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Winter 2023 Bridge Lessons w/Kim Online and in-Person!

All times are Eastern (US-New York) Time. 

Tuesday mornings **in Person** in Wellesley, MA
Win at Matchpoints! with Zach & Kim



Tuesday mornings, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: [Bay State Bridge](#), Italo-American Club, 75 Pleasant Street,
Wellesley MA

Seven-time National Champion Zach Grossack is live and in-person to show you some great matchpoint strategies, and also to play in the post-class duplicate game with one lucky student each week!

Looking for a competitive edge and some insight into how the experts get top scores? Join us for a 40-minute lesson followed by a 12-board game. Bring your partner if available; singles are welcome and will be paired in class. If you win the drawing to play with Zach, your partner will get another good partner for the game! Cost is \$20 per session or \$50 for all three. [Register here](#) or pay by cash/check/Venmo at the door.

January Topics

Jan 3 - Double their 1NT Overcall

Jan 10 - Play it Safe or Go for the Overtrick?

Jan 17 - Defensive Signals Using Upside-Down



In Person with Kim! Wednesdays in Arlington, MA

Location for both these Wednesday courses is the Family Friendly Bridge Club, St. Camillus Church, Exit 132 from Route 2, Arlington MA. Both courses are \$20 per class to drop in, or \$100 for six weeks paid in advance. Partnership discount is \$170 for the pair. Singles welcome; I will match you in class. [Register online here](#) or pay by cash, check, or Venmo at Class #1. **March 1st will be snow make-up date for both courses.**



Wednesday mornings - Advanced Beginner and Up - 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM Bidding Confidence

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! If you have taken Beginner Bridge or played in the past, you're ready for this course.

Dates and Topics for Bidding Confidence:

Jan 11 - Forcing vs Non-Forcing Bids	Feb 1 - Rebids by Responder
Jan 18 - Fourth Suit Forcing	Feb 15 - Jump Shifts
Jan 25 - Rebids by Opener	Feb 22 - Coping with Misfits

Wednesday afternoons - Intermediate - 12:50 - 2:30 PM

Win in Competitive Auctions

In modern bridge, it's rare for a partnership to have the auction to themselves. Opponents love to intrude, even when we open 1NT or 2C! Learn how to handle, even benefit, from your opponents' bids. We will also cover a few wily tactics you can use to interfere yourself!

Dates and Topics for Win in Competitive Auctions:

Jan 11 - Cappelletti and more!	Feb 1 - Cue Bids vs. Weak Bids
Jan 18 - Simple, Easy Lebensohl	Feb 15 - The Trap Pass
Jan 25 - Interference over 1NT & 2C	Feb 22 - Lead-Directing Doubles

[No classes on Feb 8 due to the Regional Tournament in Southbridge, MA]

Expert No-Trump Bidding — Tuesdays online

Tuesdays, 3:40 - 5:30 PM Eastern

Intermediate players: this course will fine tune your bidding in NT auctions, and show you how to deal with all types of Responder hands. Clarify your slam bidding after 1NT opening bids! We'll also look at Declarer play tactics when you end up in no-trump. \$110 or \$190 for a partnership. [Register here.](#)

- Jan 17 When Responder is 5-4 in the Majors
- Jan 24 Transfers to the Minors
- Jan 31 Slam Bidding, Part 1
- Feb 7 Slam Bidding, Part 2
- Feb. 14 No class due to Valentine's Day
- Feb 21 Coping with Interference: simple Lebensohl
- Feb 28 2NT Openings: Puppet or Not?

Deadly Defense! Thursdays Online

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:50 PM Eastern

Improve your scores through precise defense! If you have already taken a defense courses in the past, these new lessons will refine your strategic thinking and provide excellent practice. And if you've never studied defense from A to Z, this is your chance! \$130 for all 7 lessons, or \$230 for a partnership. Singles welcome and will be matched in class. [Register here.](#)

- Jan 12 3rd Hand High, 2nd Hand Low? Rules & Exceptions
- Jan 19 Opening Leads and Lead Directing Doubles
- Jan 26 Attitude Signals and Discards
- Feb 2 Suit Preference Signals
- Feb 9 Promote Your Lower Trumps to Winners
- Feb 16 Active vs Passive Defense
- Feb 23 Five Defensive Tips

Beginner Part 2 — Mondays Online

Mondays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern (six weeks)

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 \$110. [Register here.](#)

Jan 9 **Stayman & Jacoby Transfer Conventions**

Find your major suit fit after a 1NT Opening bid

Jan 23 **Strong 2C Opening Bids and Bidding to Slam**

How to score big with those wonderful mega-strong hands

Jan 30 **Overcalls**

Guidelines for bidding even when your opponent opened

Feb 6 **Doubles - Penalty and Takeout**

Modern bidders use “X” to get their side to the right contract!

Feb 13 **Signal your Partner on Defense**

How to tell your partner what to lead to defeat the contract

Feb 27 **Preemptive Opening Bids**

Begin your journey into “defensive bidding” when weak

[No classes January 16 or February 20 due to holidays]

Daniel's Playing Lessons - Thursdays online

12:45 - 2:45 PM Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16 (six weeks)

World Champion **Daniel Lavee** takes over our popular play sessions with the theme of **Declare and Defend**. Play in a friendly duplicate (sorry, no master points awarded), then watch his expert discussion. Daniel will pause the game every 2 boards for review while the hands are still fresh in your minds. This will be a “no-bidding” game. The contract will be pre-determined on each deal. On alternating weeks, you will either declare every hand, or defend with your partner. **This is an Intermediate-level class.** Players should have at least 2 years’ bridge experience. The games take place in our Shark Bridge classroom, not on BBO. The cost is \$110 for all six games. [Register here.](#)

About the Teachers:



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.



Daniel Lavee is a World Champion bridge player living in Toronto, Canada. He is an ACBL Accredited Teacher with 16 years of classroom teaching experience, both online and in person. His teaching style is positive and patient. He often answers bridge questions with logic and more questions, instead of having his students memorize rules.

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