

Enjoy Bruce's First Course of the Year:

### **Trouble with Doubles**

Are you having trouble knowing when to double? Or trouble determining what partner means when he or she doubles? This course is for you.

Doubles are one of the most confusing areas of bridge bidding. Doubles are complex. Doubles can be ambiguous. Making a double at bridge can mean one of so many things.

Is partner's double for takeout, penalty, or conventional? Does it guarantee four cards in a major suit? What are negative doubles, support doubles, responsive doubles? When is a takeout double the "Big Double?" What am I supposed to do when partner doubles? May I ever pass a takeout double?

This course will (partially) demystify this confounding topic.

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 Diamond Life Master with over 5,000 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 Championship held in San Francisco. Bruce's specialty is teaching intermediate bridge players who want to improve their skills in order to win more often.

Dates: Three Wednesdays, February 19, February 26, and March 11, 2020 (no class on March 4).

Location: Tiburon Town Hall

1505 Tiburon Blvd.

Tiburon, CA

Fee: \$85 per person for the three lesson series or \$40 per session for drop-ins.

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