

HONORS INTERMEDIATE COURSE SCHEDULE FALL 2018

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

Counting Everything

Ongoing.

For intermediate players.

What information do experts use to help them work out hands. They count and info. They count high card points and distribution. They watch opponents spot cards. You can too. Count on it.

*Email Jbyrnes810@gmail.com for reservations.

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

Gail's Famous Dupli-Lesson

Ongoing.

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 10:00 am with Gail Greenberg ...\$35

Develop your Bridge Judgement

Ongoing.

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

Slam Bidding

Ongoing

Everything you need to get to a get you to a good slam or keep you out of a bad one. This course includes: hand evaluation, European-style cue bidding, Roman KC Blackwood sequences, splinters and more.

October 16th – Splinters Part 1

October 23rd – Splinters Part 2

October 30th – Splinters Part 3

*Email yefim50@verizon.net for reservations.

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

Play and Defense

Ongoing.

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.

September Holiday Schedule:

*Email ashbridge22@hotmail.com.

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

Think Like An Expert

Ongoing.

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.

Tuesday 6:30 pm with Rob Barrington ...\$35

Defense for Intermediate Players

Ongoing

This is an interactive course so bring your smart phone or tablet to class.

*Email rob@learnbridge.nyc

Wednesday 9:15 am with Yefim Shoykhet ... \$27

Duplicate Game and Discussion

Ongoing

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. See Yefim's Tuesday morning slam bidding course.

*Email yefim50@verizon.net for reservations.

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

Play of the Hand

Ongoing

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 9:30 am with Rob Barrington at Cavendish ... \$35

Competitive Auctions for Intermediate Players

Ongoing

This is an interactive course so bring your smart phone or tablet to class.

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This class is at our Cavendish location:

177 East 87th Street

Suite 302A

New York, NY 10128

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Duplicate Decisions

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For duplicate players of all levels.

This course is designed to make you a better match-point player. Competitive decisions: when to bid pass or doubles and how vulnerability in each of these situations. The non-competitive decisions including when to play in no trump, a major suit or in rare circumstances or in a minor suit.

Class repeats on Saturday mornings. *Email Jbyrnes810@gmail.com for reservations.

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

Combination Defense Class & Supervised Play

Ongoing

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 6:30 with Yefim Shoykhet ... \$35
Two Over One Course— The Whole System

Ongoing.

Modern constructive bidding starting with forcing 1NT auctions.

***\$15 with EASY PASS.**

Email Yefim Shoykhet at yefim50@verizon.net

Wednesdays from 7:00 pm with Joseph Byrnes ... \$35
Advanced Declarer Play

Ongoing.

For solid intermediate players

Topics include: Safety plays, dummy reversals, trump coups, Squeezes and more.

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

Thursday 9:45 am with Jeff Hand ... \$35
Basic Constructive Bidding

Ongoing.

Build a solid and complete bidding system from the ground up. Starting with the basics and explaining in great detail exactly WHY you should make the bid. Understand what the bids mean so you won't have to memorize them. This is the very popular course that Jeff's been giving at the Hearts Club for many years.

...\$35 per session...**\$15 with EASY PASS.**

Thursday 9:45 am with Jess Jurkovic ... \$35
Our Intermediate Conventions Course!

Ongoing

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 4:30 pm with Zeus Arias ... \$25

Workshop Covering All Areas of the Game

Ongoing

For intermediate level players. Jesus works with you on anywhere from six to eight hands taking them apart and discussing them in great details. Notes are provided each session. A wonderful way into the mind of an expert player with over 10,000 master points.

This is an ongoing course. Jump in whenever you want.

Players that stay and play in the evening 0-750 game will receive a \$5 discount towards the game.

Email zeusarias@gmail.com

Thursday 6:30 pm with Jess Jurkovic ... \$30

Bidding Foundations

Ongoing

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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Sunday Duplicate Lesson from 5:00 pm with Zeus Arias ... \$30

Zeus's next lesson will be announced shortly.

This brand new event is modeled on Gail Greenberg's Monday afternoon long running, incredibly popular, dupli-lesson. 16 hands will be played, as a duplicate game, then analyzed. Common themes among the hands will be highlighted. Match-point strategy discussed. Master Points will be awarded. ...\$30 per session.

Email Jesus Arias at zeusarias@gmail.com for more information or to register for a workshop or sign-up for our new Sunday evening game.