



Learn to

Play Bridge!



Why? Bridge is a fun, social way to meet new people and keep your mind sharp in a friendly, competitive arena. It's the best card game in the world! Whether you've spent your life playing pinochle, spades and hearts, **OR** whether you've never played a hand of cards in your life, this introductory class will teach you everything you need to know to begin bidding and playing bridge.

We will introduce the concepts and process of playing bridge using the modern Standard American bidding system. The class includes a mixture of lecture and discussion, as well as hands-on experience playing bridge!

When? Eight Wednesday evenings (7 pm to 9 pm) starting April 10 and running through the final lesson on May 29. Held at the 13 Top Tricks bridge club in Bellevue.

How much? \$150. Includes all 8 lessons, handouts, and refreshments.

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SUMMARY OF *Learn to Play Bridge!* LESSONS:

- 1) **Bridge's basic concepts:** Vocabulary, the deck of cards, what is a trump suit, the auction and the play of each hand. The Quest. The rank of suits, basic scoring. The goal as declarer, defenders.
- 2) **The beginning of the auction:** Opening 1 No Trump, 1 of a major (hearts/spades,) 1 of a minor (clubs/diamonds.) Responding to partner's major or minor opener.
- 3) **Continuing the auction's story:** Opener's rebids and responder's mission.
- 4) **Responder's rebids:** Completing the story. Assembling the picture of the hand.
- 5) **Competitive auctions:** Bidding when your opponents are bidding. Overcalls and advancing an overcall, competitive auctions. Weak 2 openers.
- 6) **Takeout doubles:** Your opponents have opened the bidding, but you have an opening hand. Advancing partner's takeout double.
- 7) **Introduction to Artificial Bids:** 2 clubs as an artificial STRONG opener, ace asking bids (1430 Roman Key Card.)
- 8) **Common ways of Responding to 1NT:** Stayman, Jacoby transfers.