

HONORS INTERMEDIATE COURSE SCHEDULE- 2017

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Monday 9:45 am with Alene Friedman ... \$35

Bidding Dialogue (RESTARTS IN SEPTEMBER)

Basic bidding sequences: Weak, invitational, and forcing.
Play four illustrative hands each week.

*Email alenefriedman@gmail.com for questions.

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

Play of the Hand- add 'finesse' to your game

Interesting finessing situations and card combinations: Deciding whether to finesse or not, combining chances where you fall back on the finesse only as a last resort and how to avoid them all together.

All classes are stand-alone; you do not have to sign up for the whole series. Students play 4-5 hands which are analyzed from bidding, declarer play, and defensive perspectives, receive pre-class exercises, extensive notes, and hand records.

*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 (Ongoing)... \$35

Our Core Low Intermediate Course

Avoidance, combining your chances, play at trick one, safety play, balancing, defensive signals, and introduction to duplicate (scoring, vulnerability, tactic, behavior).

*Email yefim50@verizon.net for reservations.

Tuesday 10:00 am with Gail Greenberg (Ongoing)... \$35

Mini Series on Slam Bidding

Solid, challenging course. No reservations needed.

-Gail is a five time world champion and Bridge Hall of Fame member. She will help you develop a more nuanced bidding system.

*Email gailhartegreenberg@yahoo.com.

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

Dynamic Defense

This course is designed for students who have been playing for several years. While we will certainly review standard leads, signaling, and second and third hand play, the material here will go far beyond the basics, focusing also on an examination of the exceptions to the rules (guidelines). Emphasis will be placed on bridge logic: Drawing inferences from the auction and partner's lead and changing your plan based on declarer's subsequent play. 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 gailhartegreenberg@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 (Ongoing)... \$35

Major Suit Play & Raises

Forcing NT, roughing losers in the dummy and long suit establishment for the play of the hand. A must course for all advanced beginner and low intermediate players.

*Email dlibchaber@gmail.com.

Wednesday 10:00 am with Joe Byrnes (Ongoing)... \$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. Includes slam bidding techniques such as control bidding and keycard Blackwood. Learn from an NYC "Teacher of the Year."

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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.

Wednesday 6:45 pm with Joseph Byrnes (Ongoing)... \$30

Advanced Defense Class With NYC "Teacher of the Year"

The logic of defense: deciding on a plan based on the dummy, the auction, and how the declarer is playing the hand. Lots of counting.

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

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

Our Intermediate Conventions Course!

Jess covers the most common and important conventions, and over several weeks, he will help you build your understanding of each. Every session begins with a discussion, reviewing from past weeks when needed. Four hands will be played and thoroughly analyzed. Fourth Suit Forcing, followed by Jacoby Transfers are topics for the next several sessions.

*Email Jess at jesster2@aol.com for the convention presently being discussed.

Thursday 6:30 pm with Jess Jurkovic (Ongoing)... \$35

Bidding Foundations

This class starts with an hour and a half lesson, then one or two hands on the lecture topic will be played and analyzed, followed by an hour of supervised play. Great for intermediate players. Each week's lesson focuses on a different area of bidding and stands on its own. Also check out Alene's 6:30 pm supervised play on Mondays.

*Email jesster2@aol.com.

Saturday 10:30 am with Joseph Byrnes (Ongoing)... \$30

Advanced Declarer Play

This is a comprehensive class for the stronger intermediate player taught by our "Teacher of the Year."

Avoidance plays, end plays, hold up plays in no trump and suit contracts, some squeezes, and lots of other fun stuff. Lots of counting here also.

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Saturday 1:00 pm with Joseph Byrnes (Ongoing)... \$30

Dupli-lesson- Improve Your Duplicate Game

Each lesson has a theme, something you should all be thinking about.

It could be defensive signaling or slam bidding. It might be minor suit auctions, various types of cue-bids, or counting opponents' points and distribution.

You will play 12 hands. Duplicate style. Master points will be awarded. Everyone plays the same hand at the same time and each hand is discussed fully after it is played.

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