

# HONORS INTERMEDIATE COURSE SCHEDULE- 2017

**Monday 9:45 am with Alene Friedman... \$25**

## *Bidding Dialogue*

**Combination Class and supervised play session**

September-October topic will be non-competitive auctions

Basic bidding sequences: Weak, invitational, and forcing.

\*Email [alenefriedman@gmail.com](mailto:alenefriedman@gmail.com) for questions.

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

## *All About Preempts*

Preemptive two, threes and fours. Preemptive overcalls. Responding to partners preempts and responding to preempts when opposition makes them.

\*Email [jbyrnes810@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gailhartegreenberg@yahoo.com).

**Tuesday 9:45 am with Yefim Shoykhet (Ongoing)... \$35**

## *Minor Suit Raises (Starting September 12<sup>th</sup>)*

This class will cover inverted minors, and weak, invitational, and forcing raises in competition. It will also cover negative and responsive doubles.

\*Email [yefim50@verizon.net](mailto:yefim50@verizon.net) for reservations.

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

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

For more information or to register:

\*Email [gailhartegreenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:gailhartegreenberg@yahoo.com) to reserve.

**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](mailto: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.

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**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.

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**Wednesday 9:30 am with David Libchaber (Ongoing)... \$35**

***Two Over One: The Whole System (Starting on September 13<sup>th</sup>)***

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 [dlibchaber@gmail.com](mailto:dlibchaber@gmail.com).

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

***Responding to No-Trump Openings and No-Trump Rebids (Starting on September 13<sup>th</sup>)***

Interesting, Stayman, Jacoby and Texas auctions. Check back, two-way new minor forcing, Smolen, and slam tries that begin with Stayman.

\*Email [jbyrnes810@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

***Advanced Defense Class With NYC "Teacher of the Year"***

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

\*Email Joe at [jbyrnes810@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrnes810@gmail.com) or visit his website: [bridgeprojoe.com](http://bridgeprojoe.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**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.”

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. Lots of counting here also.

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