

2020 CLASS OFFERINGS

at the

Long Beach Bridge Center

Winter Session: January 6 – February 26

Spring Session: April 6 – May 27

Summer Session: July 6 – August 26

Fall Session: September 28 – November 18

**All classes meet for 8 weeks with
instructor-supervised card play
between class sessions**

**SEE CLASS SCHEDULE
FOR CURRENT SESSION DAYS AND TIMES**

**Long Beach Bridge Center
4782 Pacific Coast Highway
Long Beach, CA 90804
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We are conveniently located in a mini-mall on Pacific Coast Highway
behind Big 5 Sporting Goods with ample free parking; wheelchair accessible

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www.longbeachbridge.com

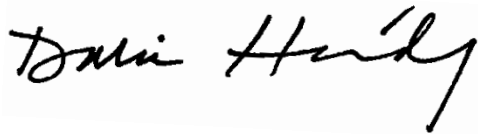
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Bridge Brigade at the Long Beach Bridge Center. We are a 501(c)(3) educational charity serving the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. We currently serve over 150 students of all backgrounds and ages each session, with class offerings designed for those new to the game of bridge and those looking to brush up on their skills. We are committed to promoting the great game of bridge by providing accessible, low-cost, and quality classes. Our emphasis is on enjoyment of the game through making new friends and experiencing more success in your card play. We continually update our class offerings to reflect trends in the bridge world and use textbooks and resource materials from the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and other sources.

I wish you all the best in pursuing your bridge goals.

Sincerely,



Dalia Hernandez
President, Bridge Brigade



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HOW TO REGISTER

Walk-ins Are Welcome

OR

Register for classes at longbeachbridge.com or by emailing akiba1708@yahoo.com or phoning 714-624-3455.

OR

Register for classes through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University Long Beach. (Available only for classes that meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings.)

CLASS FEES

\$70 for 8 classes or \$10/class.

OLLI classes (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings only): OLLI charges an annual membership fee of \$40 per year, or a reduced fee of \$20 per year if you join halfway through the year. Once you are a member, each class is \$15 for an 8-week session.

\$5 per session for instructor-supervised play.

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CLASS OFFERINGS

For the Beginning Player

Students new to the game should take the following classes their first year: Bridge 1, Bridge 2, and Bridge 3. They should also participate in supervised play each week.

Bridge 1 – Bidding. Bidding using the modern two over one system. Each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating that week's topic. Class materials: instructor handouts plus the free ACBL book *Bidding*.

- Week 1: Introduction, points, major and minor suits, no trump vs suit contracts
- Week 2: Opening a major suit
- Week 3: Opening a minor suit
- Week 4: Opening no trump and the Stayman convention
- Week 5: Opening no trump and transfers
- Week 6: Review of opening bids
- Week 7: Two over one game force
- Week 8: One no trump forcing response

Opportunities for play after taking Bridge 1

Once a class is completed, there is a 4-5 week break until the next series of classes starts. During that break, instructor-supervised play is available during the time your class normally met, as well as at other scheduled times with other instructors (see **Playing Times** handout for the current session). Supervised play is open to all players for a fee of \$5 per session.

Bridge 2 – Competitive Bidding. Communicating with partner when both teams are bidding. Each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating that week's topic. Class materials: instructor handouts plus the free ACBL book *Bidding*.

- Week 1: Review of Bridge 1 concepts plus overcalls
- Week 2: Takeout double
- Week 3: Negative double
- Week 4: Review of competitive bidding
- Week 5: Defensive leads and standard carding
- Week 6: Preemptive bids
- Week 7: Strong 2-club openers and slam bidding
- Week 8: Review

Opportunities for play after taking Bridge 2

Play for master points in the Newcomer games, in addition to Supervised Play.

Bridge 3 – Card Play, Beginning. Play of the hand and defense for beginners. Topics include: counting winners and losers, opening leads, attitude to partner, finesses, plus cue bid limit raises and reverses. Class materials: instructor handouts
Prerequisites: Bridge 1 and Bridge 2

For the Intermediate Player

The following 4-level classes are available for second-year students and those who already know how to play bridge. Bridge 4A and 4B can be taken in any order. Bridge 4C gives students practice in the concepts learned in 4A and 4B. Bridge 4D is a stand-alone class that expands on the basic concepts of the 2 over 1 bidding system presented in Bridge 1 and Bridge 2.

Brush up on your skills if you haven't played in a while and/or meet new people to play with. Students taking these classes are ready to play in the Non Life Master and Open games.

Bridge 4A – Play of the Hand. For those who already know the basics of playing bridge, sharpen your skills at play of the hand. Each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating that week's topic. Class materials: the ACBL book *Play of the Hand*.

- Week 1: Making a plan
 - Week 2: Developing Tricks – Promotion and length
 - Week 3: Developing Tricks – The finesse
 - Week 4: Eliminating Losers – Ruffing and discarding
 - Week 5: Watching out for entries
 - Week 6: Watching out for the opponents
 - Week 7: Managing the trump suit
 - Week 8: Putting it all together
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Bridge 4B – Defense. For those who already know the basics of playing bridge, sharpen your skills in defending. Each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating that week's topic. Class materials: the ACBL book *Defense*.

- Week 1: Opening leads against no trump contracts
 - Week 2: Opening leads against suit contracts
 - Week 3: Third-hand play
 - Week 4: Second-hand play
 - Week 5: Defensive signals
 - Week 6: Developing defensive tricks
 - Week 7: Interfering with declarer
 - Week 8: Making a plan
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Bridge 4C – Advancing Player Workshop. This course is “play” based, not lecture based. Students receive additional practice in bidding, play of the hand, and defense, before moving on to additional lecture classes.

- Weeks 1-8: Each class session presents the student with 8 selected lesson hands to bid and play. After each hand is completed, students place all cards in “dummy” position and the students and instructor analyze possible bids, as well as plans for play and defense.

Bridge 4D – Introduction to “2 over 1” bidding system for experienced players. The 2/1 bidding system was developed to solve several major problems in standard auctions. This class is designed for experienced bridge players who play standard and want to update their game, and also for advancing players who want to add more nuance into their auctions.

- Topic 1: The basics of two over one...when to use it, when a 2/1 bid isn't 2/1
- Topic 2: One no trump forcing (with a brief discussion of 1 NT semi-forcing)
- Topic 3: Help suit and other game invitations
- Topic 4: Dealing with interference in a 2/1 auction
- Topic 5: Invitational sequences in competitive and constructive auctions
- Topic 6: Passed hand auctions...Drury
- Topic 7: Jacoby and Texas transfers with and without slam interest
- Topic 8: Overcalls and advances – how to compete effectively without getting into too much trouble.

Bridge 5A – Bidding/Intermediate. Sharpen your bridge playing skills while practicing your play. Each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating that week's topic. Class materials: instructor handouts.

- Week 1: New minor forcing
- Week 2: 4th suit forcing
- Week 3: Cue bid limit raises
- Week 4: Help suit game tries
- Week 5: Jacoby 2NT
- Week 6: Michaels and unusual NT
- Week 7: Major transfers
- Week 8: Roman key card and Gerber

Bridge 5B – Bidding Workshop/Intermediate 1, 2. A play-based course, practicing the concepts learned in Bridge 5A. Sessions 1 and 2 comprise two different sets of hands to be played.

Bridge 6 – Card Play, Intermediate/Advanced. Intermediate topics in declarer play and defense, with 3 distinct groups of 8 topics each that rotate from session to session: Card Play 001, Card Play 002, and Card Play 003. Check Class Schedule for current rotation. Class materials: instructor handouts by permission from Eddie Kantar.

Card Play 001

- Week 1: Counting the hand
- Week 2: Establishing a long suit
- Week 3: Placing opponent's honors
- Week 4: Discarding
- Week 5: Signaling at suit contracts
- Week 6: Counting declarer's tricks
- Week 7: Deception by declarer
- Week 8: to finesse or not to finesse

Card Play 002

- Week 1: Opening leads vs suits
- Week 2: Leads vs no trump
- Week 3: Third hand play
- Week 4: More finessing
- Week 5: Entries
- Week 6: Strip end play
- Week 7: Loser on loser
- Week 8: Avoidance play

Card Play 003

- Week 1: Ducking at suit contracts
 - Week 2: Handling 4th round losers
 - Week 3: Simple squeezes
 - Week 4: More defense vs no trump
 - Week 5: The first trick
 - Week 6: Common sense defense
 - Week 7: No trump defense
 - Week 8: Dummy recognition
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