

### **Fall Course 2019 – Taking the Proper Line as Declarer**

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Five weeks: Wednesdays, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m., September 11, 2019 – October 9, 2019.

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

Have you noticed that some players at the club seem to win time and again? They seem to have a knack for scoring an extra trick or two when they play the hand as Declarer. Getting those extra tricks takes a combination of knowing probabilities, choosing which suits to develop, and playing suits in the right order. These are skills that can and should be learned.

In this five part program, we will look at probabilities which will help you to determine the proper line to take as Declarer. Subjects include: evaluating the hand at Trick 1; suit distributions; choosing the right suit to develop; deciding when to finesse; determining when it is right to set up a long suit; and evaluating alternate chances.

This course will be an eye-opener for most players. Please note: this is a challenging intermediate to advanced-intermediate course that is not appropriate for beginners.

You may come with or without a partner. There will be lots of hands to bid and play each session! Bridge classes are a good way to meet other local players and to develop partnerships and foursomes.

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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 4,900 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.

**For more information, or to sign up, please call The Ranch (the Tiburon Recreation Department) at (415) 435-4355.**