

Henry Kingdon's Bridge Classes

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Class descriptions are first. For schedule of upcoming classes scroll down the page.

Private Lessons

In addition to the classes I teach through the community centers I am also available for private lessons for beginners and new intermediate players. With a smaller group that knows each other lessons can be tailored more closely to the group's needs and goals. Typically lessons are at one of the group member's homes. The larger the group, the smaller the individual cost. Please contact me if you can get a group, or if you have interest in joining a group that is forming that might meet your needs.

Beginning Bridge I & II *(two six week sessions)*

Come learn the fascinating game of contract bridge. There are many benefits to playing duplicate bridge including mental, social, and even physical (google benefits of playing duplicate bridge) but mostly it's fun!

To grow into a strong bridge player you need a strong foundation. Start at the very beginning in this thorough introduction for true beginners.

In these classes we will look at Pat Harrington's Beginning Bridge series. Using her curriculum as a guide, players will learn and practice basic bridge techniques for declarer play, defense, and bidding. For flexibility of scheduling I have broken the lessons into two six week sessions.

Every lesson contains several hands that students will play to demonstrate each new concept. Students will take turns as declarer and defender so everyone gets to try everything. There is plenty of time to talk about what worked and what didn't and why.

Common Conventions *(8 weeks)*

Using the ACBL curriculum Common Conventions in the 21st Century we will explore one or two topics each week and then play hands demonstrating those topics.

Week 1: Stayman

Week 2: Jacoby Transfers

Week 3: Major Suit Openings and Responses, including Jacoby 2NT
Week 4: Major Suit Openings and Responses, including Reverse Drury
Week 5: Minor Suit Openings and Responses
Week 6: The Subsequent Auction, including reverses and 4th Suit Forcing
Week 7: Weak Two Bids
Week 8: Strong Two Club

What are “Systems” and When are they “ON”? (5 weeks)

Finding the perfect contract over partner’s opening no trump bid is easier with these awesome tools. Explore Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, and Quantitative No Trump bids. Everyone will get a turn at defense and declarer play.

In this class we will look at the ACBL recommended course on Commonly Used Conventions in the 21st Century for both Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. We will also be looking at Quantitative No Trump bids.

Week 1: Gerber and Quantitative No Trump
Week 2 & 3: Stayman
Week 4 & 5: Jacoby Transfers

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What are Systems and When are they ON?

450 San Rafael Ave, Belvedere Tiburon, CA 94920

Belvedere Community Center, Thursdays 1:30 - 3:30, 1/10 - 2/7

\$100/5 weeks, \$30 drop in.

Register through The Ranch at 415-435-4355 or online at theranchtoday.org

Beginning Bridge I at Tiburon Town Hall (upstairs, elevator accessible)

Probably starting in Late April, TBD

6 weeks, \$100 / \$25 per individual class

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Beginning Bridge I at the Terra Linda Rec Center
TBD, please let me know if you have interest

6 weeks, \$100/ \$25 per individual class

Register in person, over the phone, or online

670 Del Ganado Rd, San Rafael, CA 94903, (415) 485-3344

Common Conventions: not currently scheduled