



Hello and WELCOME to The 13 Top Tricks Bridge Club. My name is **Joe Grill** and I am so happy to welcome you to Bellevue's newest bridge club. A little about myself. I moved to Seattle from New Jersey in August of 2020. I have been a certified ACBL Club Director since 2013 and an ACBL Tournament Director since 2015. I have been running bridge games full-time for over 9 years now. You may have seen me directing at the recent sectionals and regionals here in Washington. Before I moved to Washington, I ran one of the largest clubs in New England. I founded The Seven No-Trump Bridge Club of Stamford, Connecticut in 2016. Over 4 years, I built it to about 3500 tables per year. We were on track to hit 4000 live tables in 2020. When the global pandemic hit, I, like many other club owners was forced to close my physical club and operate online. I run one of the largest online virtual clubs. However, it has saddened me to see so many area clubs, including The Eastside Bridge Center close. In 2023, I felt the time to return to face-to-face bridge had come. I took over The Summit club from Barbara Nist and we happily had bridge games there for just over 1 year. We always knew that this was a temporary space and we could only run games 3 days a week there. The need for a full-time facility was clear. After much searching and a lot of help, in February of 2024 we moved to our permanent new home in Bellevue.

Our new 2500 square foot club offers games 7 days a week, space for over 20 tables, classes and special events. I am so happy to be able to offer everyone a place to play the game that they love.

The 13 Top Tricks Bridge Club is 100% focused on the player experience. I will strive to promote a friendly atmosphere, the best technology and equipment in a comfortable spacious facility. I can't wait to meet you all in person! If you have any questions, please reach out to me!

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