

Spring Course 2018 – Slam Contracts for Fun and Profit

Instructor: Bruce Blakely
Wednesdays, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon, CA
Five Sessions: March 7 – April 4, 2018

Are you getting the most out of your slam bidding? Many players have difficulties finding slams. They don't know when it's right to bid Blackwood and when it is right to investigate slams through another method. One problem is that slams don't come up often enough for players to get sufficient practice in bidding and making slams. This course will solve your problems.

In this Five Session course we will look at when it is right to look for slams; how to bid makeable slams with fewer than 30 high card points; whether it is best to cue bid or to make a Blackwood inquiry; the advantages of Key Card Blackwood over regular Blackwood; king-ask and queen-ask bidding inquiries; right-siding the contract; when to bid on to Grand Slam; how to find Minor Suit slams; and how best to ensure that you make your slam contract once you have bid it.

We will cover a number of conventions that will help you to investigate slams including Jacoby 2NT, Roman Key Card Blackwood, Splinter Bids, and Minorwood.

There is a special series discount for new students who have not taken Bruce's courses in Tiburon or Belvedere in the past.

\$35 per session, or \$140 for the Five Session series. Discounted series price of \$120 for new students.

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 4,500 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.

You may come with or without a partner. Bruce's courses are a great way to meet new partners!