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Spring 2026 Bridge Lessons with Kim Gilman

Online lessons include bidding and/or play in my Shark Bridge classroom.
All times are Eastern (US-Boston) time.

Class Difficulty/Experience Levels:

Level 1 - Complete beginner

Level 2 - Novice: took beginner lessons but still new to bridge

Level 3 - Improver: for newer players seeking further skills

Level 4 - Intermediate: for those who have played for 2+ years

Level 5 - Advanced: for duplicate bridge players who want to win

Bidding When the Opponents Preempt

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:45 PM Eastern

Levels 2-5

March 18, 25 (two weeks)

More and more, bridge players find their opponents preempting. They just don't leave you alone! While good guesswork is often needed, I'll share some general concepts that will help you overcome those pesky preempts. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. Cost is \$49. [Register here.](#)

Mar 18 - Overcalling their Weak-2: bid a suit, no-trump, or double?

Mar 25 - Lebensohl Convention; Leaping Michaels

Bidding Confidence

Thursdays 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-4

April 16 - May 21 (six lessons)

Let's take the memorization and guesswork out of your bidding decisions. My goal is to help you understand the principles so you can bid with confidence! This course is not about conventions, although we are going to use one very important convention that will come up throughout the course: **4th Suit Game Forcing**.

International champion Daniel Lavee will be the substitute teacher on April 30th. Singles are welcome and will be matched with partners in class. Cost is \$129; register [here](#).

Dates and topics:

Apr 16	Forcing Bids
Apr 23	Rebids by Opener
April 30	Rebids by Responder with Daniel Lavee
May 7	Misfit Hands
May 14	Game Tries
May 21	Bid to the Right Level

2-Over-1 & Slam Bidding

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 3-5

April 20, 22, 27; May 6, 11 (five lessons)

Two-Over-One Game Force is the bidding system played by most tournament players in North America. But you don't have to throw out everything you already know to join the ranks of these sophisticated bidders. Two-Over-One is basically Standard American with a couple of improvements that will noticeably improve your scores!

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The big advantages of Two-Over-One are: 1.) you can bid to the right game without having to guess; and 2.) you can bid more slowly towards game without ruling out the possibility of SLAM. Two-Over-One players bid more slams.

In this 5-part series, I will explain the main points of 2-Over-1 along with two vital slam conventions. Then you will have plenty of bidding practice with your partner in my Shark Bridge classroom. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. [Register here](#).

Dates and Topics for 2-over-1:

Mon Apr 20 - The Basics of 2-over-1 Game Forcing

Wed Apr 22 - 1NT Forcing

Mon Apr 27 - Rebids & Evaluating for Slam

Wed May 6 - Control Bids & Roman Key Card

Mon May 11 - Practice 2-over-1

Points & Pointers Online Game

Wednesday April 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-5

Fix Declarer's #1 and #2 Mistakes

Shark Bridge now offers a wonderful opportunity for me to teach while you play and win ACBL master points! In this game you'll play 18 boards as Declarer. Every three deals, we'll pause the game and I'll go over the important lessons. No partner is needed. [Click here to register](#).

Find out what Declarer's #1 and #2 Mistakes are at game time, and how to overcome them! Participants will get another chance to replay the deals after the game, with my write-ups to review for advice. **An ACBL number is needed to participate.** If you are not an ACBL member, the best way to participate is to join as a guest member, which is 100% free. Sign up now to get your instant ACBL number: <https://www.acbl.org/membership/>. Cost for Points & Pointers will be 20 Shark credits, about \$20.

“Play & Learn” in Newton, MA

Every Tuesday

Levels 2-4

6:15 - 8:45 PM

Location: The Cooper Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newton, MA

If you already know the basics of bridge but are looking for opportunities to: 1.) play in person in a relaxed, friendly setting; 2.) meet new bridge friends and partners; 3.) learn and improve your bridge game - join any or all of the upcoming Tuesday sessions! At the start of each game, I will present a short lesson on a useful theme, then you will play duplicate bridge with others at your level. You will be able to ask questions as you play. Master points awarded! Singles welcome, partner guaranteed.

The cost is \$15 per game, registration is online each week (credit card payments only). See [my website](#) for details and weekly lesson topics.

About the Teacher:



Kim Gilman, a Carlisle, MA resident, has been playing tournament bridge for 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 Diamond Life Master and an ACBL-certified instructor whose students love her interactive, fun, and easy-to-understand lessons. Visit www.bridgewithkim.com.

Questions & Answers about Kim's Online Bridge Classes

What Do I Need to Join In?

Welcome to Bridge Classes for 2026! You can enjoy learning and improving your bridge play as long as you have: a computer, laptop, iPad or tablet; a good Internet connection; and the ability to comfortably use Zoom and an Internet window at the same time. iPhones do not have a large enough screen for effective use in class. No partner required — singles are welcome and will be paired up in class.

You Say We Play Bridge Hands During the Lesson?

In all my classes, students play hands online to practice what you're learning. We start on Zoom, where I teach a lively lesson! Then, we transition to the wonderful and amazing Shark Bridge Classroom for you to practice. After each deal, I "replay" it showing all four hands, so you can see the correct techniques. Because so much of your learning takes place while you play, I generally do not record videos of my lessons.

How do I Sign Up?

Go to www.bridgewithkim.com/book-online to enroll and pay by credit card; or e-mail me at kgilman11@gmail.com. You can also pay via Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal. Unfortunately I am not able to accept single-class "drop-ins" or pro-rated registrations. But I do have a money-back guarantee so don't hesitate to give it a try!

