



Winter 2021 Bridge Lessons

Online! with Kim Gilman

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All times are Eastern Standard Time

"Dazzling Defense!"

7:00-8:50 PM EST Mon. & Thur. evenings, five weeks, 10 classes
January 11 - February 11

Defense provides some of the most fun in bridge, as it's here that you really must communicate with your partner. When you're in sync and set the contract by working together, the results can be ✨ dazzling! ✨

Topics to be covered in this course include: ✨ Third Hand High? Second Hand Low? ✨ Knowing What's in Your Partner's Hand ✨ Signaling Your Partner ✨ Opening Leads ✨ Active vs. Passive Defense ✨ The Trump Promotion ✨ Lead up to Weakness ✨ Choosing a Defensive Strategy

Class Fee: \$180 per person or \$300 for a partnership. Sign up with your favorite partner if you can, as defense requires a joint effort! Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. In the Shark Bridge classroom, each pair defends every practice hand!

To register for any class, send an e-mail to kgilman11@gmail.com

Mondays — Solve Your Bidding Problems (Adv. Beginners+)

If you're looking to improve your bridge results, look no further! These two courses will review many of the basic bidding "rules," and also explain the logic and thought process behind many bidding decisions.

Class Time is 1:00 - 2:50 PM, Eastern Time

Series 1 — Bidding to WIN

- Jan 11 — Finding a Major Suit
- Jan 25 — Rebids (What do I Bid after my first turn?)
- Feb 1 — Forcing or Non-Forcing?
- Feb 8 — Part Score, Game, or Slam? Get to the Right Spot!

Series 2 — Bidding to Make Your Life Easier

- Feb 22 — New Minor Forcing
- Mar 1 — Help! Coping with Misfits
- Mar 8 — Respond Accurately to Takeout Doubles
- Mar 15 — Roman Key Card for Slams

Each of these two courses is \$75 for the 4 lessons, paid in advance.

Tuesdays — Solve Your Bidding Problems (Intermediates+)

Class Time is 1:00 - 2:50 PM, Eastern Time

Series 1 — Refine Your 1NT Opening Bids & Responses

We will begin this series by answering the questions "Do length points count in NT?" and "Can I open 1NT with a so-called good 14?" Then we will confront more advanced bidding situations after a 1NT opening bid.

- Jan 19 — When Responder is 5-4 in the majors
- Jan 26 — Use Lebensohl to cope with pesky interference
- Feb 2 — Slam Bidding After Stayman & Transfers
- Feb 9 — Transfers to the Minors

\$75 for all four, paid in advance.

Tuesdays — Solve Your Bidding Problems (Intermediates+)

Class Time is 1:00 - 2:50 PM, Eastern Time

Series 2 — Advanced Competitive Bidding

When the opponents interfere, decisions in competitive auctions confound even the experts. But we can give you a few guidelines for coping, even profiting, from the opponents' intrusions.

- Feb 16 — Push them up a level?
- Feb 23 — Is partner's double for takeout or penalty?
- Mar 2 — The Trap Pass and the Reopening Double
- Mar 9 — Should I Sacrifice?

\$75 for all four, paid in advance.

The Tuesday classes are best-suited for those with some duplicate bridge experience.

Tuesday Evenings — Beginner Continuation

Class Time is 7:00 - 8:45 PM, Eastern Time

If you recently took a "Learn to Play Bridge" class, or would enjoy a gentle re-introduction to the game with modern methods, this course is a great next step. As you play hands in class reflecting the day's topic, we'll also discuss strategies for taking all your tricks.

- Jan 12 — Overcalls (bidding even after the opponents bid first)
- Jan 19 — Strong 2C Opening Bids and Slam Bidding
- Jan 26 — Playing Defense: Strategies to Set the Declarer
- Feb 2 — Doubles: Penalty and "Takeout"
- Feb 9 — Conventions: Stayman and Transfer Responses to 1NT
- Feb 16 — The Preemptive Bid

\$110 for all six, paid in advance.

Wednesdays — Declarer Play

In the Shark Bridge classroom, every student declares every hand!

Class Time for both courses is 1:00 - 2:50 PM, Eastern Time

Demon Declarers (Advanced beginners and up)

This series will cover two essential aspects of Declarer play: whether to delay drawing trumps; and how/when to establish dummy's long suit. Expertise in these areas will greatly increase the number of tricks you take!

- Jan 13 — Dummy's Long Suit in trump contracts
- Jan 20 — Dummy's Long Suit in no-trump
- Jan 27 — Wait to Draw trumps? Part 1
- Feb 3 — Wait to Draw trumps? Part 2

\$75 for all four, paid in advance.

Fearless Declarers (more advanced)

If you're ready to "think like an expert" in your declarer play, join us for some great tips and challenging hands that will open your eyes to the amazing opportunities for taking those extra tricks. In the Shark Bridge classroom, every student declares every practice hand.

- Feb 10 — Manage Your Entries
- Feb 17 — Keep the "Danger Hand" Off Lead
- Feb 24 — When Not to Finesse
- Mar 3 — Deception, Psychology, & Restricted Choice
- Mar 10 — The Art of Counting

\$90 for all five, paid in advance

Learn to Play Bridge Online! Winter 2021

Yes you can learn to play online — and now is a great time! Kim will walk you through every step in a fun-filled environment. In these classes you learn by actually playing, not just listening to lectures.

Option A: Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 2:40 PM Eastern Time

Jan 14 - March 11 (every Thursday, 9 weeks)

Includes six practice sessions Mondays, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

Price: \$175 plus approximately \$13 for bridge guide book available online

Option B: Mon. & Wed, evenings, 7:00 - 8:40 PM Eastern Time

Feb 10 - March 10 (9 classes, 4.5 weeks)

Price: \$150 plus approximately \$13 for bridge guide book available online

To register for any class, send an email to kgilman11@gmail.com



Questions and Answers about Kim's online Bridge Classes

What Do I Need to Join In?

Welcome to Online Bridge Classes for Winter 2021! You can enjoy learning and improving your bridge play as long as you have: a computer, laptop, or tablet; a good Internet connection; and the ability to comfortably use Zoom and an Internet window at the same time. I will provide free computer and Zoom training prior to the start of each course.

What Level are the Classes?

My classes are divided into three categories: 1.) Learn to Play Bridge (assumes no prior knowledge); 2.) Advanced Beginner & Up — suitable if you have recently learned to play, or still consider yourself a relative newcomer; 3.) Intermediate & Up — appropriate for duplicate bridge players, or those who are ready to gain a competitive edge.

You Say We Play Bridge Hands During the Lesson?

In all my classes, students play hands online to practice what you're learning. We start on Zoom, where I teach a lively lesson! Then, we transition to the wonderful and amazing Shark Bridge Classroom for you to practice. After each deal, I "replay" it showing all four hands, so you can see the correct techniques. You receive full hand write-ups after class.

How do I Sign Up?

To register for any course — e-mail me at kgilman11@gmail.com. I collect payment in advance via Venmo, Zelle, or a check in the mail. Unfortunately at this time I cannot accept single-class "drop-ins" or pro-rated registrations, due to the extra complexities of the online environment.

Family Friendly Bridge Club

Our Arlington, MA bridge club has many friendly games each week, including those designed for newer duplicate players. Visit www.FamlyFriendlyBridge.com.



About the teacher: Kim Gilman, a Carlisle, MA resident, has been playing tournament bridge for almost two decades and has won numerous sectional and regional championships. She is a Sapphire Life Master and an ACBL-certified instructor whose students love her interactive, fun, and easy-to-understand lessons. Her website is www.bridgewithkim.com.

