

Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

Syllabus / Late Spring 2022

- Wed 22-May-11** **Step 1: Fundamental Concepts.** Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract.
- Mon 22-May-16** **Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids.** General cardplay techniques. Opening leads. Standard carding. Choosing and reading opening bids.
- Wed 22-May-18** **Step 3: Suit Auctions.** Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.
- Mon 22-May-23** **Step 4: Notrump Auctions.** Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.
- Wed 22-May-25** **Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction.** Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls.
- Mon 22-May-30** **NO LESSON** – *David will be playing bridge at a tournament*
- Wed 22-Jun-01** **Step 6: Coping With Interference.** Negative Doubles. Cuebids. Jordan 2NT.
- Mon 22-Jun-06** **Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids.** Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.
- Wed 22-Jun-08** **Step 8: Slam Bidding.** Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).
- Mon 22-Jun-13** **Step 9: Standard American Extras.** Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.
- Wed 22-Jun-15** **Step 10: Planning the Auction and Play.** Envisioning the likely final contract. Counting winners & losers. Creating winners. Eliminating losers.

All dates/topics subject to change. This syllabus was last revised 2022-Apr-28

Lesson fee: \$10 per person per night; discounts for under-25s.

Classes run from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on **Monday & Wednesday evenings** (but not May 30). Find additional information at <http://www.pinochle.org/blog> ... Class location: Seattle Bridge Center; 1539 NE 145th Street; Seattle, WA 98125

The first lesson of this series is WEDNESDAY May 11.

Students are strongly encouraged to kibitz Rookie Duplicate at 7pm Tuesdays (free!)

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