



## Jan. - June 2020 Bridge Lessons with Kim Gilman

*January/February Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 - 3:00*

### "Take All Your Tricks"

Advanced Beginners and Up

This 6-week course will showcase the classic techniques you need to take every trick possible, from both the Declarer's and Defenders' points of view. Even if you've learned some of these tactics before, join us for expanded explanations, answers to your questions, and the chance to practice in class. \$25 per class or \$120 for the series paid at Class #1.

<b>Jan 7</b>	Finesses beyond the Basics; When NOT to Finesse
<b>Jan 14</b>	Use the Dummy for Every Possible Trick
<b>Jan 21</b>	Playing a No-Trump Contract
<b>Jan 28</b>	"This is a Hold-Up!" When to delay taking your Ace...
<b>Feb 4</b>	Signal Your Partner
<b>Feb 11</b>	Watch and Use Your Partner's Signals

*3 Special Morning Classes January 7, 14, 21*

### "Counting & Logic"

This is a special 3-week series for Intermediates & Up. Hone your bridge logic and learn to solve puzzles that will give you a remarkable edge in competitive bridge games. \$25 per class or \$60 for all three. Class time is 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon.

<b>Jan. 7</b>	Counting: A Practical Guide
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Place the Missing Honor Cards
<b>Jan. 21</b>	Inferences & Assumptions: Finding the Right Play

## **Five Conventions to Know and Love (Apr-May)**

Advanced Beginners & Up

These basic conventions are among the most helpful bidding tools in bridge. Even if you already play them, this class will help you get to know them inside and out. And if you recently learned bridge, come master these popular conventions your bridge-playing friends already use! \$110 for the series (includes textbook) paid on April 14. Class time is 10:00 - 12:00.

**April 14** Stayman

**April 21** Jacoby Transfers

**April 28** *\*Course Break for All-Day Seminar with Special Guest Teachers*

**May 5** Strong Two Clubs

**May 12** Slams in a Trump Suit: Blackwood

**May 19** Slams in No-Trump: Quantitative 4NT & Gerber

Note: No classes May 26, Memorial Day Week

## **Bidding in Competitive Auctions (June)**

Advanced Beginners and Up

This series is always very popular, since learning how to bid when both sides are in the auction is essential and challenging! If you have completed a Beginner course, you're ready for this class (tho' players of all levels will benefit). Cost is \$110 (includes the textbook) paid on June 2; it is strongly recommended to attend all five. Meets in the morning, 10:00 - 12:00.

**June 2** Preemptive Bidding

**June 9** Preempts continued; Mel's Rule of 17 and 2NT Asking

**June 16** Overcalls & Cue Bids

**June 23** Responder's Double (aka Negative Doubles)

**June 30** Takeout Doubles & Penalty Doubles

## **Demon Declarers II (April-May)**

Intermediates & Up

In “Demon Declarers II” we go beyond the basic finesse and “trumping in dummy” to discover more sophisticated techniques in Declarer Play. This series will greatly enhance your ability to make your contracts! Each week we will practice a new strategy, so come to any or all of the lessons. Cost is \$100 for the series paid on April 14, or \$25 for individual classes. 1-3 PM.

**April 14** Set Up Your Long Suits

**April 21** Combine Your Chances

*April 28 \*Course Break for All-Day Seminar with Special Guest Teachers*

**May 5** Avoid the Wrong Finesse

**May 12** The Simple Squeeze

**May 19** The End Play

## **Thinking Slam! (June afternoons, 1:00-3:00)**

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Bidding slams not only improves your bridge results, *it's so much fun* as well! As you advance to the next level of bridge, you'll find that reaching those slams is what sets you apart from the rest. Spend these five weeks becoming expert slam bidders. \$100 for the series, paid on June 2.

Note: please register in advance for “*Thinking Slam!*” There will be pre-class homework on Roman Key Card, as all auctions in this series will use it. A great online summary and practice bidding can be found at:  
[http://bakerbridge.coffeecup.com/Roman/\\_Start.html](http://bakerbridge.coffeecup.com/Roman/_Start.html).

**June 2** Prepare for Slam!

- Factors that make a hand “slammish”
- Roman Key Card practice

**June 9** Control Bidding to Slam

**June 16** Jacoby 2NT and Splinter Bids

**June 23** Minor Suit Slams — Minorwood

**June 30** Distribution and Slams; Slams in Competition



## See inside for 2020 Classes with Kim Gilman

**Directions:** Location for all classes is St. Camillus Church, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington MA. Just off Route 2, Exit 57 (Dow Avenue). Park in back, come in the right-hand door, and down the stairs to the bridge club.

\*\*\*Special Bridge Seminar on Tuesday, April 28, 2020\*\*\*

### Hold the Date!

Family Friendly Bridge Club is excited to host two highly-accomplished bridge teachers and players from Knoxville, TN for an all-day seminar. There will be a two-hour lesson in the morning on "Losing Trick Count and Invitations to Game." In the afternoon, the topic will be "Picking Up the Clues." Cost will be \$30 for a single session or \$50 for both. Lunch will be available for \$10 on site. Great for players of all levels!

The speakers are Jim Ricker, the ACBL's 2019 Bridge Teacher of the Year, and National Champion Kevin Wilson. More details coming soon!

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