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Winter 2025

Bridge Lessons

with Kim Gilman

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

Difficulty/Experience Level:

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

The No-Trump Declarer

Mondays 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-5

January 6, 13, 20, 27 (four lessons)

Playing in no-trump can be scary, but I'm here to give you confidence! In these four lessons, I'll cover vital Declarer Play techniques that will have you playing your no-trump contracts like an expert. In our Shark Bridge classroom, each student declares every hand! No partner needed.

Jan 6 - Win the NT Race

Jan 13 - The Hold-up (so important!)

Jan 20 - Dummy's Long Suit in NT (and entries to it!)

Jan 27 - Take All Your Chances in NT

Cost is \$89 per person. You will have an opportunity to practice the lesson deals again in the Shark Bridge app. [Register now.](#)



Hone Your Game Bidding

Wednesday/Thursday, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern
Jan 8, 16, 23, 30 (four lessons)

Levels 3-5

Please note, this class takes place on one Wednesday and three Thursdays. A recording and replay will be available for the Wed. lesson.

You know what they say about expert game tries? "Experts bid game and try to make it." It's true that the best bridge players rarely miss a game bonus. But you can be precise in communicating with partner to find out if game is really there - even when the opponents interfere. In this 4-part series, I'll give you some great tools for refining your game bidding so you can invite with confidence and reach the optimal level. \$89 for all four; recording and replay available for Lesson #1. [Register here.](#)

Jan 8 (Wed) - Game Tries after Partner's Weak 2 Bid

Jan 16 (Thur) - Targeted Game Tries

Jan 23 (Thur) - Game Tries in Competition & the Maximal Double

Jan 30 (Thur) - Game Tries after Opponent Opens a Weak 2

Beginner Part 2 - online w/ Kim & Nancy

Thursdays, 6:15- 8:00 PM Eastern

Level 2

Feb 6 - March 13 (six weeks)

If you recently took a “Learn to Play Bridge” class, or would enjoy a refresher on 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.

My popular colleague **Nancy Olt** will teach half of these lessons, and I (Kim) will do the rest, so you’ll learn from both of us! Series cost is \$129. Sign up with a partner, or as a single and we will match you in class. [Register here.](#)

- Feb 6 - **Preemptive Opening Bids (Nancy)**
Begin your journey into “defensive bidding” when weak
- Feb 13 - **Overcalls (Kim)**
Guidelines for bidding even when your opponent opened
- Feb 20 - **Doubles - Penalty and Takeout (Kim)**
Modern bidders use “X” to get their side to the right contract!
- Feb 27 - **The Stayman Convention (Kim)**
Find your major suit fit after a 1NT Opening bid
- Mar 6 - **Jacoby Transfers (Nancy)**
Showing your major after a 1NT Opening Bid
- Mar 13 - **2♣ Opening Bids and Bidding to Slam (Nancy)**
How to score big with those wonderful mega-strong hands

2-over-1 and Slam Bidding - Parts A & B

Mondays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 3-5

Part A (Intro to 2-over-1): Feb 10, 17

Part B (Slam Bidding with 2-over-1) Feb 24, Mar 3, 10

2-Over-1 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.

Do you already know 2-Over-1? Skip Part A and join me for Part B, where you will begin to fully appreciate the main advantage of the system: **2-over-1 players bid more slams!** [Register here](#) for Part A (\$49); [register here](#) for Part B (\$69); or save and [register here](#) for all five (\$109).

Part A

Feb 10 - 2/1 Basics and 1NT Forcing

Feb 17 - Rebids in 2/1

Part B

Feb 24 - Slams in 2/1 — Roman Key Card & Fast Arrival

Mar 3 - Slams in 2/1 — Control Bidding for Slam

Mar 10 - Slams in 2/1 — Using Your Tools for Slam Bidding

Learn to Play Bridge Online! Winter 2025

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern Time

Level 1

Jan 22 - Feb 26, 2024 (six weeks)

YES your friends can learn to play online — I have taught over 1,200 Beginners using the Shark Bridge platform! I walk them through every step in a fun-filled environment. In these classes they learn by actually playing, not just listening to lectures. Full details [here](#).

Bidding Confidence

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-4

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Most of us know how to open and respond, but then what? These lessons will help you understand the principles behind the most common bidding situations, so you can eliminate guess work. Learn how to assess whether your hand is minimum, medium, or maximum, and bid with confidence!

This is my most popular course and will truly take you to the next level in bidding success. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. Cost is \$129. [Register here.](#)

Mar 26 - Forcing vs Non-Forcing Bids

Apr 2 - Rebids by Opener

Apr 9 - Rebids by Responder

Apr 16 - Coping with Misfits & Showing a Preference

Apr 23 - Jump Shifts & Reverses: Strong or Weak?

Apr 30 - Bid to the Right Level

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 2025! 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!

