



Bridge Lessons with Kim Gilman Sept. - Nov. 2021

Welcome to Bridge Classes this Fall! All courses will be online via Zoom; students will bid, play and defend practice deals in the awesome Shark Bridge virtual classroom. See page 4 for Beginner classes.

Sunday Afternoons - Online *All Levels*

4:10 - 6:00 PM Eastern **Dazzling ✨ Defense!**

Nine classes, Sept. 19 - Nov. 14

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! ✨

From recent Beginner grads to experienced partnerships, if you've never taken a comprehensive defense course, now is the time! This is one of few bridge courses where you will learn defense from A to Z (not just "signals"). And, you get to practice everything, even learn from your mistakes, by playing defense on every lesson hand!

Topics to be covered in this course include: ✨ Third Hand High? Second Hand Low? ✨ Know What's in Your Partner's Hand ✨ Signal Your Partner ✨ Opening Leads ✨ Active vs. Passive Defense ✨ Make a Defensive Plan ✨ Lead up to Weakness ✨ Choose a Defensive Strategy ✨

Cost for Dazzling Defense: \$170 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.

Tuesday Afternoons - Online

Bridge Improvers

3:10 - 5:00 PM Eastern **Ten Tactics You Should Know**

Ten classes, Sept. 14 - Nov. 16

These lessons are geared towards players who are starting to compete at higher levels, and want to see their results improve. We call you “Bridge Improvers.” These more advanced skills will help you win against even seasoned competitors. **See Sept. 28 for special time and exciting guest lesson by bridge mega-star Gavin Wolpert.**

Sept. 14 Declarer - Loser-on-Loser Plays

Sept. 21 Advanced Game Tries

Sept. 28 1:00 - 2:50 PM ****Visiting Teacher Gavin Wolpert****
Game Tries in Competition and the Maximal Double
Note special time for guest teacher Gavin Wolpert, a seven-time national champion player, and one of North America’s most popular and effective bridge teachers!

Oct. 5 Declarer - End Plays

Oct. 12 Reverses

Oct. 19 Non-Reverses (Bidding a “Reverse” pattern without the points)

Oct. 26 Strong Jump Shifts

Nov. 2 Make a Defensive Plan

Nov. 9 Avoid the Minors (How to bid NT almost always!)

Nov. 16 Declarer - Find & Capture the Missing Queen

Register for any single class for \$25, or save \$60 and register for all ten for \$190. Partnerships get all ten for \$330.

Thursday Afternoons - Online
Advancing Beginners & Up

3:30-5:20 PM **Bidding in Competitive Auctions (4 weeks)**
Advanced Competitive Bidding (4 weeks)

This is a great class to take with a regular partner. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class - you may meet your future favorite partner!

Bidding in Competitive Auctions

Sept. 23 Preemptive Opening Bids

Sept. 30 Overcalls & Advances

Oct. 7 Cue Bids vs. Weak Bids & the Law of Total Tricks

Oct. 14 Takeout Doubles & Advances

Advanced Competitive Bidding

Oct. 21 Penalty Doubles & Redoubles

Oct. 28 Negative Doubles, the Trap Pass & Reopening Double

Nov. 4 The Cooperative Double

Nov. 11 The Sacrifice Bid - Should I?

Cost for either 4-session series is \$80.
Register for all 8 classes for \$150 per person, or \$260 for a partnership.

All class times are Eastern Time.

Demon Declarers! Online with Harrison Luba

Tuesday Evenings, Sept. 21 - Oct. 12 **Declarer Play Basics**

Monday Evenings, Oct. 18 - Nov. 8 **Advanced Declarer Play**

Class time for each of these four-week sessions is 7:00 - 8:50 PM

In “Declarer Play Basics,” learn the fundamental techniques for taking all your tricks. Topics will include ruffing in dummy, throwing off losers, using dummy’s long suit, and winning the no-trump race.

In “Advanced Declarer Play,” we’ll show you how to rise above your competitors with more sophisticated techniques including entry management, end plays, combining chances, and squeezes.

Note: in our Shark Bridge classroom, each student gets to declare every hand! Added bonus: if you have the Shark Bridge app, you will be able to replay your lesson hands as many times as you wish after class. This series will greatly enhance your ability to make your contracts!

Class fee: \$75 per four-week session or \$125 for all eight.



Harrison Luba has been playing competitive bridge for over a decade and has won numerous local and New-England-wide championships. He is well-known in the region for his expert declarer play. Harrison’s students love his patient, supportive, and clear teaching.

Beginners and “Post-Beginners” - Online

Learn to Play Bridge with Kim

Tuesday evenings, six weeks, Sept. 21 - Oct. 26

Learn to Play Bridge with Nancy Olt

Wednesday evenings, six weeks, Oct. 6 - Nov. 10

Beginner Continuation with Nancy Olt

Thursday evenings, six weeks, Sept. 23 - Oct. 28

“Beginner Continuation” covers the next six essential strategies for those who have completed Beginner Bridge, or want a refresher on these topics: Overcalls, Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Preemptive Opening Bids, Strong 2C Opening Bids, Takeout Doubles, and Defensive Signals.

For full details, visit my website www.bridgewithkim.com/beginner



Nancy Olt is a lifelong card player who learned bridge in college. Nancy’s love for bridge and patient, humorous approach make her popular with new players. She has a gift for teaching that will make bridge easy for you!

Monday Evenings - Online *Intermediate/Advanced*

7:00 - 8:30 PM **Win at Matchpoints with Zach Grossack**

Four classes, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4. Cost for the 4-lesson series is \$100.

As advancing players, you play often at the bridge club or in online games where the scoring is matchpoints. Here, overtricks, no-trump contracts, penalty doubles, sacrifices, and defensive accuracy are vital.



Zach has three national titles in matchpoint events. In each lesson, he will present you with real-life hands where you must make bidding, playing, and defensive decisions to maximize your score. I’m excited to have Zach back as co-teacher to share his many expert tips on winning at matchpoints!



Kim Gilman, a Carlisle, MA resident, has been playing tournament bridge for almost two decades and has won numerous sectional and regional championships. She has taught more players online using Shark Bridge than any teacher world-wide. Kim is a Sapphire Life Master and an ACBL-certified instructor whose students love her interactive, fun, and easy-to-understand lessons.

Questions and Answers about Online Bridge Classes

What Do I Need to Join In?

Welcome to Bridge Classes for Fall 2021! While we slowly make our way back to in-person bridge, online classes are here to stay! 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. We provide free computer and Zoom training prior to the start of each course.

You Say We Play Bridge Hands During the Lesson?

In all our classes, students play hands online to practice what you're learning. We start on Zoom, where we teach a lively lesson! Then, we transition to the wonderful and amazing Shark Bridge Classroom for you to practice. After each deal, we "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: Go to "Book Online" from the top menu of www.bridgewithkim.com to enroll and pay by credit card; or e-mail me at kgilman11@gmail.com. You can also pay via Venmo, Zelle, or a check in the mail. Except for "Ten Tactics You Should Know" we are not able to accept single-class "drop-ins" or pro-rated registrations.

