



🍁 Fall 2024 🍁

Bridge Lessons with Kim Gilman

*All lessons are online except Tuesdays in Newton, MA
Class 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

Beyond Beginner: Next Steps to Improve Your Game

Mondays 6:00 - 7:40 PM Eastern

Level 3

Sept 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14 (six lessons)

If you're still a relative newcomer to bridge, but have learned the basics and had a chance to play and practice, you're ready to move up and strengthen your skills! These six topics will take you towards an Intermediate level of bridge expertise. Online via Zoom and my Shark Bridge classroom. \$119 for the 6-week series. [Register here.](#)

Sept 9 - Introduction to Slam Bidding

Sept 16 - The New Minor Forcing Convention

Sept 23 - Declarer: Those Vital Overtricks

Sept 30 - Defense: Second Hand Low, Yes or No?

Oct 7 - The Law of Total Tricks, Part 1 - weak jumps

Oct 14 - The Law of Total Tricks, Part 2 - cue bids

In Person Lessons - Tuesdays, Newton South High School

Play and Learn - in person

Tuesdays 7:15 - 9:30 PM

Levels 2-4

Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 7, 15 (five games)

If you already know the basics of bridge but are looking for opportunities to: 1.) play in a relaxed, friendly setting; 2.) meet new bridge friends and partners; 3.) learn and improve your bridge game - sign up now! At the start of each game, I will present a short lesson on a useful theme, then you will play for fun with others at your level. (Be on the lookout for the lesson topic to come up!) You will be able to ask questions as you play. Singles welcome.

Enrollment in this course is ONLY through Newton Community Education. Cost is \$110 for all five weeks. [Click here](#) to register.

Beginner Bridge - in person

Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Level 1

Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 7, 15 (five lessons)

At Newton South HS (MA). In this course I introduce card play, bidding, and defending in modern bridge. It will also be a great refresher for players who learned in the past and want to start playing again! However I will start from the very beginning, and assume no prior knowledge of the game. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class.

Enrollment in this course is ONLY through Newton Community Education. Cost is \$150. [Click here](#) to register.

[See page 4 for Beginner Bridge online, Wednesdays starting October 9.]

Bid More Slams! - Online

Thursdays 2:00 - 3:40 PM Eastern
Sept. 12, 19, 26 (three lessons)

Levels 2-5

Bidding slams not only improves your bridge results, it's so much fun as well! As you advance to the next level of bridge, you'll find that reaching those slams is what sets you apart from the rest. Become proficient with Roman Key Card, along with principles that will help you become confident slam bidders. \$59 for the 3-part series. [Register here.](#)

Sept 12 - Is This Hand Slammish? & Intro to Roman Key Card

Sept 19 - Roman Key Card (more); Slams in No Trump

Sept 26 - Control Bidding to Slam

Three Common & Useful Doubles - Online

Thursdays 4:00 - 5:40 PM Eastern
Oct 10, 17, 24 (three lessons)

Levels 3-5

This 3-part series will solidify your knowledge of doubles that experts use all the time. With these doubles confidently in your repertoire, you'll enjoy how they help solve your bidding dilemmas. Cost is \$59. [Register here.](#)

Oct 10 - The Reopening Double

Oct 17 - The Support Double

Oct 24 - Advancer's Double (also called Responsive Double)

Anytime Lessons

I now have five courses available where you can watch, read, and practice on your own time. They are very similar to my live classes. Register for a free account and check out the free samples! [Click here](#) for details.

Thoughtful Defense - Online

Mondays 6:00 - 7:40 PM Eastern

Levels 3-5

Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 (six lessons)

Rather than the defensive rules, which you may already know (for example third hand high/second hand low), this course will concentrate on thinking strategically about defense. You'll have the chance to practice your signals and opening leads, but our focus will primarily be on logic and seeking all the clues at your disposal to defeat Declarer.

If you've previously taken a defense course but would benefit from practicing your skills, this series would work great! Cost is \$119. Sign up with a partner, or as a single and I will match you in class. [Register here](#).

Oct 21 - Upside Down Signals and "Lead Low Likes"

Oct 28 - Active vs Passive Defense

Nov 4 - Which suit do I lead now?

Nov 11 - Defensive trumping; trump promotions

Nov 18 - Reading the Defensive Clues

Nov 25 - Five Defensive Tips

Learn to Play Bridge Online!

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:15 PM Eastern Time

Level 1

Oct 9 - Nov 20 (seven weeks)

YES your friends CAN learn to play online — I have taught over 1,000 Beginners using Zoom and my Shark Bridge classroom! In these classes students learn by actually playing, not just listening to lectures. I will walk them through every step in a fun-filled environment. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. Cost is \$149; registration and complete details are [here](#).

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 2024! 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 Bid and Play During the Lesson?

In all my classes, students bid and 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 to 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!

