

# Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

## Syllabus / Spring 2022

- 2022-Mar-07** **Step 1: Fundamental Concepts.** Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract.
- 2022-Mar-09** **Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids.** General cardplay techniques. Opening leads. Standard carding. Choosing and reading opening bids.
- 2022-Mar-14** **Step 3: Suit Auctions.** Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.
- 2022-Mar-16** **Step 4: Notrump Auctions.** Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.
- 2022-Mar-21** **Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction.** Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls.
- 2022-Mar-23** **Step 6: Coping With Interference.** Negative Doubles. Cuebids. Jordan 2NT.
- 2022-Mar-28** **Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids.** Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.
- 2022-Mar-30** **Step 8: Slam Bidding.** Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).
- 2022-Apr-04** **Step 9: Standard American Extras.** Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.
- 2022-Apr-06** **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-Feb-22

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

Classes run from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on **Monday & Wednesday evenings** at:

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

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