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Fall Course 2017 – Flats and Freaks: Considering Distribution to Win at Bridge.

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Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon, CA

Some bridge hands have balanced distribution. Others have one or two long suits. Some have high cards in long suits, and others have values outside. The proper techniques for bidding and playing these various hands are different. In this innovative course, we will analyze how the shape and texture of your hand and your opponents' hands dictate how you should bid, declare, and defend. We will also discuss preempting, sacrificing, Losing Trick Count, the Law of Vacant Places, and other tricks of the trade.

You may come with or without a partner. There will be lots of hands to bid and play each session!

Note: this is not a course for beginners. It is intended for Intermediate and more advanced Players. If you are playing duplicate bridge, or have been playing social bridge for a few years, you should take this course to significantly improve your scores and win more often!

Bruce Blakely is a tournament bridge player and experienced bridge teacher certified by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). He is a Gold Life Master with over 4,000 Masterpoints and numerous victories in clubs, and at local and regional bridge tournaments. Bruce has served as President of the Marin Unit and President of the Northern California (District 21) region. In 2007, he was the Tournament Chairman of the North American Bridge Championships held in San Francisco. Bruce's specialty is teaching intermediate bridge players who want to improve their skills in order to win more often.

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Fee: \$140 for the series (5 weeks) or \$35 per session for drop-ins.

*** Special \$125 rate for the series for first-time students who have not taken Bruce's classes before ***

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