (Ongoing)... \$35

Developing “Card Sense”-A fresh approach to declarer play.

Do some people manage to win more tricks than you do?

This course is designed to improve your card sense, your ability to see how to look at all four suits and be able to work out how many tricks that suit will yield. You will also learn to understand the flip side, how many tricks the defenders are threatening to win in a given suit.

Entries, hold-ups, finessing for two or even three missing honors, the three basic methods of establishing tricks in no-trump, and all the other methods available to you when there is a trump suit, will all be topics covered. Additionally we will look at how the defender's opening lead strategies are different in trump versus no trump contracts.

Work on card combinations and safety plays will round out the course.

For more information, or to register for a particular session please email Jeff at:

hand_jeff@hotmail.com

Thursday 9:45 am with Jess Jurkovic (Ongoing)... \$35

Our Intermediate Conventions Course!

Natural bidding can take you only so far. Step up your game by adding to your arsenal the most common and useful bidding conventions. Jess will take you through the steps to understand the benefits of the convention, how to follow up and use what the bidding discovers, and see the benefits firsthand through four practice deals. Not only will you learn everything from New Minor Forcing, Negative Doubles, Splinter Raises, D.O.N.T. and much more, you'll discover everything you didn't know about Stayman & Jacoby Transfers, and nuances of Takeout Doubles, Reverses & Strong Jump-Shifts, and Slam Bidding. *Email Jess at jesster2@aol.com for the convention presently being discussed.

Thursday 6:30 pm with Jess Jurkovic (Ongoing)... \$30

Bidding Foundations

This class starts with a 45 minute to hour lesson. Two example hands follow to be bid, played and thoroughly analyzed. Supervised play follows. Great for intermediate players. Each week's lesson focuses on a different area of bidding and stands on its own.

*Email jesster2@aol.com.

Saturday 10:30 am with Joseph Byrnes ... \$30

Modern Bidding Topics – For Strong Intermediates

With NYC “Teacher of the Year”

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