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Bridge Lessons

with Kim Gilman

*All lessons are online and include practice during class in my Shark Bridge classroom. 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

## ***Bidding Confidence, Part B***

Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 PM Eastern

Levels 2-4

Part B: March 12, 19, 26

Let's take the memorization and guesswork out of your bidding decisions. 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 bid with confidence! Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. Cost is \$65. [Register here.](#)

Mar 12 Coping with Misfits & Showing a Preference

Mar 19 Jump Shifts: Strong or Weak?

Mar 26 Bid to the Right Level



See page 4 for all-new Anytime Lessons!



## ***Bidding in Competitive Auctions***

Twice-weekly, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Levels 2-5

3:00 - 4:30 PM Eastern

April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 (8 lessons)

This series is always very popular, since learning how to bid when both sides are in the auction is essential and challenging! Players of all levels will learn vital bidding techniques; but if you have completed a Beginner course, you're ready for this! Topics will include:

♠ Weak 2's and Weak 3's ♠ Overcalls ♠ Weak Jumps ♠ The Law of Total Tricks ♠ Takeout Doubles and Responses ♠ Cue Bids vs. Weak Bids  
♠ Negative Doubles ♠ Penalty Doubles

Cost: \$159 per person or \$288 for a partnership. Sign up with your favorite partner if you can, as competitive bidding requires mutual understanding! Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class.

## ***New! Make a Defensive Plan***

Tuesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Eastern

Levels 3-5

March 12, 19, 26

This 3-part series is aimed at players who already know defensive basics, including Third Hand High, Second Hand Low, and Attitude Signals. Now the time has come to think strategically about how to work with your partner to take the setting tricks. Most defensive planning occurs at Trick 2, with the dummy finally visible. This mini course will make you think and plan, but you'll enjoy using logic and counting to find the winning defense each time. Cost is \$59; [register here](#).

## ***Beginner Part 2 with Nancy Olt***

Thursdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern

Level 2

Apr 25 - May 30 (six weeks)

**Taught by Nancy Olt**

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. Sign up with a parter, or as a single and Nancy will match you in class. [Register here](#).

**Apr 25 ♠ Preemptive Opening Bids**

Begin your journey into “defensive bidding” when weak

**May 2 ♠ Overcalls**

Guidelines for bidding even when your opponent opened

**May 9 ♠ Doubles - Penalty and Takeout**

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

**May 16 ♠ Stayman & Jacoby Transfer Conventions**

Find your major suit fit after a 1NT Opening bid

**May 23 ♠ 2C Opening Bids and Bidding to Slam**

How to score big with those wonderful mega-strong hands

**May 30 ♠ Signal Your Parter on Defense**

Tell your partner what to lead to defeat the contract



## **2-Over 1 Game Force**

Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM Eastern  
March 14, 21, 28

Levels 4-5

**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. In this 3-part 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. You'll be ready to start playing 2-over-1 immediately. Cost is \$59. [Click here](#) for complete details and registration.

### ***Anytime Lessons***

**Play and Learn at your own pace!**

The complete content from four recent bridge courses is now available for you to watch and play anytime:

**1. Declarer Play Basics, Part 1**

4 chapters, \$69

**2. Fiendish Declarers (Advanced Declarer Play)**

6 chapters, \$89

**3. Follow the Clues (Advanced Declarer and Defense)**

6 chapters, \$89

**4. Thinking Slam! With Zach Grossack**

3 chapters, \$59

These lessons are just like my live courses, but you can take them at your own pace. With your registration, the content will be available for at least one year from your date of purchase. Registration and payment are available [here](#). For a free sample course, try "Find the Queen" on the same website, which you will see when you sign in or register for a free user name and password (click on "All Courses").

## 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](http://www.bridgewithkim.com).

## Questions & Answers about Live 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 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](http://www.bridgewithkim.com/book-online) to enroll and pay by credit card; or e-mail me at [kgilman11@gmail.com](mailto: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!

