

# Leslie and Charlie's Bridge Schedule – Fall 2017

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## Beginner Level:

*Payment by credit card can be made at our website above.*

**Brand New Beginner Bridge Part 1! Mondays. 7—9 PM** at the UMC\* site. For those who've never played before or who haven't played in many years and want to start over. Topics: point count evaluation, opening bids and responses, basic play of the hand techniques. Six weeks, starts Sept. 11 and ends Oct. 23. (No class on Oct. 9.) Tuition is \$150 to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783. ***Note Evening Time!***

**Beginner Bridge Part 2. Mondays. 7—9 PM** at the UMC\* site. Basic bidding and responses are reviewed as well as an introduction to a few new bids (takeout doubles, preempts, overcalls, and the strong 2♣ opening bid). This is also a great class for those who played years ago and want to get back into bridge and modernize their skills. Six weeks, starts Oct. 30 and ends Dec. 4. Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783. ***Note Evening Time!***

**Beginner Bridge Part 3: Introduction to Play of the Hand. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. Now that you have a basic knowledge of bidding, let us show you how to plan the play of the hand. Usually there is some method that must be used to actually make your contract. We will show you the methods of counting your tricks and recognizing how to find the extra ones that you will need. Includes: Promotion, Length, Finessing, and How to Get Rid of Losers. Six weeks, starts Sept. 14 and ends Oct. 26. (No class on Sept. 21.) Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

**Beginner Bridge 4: Introduction to Basic Conventions. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. Topics: Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Weak 2's, and the Strong 2♣ Opener and Blackwood. We will spend up to 1-1/2 weeks on each topic. These are the conventions that you must learn to complete your basic bidding arsenal. After this class you will progress on to the intermediate level. Six weeks, starts Nov. 2 and ends Dec. 14. (No class on Nov. 23.) Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

## Intermediate Level:

**Polishing your Bridge, Parts 1 and 2. Mondays 7—9 PM** at the UMC\* site. This is one of our most popular classes and students are amazed at the amount of new information that they acquire. You do not have to take both parts to enjoy this class, each chapter stands alone. Two six-week courses. Tuition for each is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783. If you are registering for both Parts 1 & 2 (same tuition rate and registration info), please note that on the memo line of the check.

**Part 1:** Six weeks, starts Sept. 11 and ends Oct. 23. (No class on Oct. 9.) Topics: Categorize your Strength; Which Suit Do I Bid First?; The Best Opening Bid Ever; Bidding With Minimum Hands; New Ways to Invite Game; and Major -Suit Raises (and the Losing Trick Count). ***Note Evening Time!***

**Part 2:** Six weeks, starts Oct. 30 and ends Dec. 4. Topics: The “Weak Freak”; Don't Rebid a Five-Card Suit When You Have a Reasonable Alternative; Responder's Only Forcing Bid; When a New Suit by Responder is *not* Forcing; and the Decider and Describer (2 weeks). ***Note Evening Time!***

**Slam Bidding! Tuesdays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. Popular tools to get to those elusive slam contracts. Topics include: Week 1: Jump Shifts by the Opener; Week 2: Reverses (You MUST attend this one!); Week 3: Combined review of weeks 1 & 2; Week 4: Not So Basic Blackwood; Week 5: Control Bidding to Slam; Week 6: Combined review of weeks 4 & 5. Six weeks, starts Sept. 19 and ends Oct. 24. Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

**2/1 Game Forcing System. Tuesdays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. You will need to be a solid intermediate up through an advanced-level student to learn all the bells and whistles of this popular system. Weeks 1 & 2: 1NT Forcing; Weeks 3 & 4: Two Over One Game Forcing Auctions. Weeks 5 & 6: Mixed Review of both topics. Six weeks, starts Oct. 31 and ends Dec. 5. Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

**Signaling, Parts 1 and 2—Introduction to Defense. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. Learn how to signal your partner about what's in your hand. Partner will start playing like a genius after this course (and that should make you very happy). Two six-week courses are offered. Tuition for each is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783. If you are registering for both Parts 1 & 2 (same tuition rate and registration info), please note that on the memo line of the check.

**Part 1:** Six weeks, starts Sept. 14 and ends Oct. 26. (No class on Sept. 21.) Topics: Opening Leads; 2nd Hand Low; 3rd Hand High; and Attitude Signals.

**Part 2:** Six weeks, starts Nov 2 and ends Dec. 14. (No class on Nov. 23.) Topics: Using Attitude Signals; Signaling When Discarding; Leading From Interior Sequences; and Leading 4th Best.



## **Advanced Level:**

**Endplays, Puppet Stayman and 1430 RKC Blackwood! Mondays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. Weeks 1 & 2: Endplays: How to force your opponents to lead a certain suit for you. Weeks 3 & 4: Puppet Stayman: Opening 1NT could be done with a five-card major!! How could you ask partner if he did that? Weeks 5 & 6: Keycard Blackwood 1430: Besides the four aces, we can now find out if partner has the trump king or queen. Six weeks, starts Sept. 11 and ends Oct. 23. (No class on Oct. 9.) Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

**Bridge: The Final Frontier. Mondays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. These are the lessons of the Starship Kantar; who's six-week mission is to seek out new information that will allow you to boldly go into the future. Of all the lessons you've had so far, these are our favorites. Week 1: If responder's 1♥ promises four, and rebidding them promises six, how does he show five? Week 2: How Defenders Recognize a Dangerous Dummy—Cash Out Time! Week 3: Don't Take That Finesse! Week 4: That Crucial First Trick! Week 5: Using Little Cards for Transportation! Week 6: Lead Directing Doubles! Six weeks, starts Oct. 30 and ends Dec. 4. Tuition is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

**Advanced Supervised Bidding, Play and Defense, Parts 8 and 9. Wednesdays 10 AM—Noon** at the UMC\* site. This has become one of our most popular classes. We have assembled more of the most inspiring teaching deals we have and mixed them together so you won't know in advance if it's a bidding, play or defense problem. Two six-week courses. Tuition for each is \$150 in advance (\$175 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783. If you are registering for both Parts 8 & 9 (same tuition rate and registration info), please note that on the memo line of the check.

**Part 8:** Six weeks, starts Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 18.

**Part 9:** Six weeks, starts Oct. 25 and ends Dec. 6th. (No class Nov. 22.)

***Leslie's Wednesday Afternoon Student Duplicate Game, Every Wednesday 12:30—3:00 PM at UMC\*.***

Directed by Charlie Williams. A duplicate game for current students of Leslie, Charlie or Isabelle or for newsletter subscribers. Join in the fun while gaining experience in playing bridge. \$10 (or makeup coupon); no reservation needed.

Contact us at [leslie.shafer@bridgeteacher.com](mailto:leslie.shafer@bridgeteacher.com) or 240-670-7149 if you need a partner. **No game Nov. 22.**

**How to register:** 1) Pay by credit card using our website payment option at [www.bridgeteacher.com](http://www.bridgeteacher.com) or 2) if paying by check, please include your telephone number, the starting date, day and time of the class on the memo line.

**For Example:** Memo 301-555-5555 Sept. 11, Mon. 10 am

***Drop-ins are allowed in all Fall classes at \$30 per lesson.***

***You may send in your registrations now.***

\*UMC=United Methodist Church's Activity Center Building. We hold many classes a week at this site. The address is 9908 South Glen Road, Potomac, MD. It is located at the intersection of Democracy Blvd. and Falls Road, the entrance to the parking lot is on Falls Road. (Facing the building, park on the left side or in the center of the lot.) Tuition payments for these classes are sent via our website payment option (credit card) at [www.bridgeteacher.com](http://www.bridgeteacher.com) or can be mailed directly to "Leslie Shafer" at 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

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About Our New Beginner Bridge Class  
September 11, 2017  
Monday Nights 7 — 9 PM***