

Leslie, Charlie and Rebecca's Bridge Schedule – Spring 2018

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Beginner Level:

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

Brand New Beginner Bridge Part 1! Mondays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* 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. *Five weeks, starts Apr. 9 and ends May 7.* Tuition is \$140 to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Beginner Bridge Part 2. Mondays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Basic bidding and responses are reviewed as well as an introduction to a few new bids (takeout doubles, preempts, overcalls, and the strong 2C 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 May 14 and ends June 25.* (No class on May 28.) Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Beginner Bridge Part 3: Introduction to Play of the Hand. Mondays 7—9 PM at the PUMC* 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 Apr. 9 and ends May 14.* Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 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 4: Introduction to Basic Conventions. Mondays 7—9 PM at PUMC*. Topics: Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Weak 2's, the Strong 2♣ Opener and Blackwood. We spend up to 1-1/2 weeks on each topic. These are conventions that you must learn to complete your basic bidding arsenal. After this class you will move on to the intermediate level. *Five weeks, starts May 21 and ends June 25.* (No class May 28.) Tuition is \$140 in advance (\$165 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783. ***Note Evening Time!***

Intermediate Level:

Signaling, Parts 1 and 2—Introduction to Defense. Mondays 7—9 PM at PUMC*. 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). Tuition (see below) 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, please note that on the memo line of the check. ***Note Evening Time!***

Part 1: Six weeks, *starts Apr. 9 and ends May 14.* Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) Topics: Opening Leads; 2nd Hand Low; 3rd Hand High; and Attitude Signals.

Part 2: *Five weeks, starts May 21 and ends June 25.* (No class May 28.) Tuition is \$140 in advance (\$165 at the door) Topics: Using Attitude Signals; Signaling When Discarding; Leading From Interior Sequences; and Leading 4th Best.

Major Suit Raises Part 1. Tuesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Week 1: Weak Raises with Help Suit Game Tries (love finding those 22 point games!); Week 2: Limit Raises the Expert Way (love finding those 23 point games!); Week 3: Jacoby 2NT Raises (love finding those 28 point slams!); Week 4: Splinter Raises! (More 28 point slams!); Week 5: Major Suit Raises in Competition. Week 6 will be a review/mix of all of them, with you figuring out which treatment goes with each hand. Book included with full tuition or available for \$10 each. Six weeks, *starts April 3 and ends May 8.* Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Modern Notrump Bidding. Tuesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Topics: Modernize your INT openings to 15-17 and learn the tweaks and judgment to use it successfully. Stayman and Transfers are covered with some new twists that are not so basic. Reaching slams after notrump openings (some with Stayman and Jacoby transfers) along with the Gerber convention. This is more sophisticated than the basic concepts you've had in the past. For instance, can you use Stayman and transfers after interference by an opponent? Book included with full tuition or available for \$10 each. Six weeks, *starts May 15 and ends June 19.* Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Avoiding Common Bridge Dilemmas. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Topics include: Weeks 1: Rule of 7—When to take your ace as declarer; Weeks 2 & 3: Reopening Doubles—to get your side back into the auction; Weeks 4, 5 & 6: How to Play NT Like an Expert!! Six weeks, *starts Apr. 5 and ends May 10.* Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Sidestepping Frequent Mistakes. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Topics include: Weeks 1 & 2: When to Pass With Good Hands!!; Week 3: High Card From the Short Side—NOT SO FAST!!!; Week 4: Law of Total Tricks—When to keep bidding in competitive auctions; Week 5: Using a Cuebid as a Strong Raise in Competition; Week 6: Sacrifices! Six weeks, *starts May 17 and ends June 21.* Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) to be paid on our website or sent to: Leslie Shafer, 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.

See Reverse for More Classes, Registration Information, PUMC address, and Student Game Information. 

Intermediate Level (Cont'd.):

Polishing your Bridge, Parts 1 and 2. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* 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 \$165 in advance (\$190 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 Apr. 5 and ends May 10. 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).

Part 2: Six weeks, starts May 17 and ends June 21. 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).

Advanced Level:

Advanced Supervised Bidding, Play and Defense, Parts 11 and 12. Wednesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* 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 \$165 in advance (\$190 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 11 & 12 (same tuition rate and registration info), please note that on the memo line of the check.

Part 11: Six weeks, starts Apr. 4 and ends May 9.

Part 12: Six weeks, starts May 16 and ends June 20.

Rebecca’s Morning Student Duplicate Game, Every Tuesday 10:00 AM—12:30 PM at PUMC*.

Directed by Rebecca Allen. A duplicate game for current advanced beginner and intermediate students of Leslie, Charlie, Rebecca or Isabelle. Join in the fun while gaining experience in playing bridge. \$15 (or makeup coupon);

Reservation required! Contact us at leslie.shafer@bridgeteacher.com to make a reservation.

(While it is highly recommended that you come as a partnership, contact us if you are looking for a partner.)

Note: Game moving to Tuesday morning starting April 3.

Price increase takes effect April 3.



Wednesday Afternoon Student Duplicate Game, Every Wednesday 12:30—3:00 PM at PUMC*.

Directed by Rebecca Allen. A duplicate game for current students of Leslie, Charlie, Rebecca or Isabelle. Join in the fun while gaining experience in playing bridge. \$15 (or makeup coupon); no reservation needed.

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Price increase takes effect April 4.



How to register: Pay by credit card using our website payment option at 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 April 9, Mon. 10 am

Drop-ins are allowed in all classes at \$35 per lesson.

You may send in your registrations now.

*PUMC=Potomac United Methodist Church's Activity Center Building. We hold many classes a week at this site. The address is 9908 South Glen Rd., Potomac, MD 20854. It is at the intersection of Democracy Blvd. and Falls Rd., 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 or can be mailed directly to "Leslie Shafer" at 9200 Edwards Way #1115, Adelphi, MD 20783.