

All lessons held at

♣♦♥♠ NORTH NAPLES BRIDGE CLUB ♣♦♥♠

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Winter 2011 LESSONS

Series of 7 Lessons Teacher: *Guy Germer*

COST... \$70 per person for lesson series, payable in advance*

**\$12 per lesson if pay-as-you-go. Missed lessons credited.*

Advanced Bidding: Two-over-One

Tuesday Morning **starting Jan 11** **9:00 to 11:30**

Intermediates+ Two-over-One, in a nutshell, means any 2-level response to an opening suit bid that is not a jump is forcing to game. But there is a lot more to it than that! The system is used extensively by "A" players in the duplicate world to make game and slam bidding much easier. Your own bidding will improve and so will your results. We use Audrey Grant's book, *Two-over-One* (\$20), co-authored with Eric Rodwell, a world-class player and theorist.

Bridge Basic II: Competitive Bidding

Wednesday Morning **starting Jan 12** **9:00 to 11:30**

As the next step for aspiring players, Bridge Basics II shows how to aggressively compete for the contract. Using Audrey Grant's book, *Bridge Basics II: Competitive Bidding* (\$12), we give you all the tools (takeout doubles & advances, overcalls & advances, cuebids, weak twos & responses, and modern-style weak jumps in competition), to survive in the duplicate world. As a further note, many intermediate players are familiar with these topics but lack in-depth knowledge of them. This class will bring them up to speed.

Deadly Defense - Lively Play

Thursday Mornings starting **January 13** **9:00 to 11:30**

Intermediates. Covered are many exceptional plays that result from thinking for yourself rather than relying on maxims.

On defense, you will learn to:

- Play the right card in 2nd and 3rd seat
- Return partner's suit, or when not to
- Unblock an honor, cover an honor, or capture an honor
- Uppercut declarer
- Signal and Discard properly
- Know when to give a sluff & ruff, or when not to
- Most importantly, why you must count, count, count!!!

On offense, you will learn to:

- Make a logical plan
- Draw trumps at the right time
- Finesse only when necessary
- Ruff losers in dummy (delay drawing trumps)
- Establish a side suit for discards
- Manage your entries & manage your trump suit
- Count your opponent's points and/or distribution
- Identify and avoid the dangerous opponent
- Identify endplays and throw ins... and more.

The first hour of instruction is followed by practice play.

Bridge Basics I: An Introduction

Saturday Mornings starting **Jan 8** **9:30 - 11:30**

While this class is designed for newcomers, it is also quite suitable for anyone seeking a review of modern-style bidding. We use Audrey Grant's excellent book, *Bridge Basics I* (\$12), which thoroughly explains basic opening bids, responses, and rebids. Second hour of play uses sample hands to reinforce the lesson.

Commonly Used Conventions

Friday Mornings starting January 14 9:00 to 11:30

We use Audrey Grant's wonderful textbook, *Commonly Used Conventions* (\$20) to cover in-depth popular conventions, including Jacoby transfers, Stayman, the strong two-club opening, Blackwood (and Roman Keycard Blackwood), Gerber, and other less frequent conventions*, which are merely introduced. Covered in detail are responses to minor and major suit openings, and many follow-up bids. This is the perfect course to mainstream your methods! By the way, the book title is a bit of a misnomer, as **the contents deal heavily with natural bidding sequences** rather than just with conventions. The first hour of instruction is followed by practice play.

*These include fourth suit forcing, new minor forcing, Jacoby 2NT, Jordan, and Drury

Saturday Afternoon Novice Game

Saturday Afternoons starting Jan 8 12:30 to 4:30

Novices only (less than 50 masterpoints) Cost: \$10 per session
The novice game, held at the Greek Orthodox Church, is a gentle way (relaxed rules) to adjust to the competitive nature of duplicate bridge, often intimidating to newcomers. Play 21 boards (shuffle & deal) for masterpoints. ACBL sanctioned. Each game is introduced with a **half hour lesson on understanding the Convention Card**. Recommended bids are explained using excellent color handouts. Feel free to come without a partner, as the director will play with any left over singles