

BridgewithKim.com



Winter 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. See p. 2 for difficulty levels.

Six Weeks to Winning Defense!

Mondays 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-5

January 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 (six lessons)

Defense provides some of the most fun in bridge, as it's here that you really must communicate with your partner. When you're in sync and set the contract by working together, the results can be ✨dazzling!✨

From new Beginner grads to experienced partnerships, if you've never taken a comprehensive defense course, now is the time! This is one of few bridge courses where you will learn defense from A to Z (not just "signals"). You'll practice every strategy, even learn from your mistakes, by playing defense on every lesson hand! Cost is \$129; register [here](#).

Dates & Topics:

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| Jan 14 | Third Hand High, Second Hand Low |
| Jan 21 | Attitude Signals |
| Jan 28 | Opening Leads |
| Feb 4 | Suit Preference Signals |
| Feb 11 | Place the Missing Honors |
| Feb 18 | Make a Defensive Plan Based on LSD! |

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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

Popular Conventions

Thursdays, 6:15- 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-3

Feb 26 - March 26 (five weeks)

If you recently took a "Learn to Play Bridge" class, or would enjoy a refresher on modern bidding, this course is a great next step. It's also a great idea for those who could benefit from refinement and practice with these most essential and commonly-used conventions. Series cost is \$109. Singles welcome; we will match you in class. [Register here.](#)

Feb 26 **Stayman**

Find your 4-4 major suit fit after a 1NT Opening bid

Mar 5 **Jacoby Transfers**

Showing your long major after a 1NT Opening bid

Mar 12 **Takeout Doubles**

Bid to the right level when partner doubles

Mar 19 **2♣ Opening Bids and Bidding to Slam**

How to score big with those wonderful mega-strong hands

Mar 26 **Weak 2 Opening Bids and How to Respond**

Begin your journey into "defensive bidding" when weak

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The Many Meanings of 2NT

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:45 PM Eastern

Levels 3-5

Feb 25, March 4, 11 (three weeks)

2NT is a contract no one wants to play. So just like 4NT, it is used for other purposes. But sometimes we DO mean it as a natural bid! Join me in this series to learn about the most useful artificial meanings 2NT, as well as when it pays to just bid 2NT as a game invitation or "to play." Cost is \$69; singles or partnerships welcome. [Register here](#).

Feb 25 - ► Natural 2NT Bids by Opener, Responder, & Overcaller;
 ► Unusual 2NT

Mar 4 - ► 2NT Asking after Partner's Weak 2; ► Jacoby 2NT

Mar 11 - ► Transfer to Diamonds; ► Lebensohl 2NT

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

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Learn to Play Bridge Online! Winter 2026

Thursdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern Time
Jan 15 - Feb 19, 2024 (six weeks)

Level 1

YES your friends can learn to play online — I have taught nearly 2,000 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](#).

“Points and Pointers” Online Games

Wednesday Jan 7, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eastern
Monday Feb 9, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-5

The Shark Bridge app/website now awards ACBL master points, and offers a wonderful opportunity for me to teach while you play and win points! In two upcoming games this winter, you'll play 12 boards with master points awarded to the high finishers.

Between rounds, the game will pause while I give pointers on the hands you just played. Your opponents will be robots (same opponents and same hands at every table!) but you will need a human partner. If you need one, let me know and I'll connect you with a partner in advance! Or come as a single and be matched 30 minutes before game time. Cost will be just 10 Shark credits, or about \$10. Click on a date to register.

[Points & Pointers - Wednesday - Jan 7](#) ♦ 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eastern

[Points & Pointers - Monday - Feb 9](#) ♦ 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eastern

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“Play & Learn” in Newton, MA

Every Tuesday starting Jan. 6, 2026

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, drop in any week. 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!

