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Spring 2023



Bridge Lessons

Online! with Kim Gilman

Difficulty/Experience Level:

I'm trying a new "Difficulty Level" rating to help decide if a course is right for you! If in doubt, give it a try. I have a money-back guarantee if not a good fit.

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 competitive duplicate bridge players

All lessons are online; class times are Eastern (US-New York) Time.

Play & Learn

Wednesdays 6:15 - 8:00 Eastern

Level 2

March 1, 8, 22, 29

For those who recently completed Beginner Bridge, or others who know the basics but want to combine your play with a learning experience. In these sessions, you will play bridge with others at your level and be able to ask questions as you go. No special conventions assumed - this is to help improve your basics and give you confidence! (No class March 15.)

[Click here](#) to register for Play & Learn.

March Mini's!

THE AMAZING DUMMY

Levels 2-4

Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 PM Eastern

March 20 - April 3

In this three-week series, learn how top Declarers utilize the dummy for every possible trick. Newer bridge players tend to focus on their own cards, but you will be amazed at how many more tricks you will win when you zero in on the dummy! During the 90-minute sessions, you'll practice in my online Shark classroom where you will be Declarer on every hand.

March 20 - Using Dummy's Trumps

March 27 - Using Dummy's Long Suit

April 3 - Using Dummy's Entries

MOST REQUESTED CONVENTIONS

Levels 2-4

Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern

March 21 - April 4

I rarely teach conventions, as there are so many books, websites, and articles on them. But I have chosen these three because knowing how to use them correctly will really help your game! These are the ones that come up all the time. During the 90-minute sessions, you will practice bidding with a partner in my online Shark classroom and gain confidence in using these vital conventions for great results!

March 21 - DONT - Disturb Opponent's No Trump

March 28 - Roman Key Card - slam bidding

April 4 - New Minor Forcing - find your fit!

Mini Courses are \$59 for three lessons. No partner required for *The Amazing Dummy*; for *Conventions*, bring your partner or I will match you in class. [Click on either course title to register.](#)

Beginner Part 2

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern (six weeks)
April 19 - May 24

Level 2

If you recently took a "Learn to Play Bridge" class, or would enjoy a gentle re-introduction to modern methods, this course is a great next step. As you play hands reflecting the day's topic, we'll also discuss strategies for taking all your tricks. Series cost is \$119. [Register here](#).

- Apr 19 **Strong 2C Opening Bids and Bidding to Slam**
How to score big with those wonderful mega-strong hands
- Apr 26 **Stayman & Jacoby Transfer Conventions**
Find your major suit fit after a 1NT Opening bid
- May 3 **Overcalls**
Guidelines for bidding even when your opponent opened
- May 10 **Doubles - Penalty and Takeout**
Modern bidders use "X" to get their side to the right contract!
- May 17 **Preemptive Opening Bids**
Begin your journey into "defensive bidding" when weak
- May 24 **Signal your Partner on Defense**
How to tell your partner what to lead to defeat the contract

Learn 2-Over 1 Game Force in two afternoons!

Tuesday - Wednesday, May 9-10
1:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern

Levels 4-5

2 Over1 Game Force is the bidding system played by most tournament players in North America. 2-Over-1 adds just a few new features to what you already know, but suddenly you will bid to better games and more slams. In this two-day seminar, I will explain the main points of 2-Over-1, then give you plenty of bidding practice with a partner in my Shark Bridge classroom. Cost is \$45. [Click here](#) for complete details and registration.

Bidding Confidence!

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:20 PM Eastern
April 17 - May 22

Levels 2-4

Let's take the memorization and guesswork out of your bidding decisions. These lessons will help you understand the principles behind the most common bidding situations, so you can bid with confidence! This is a great series for newer-to-intermediate players who could use some logical principles to guide your bidding. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. Cost is \$99. [Register here](#).

Apr 17 Forcing vs Non-Forcing Bids
Apr 24 Rebids by Opener
May 1 Rebids by Responder
May 8 Coping with Misfits
May 15 *No class*
May 22 Bid to the Right Level

Learn to Play Bridge Online! Spring 2023

Thursdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern Time
Apr 20 - May 25

Level 1

YES your friends can learn to play online — our team has taught nearly 1,000 Beginners using the Shark Bridge platform! We walk them through every step in a fun-filled environment. In these classes they learn by actually playing, not just listening to lectures. **Nancy Olt** will be the teacher for online Beginner Bridge this spring. Full details at www.bridgewithkim.com/beginner.

Kim will be teaching Beginners in-person on Tuesday evenings at Newton South HS starting April 11th. Click the above link for more info.

Mini Courses Starting in April!

CUE BIDS & WHY WE LOVE THEM

Levels 3-5

Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern

April 18, 25, May 2

What does it mean when we bid the opponent's suit in a competitive auction? This is a [cue bid](#), and is used to convey unique info to partner. In this 3-part series, I will show you how to send and receive these special messages. During the lessons you will have lots of practice bidding with a partner; singles are welcome and will be matched in class.

[April 18](#) - The Cue Bid Raise (supporting partner with 10+ points)

[April 25](#) - Cue Bid to search for 3NT (Western Cue)

[May 2](#) - Michaels Cue Bid

FOLLOW THE CLUES ON DEFENSE

Levels 3-5

Thursdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM Eastern

April 20, 27, May 11

This series is for players with a few years' experience wanting to know how the experts always seem to guess right. The truth is, top bridge players often have to be Sherlock Holmes to deduce the winning defense. In these three weeks I will show you how to use the clues you have available as bridge defenders. If you can remember the bidding, use logic, interpret your partner's signals and do a little counting, you too can follow the clues to defeat contracts that others will let through!

[Apr 20](#) - Clues from the Cards your Partner Plays

[Apr 27](#) - Clues from the Opening Lead

[May 4](#) - *No Class*

[May 11](#) - Clues from the Bidding

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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 2023! 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. 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 a check in the mail. 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!

