

Revised!

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

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Beginner Level:

Brand New Beginner Bridge Part 1! Thursdays 7—9 PM 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. Six weeks, starts Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 18. Tuition is \$165 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. Thursdays 7—9 PM 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 Oct. 25 and ends Dec. 6. (No class on Nov. 22.) 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 Part 3: Introduction to Play of the Hand. Mondays 10 AM—Noon 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 Sept. 17 and ends Oct. 29. (No class on Oct. 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.

Beginner Bridge 4: Introduction to Basic Conventions. Mondays 10 AM—Noon 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 graduate to intermediate level. Six weeks, starts Nov. 5 and ends Dec. 17. (No class Nov. 12.) 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.

Intermediate Level:

Avoiding Common Bridge Dilemmas. Mondays 7—9 PM at the PUMC* site. Taught by Leslie. 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 Sept. 17 and ends Oct. 29. (No class on Oct. 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. **Note Evening Time!**

Sidestepping Frequent Mistakes. Mondays 7—9 PM at the PUMC* site. Taught by Leslie. 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 bid in competitive auctions; Week 5: Using a Cuebid as a Strong Raise in Competition; Week 6: Sacrifices! Six weeks, starts Nov. 5 and ends Dec. 17. (No class Nov. 12.) 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!**

Polishing Your Bridge, Parts 1 and 2. Mondays 7—9 PM at the PUMC* site. Taught by Charlie. One of our most popular classes; students are amazed at the amount of new information that they acquire. You don't have to take both parts; 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 & registration info), please note that on the memo line of the check. **Note Evening Time!**

Part 1: Six weeks, starts Sept. 17 and ends Oct. 29. (No class on Oct. 8.) 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 Nov. 5 and ends Dec. 17. (No class Nov. 12.) 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).

Cuebids and Negative Doubles. Tuesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Weeks 1 & 2: Cuebids to Show and Ask for Notrump Stoppers; Week 3: Using a Cuebid as Stayman when Partner's 1NT Opening is Overcalled; Week 4: What Does it Mean when You Make a Takeout Double and Partner Cuebids?; Weeks 5 & 6: Takeout Doubles by the Responder (aka Negative Doubles). Six weeks, starts Sept. 18 and ends Oct. 30. (No class on Oct. 2.) 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.

Major Suit Raises Part 2. Tuesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Week 1: A Review of Concepts from Part 1; Weeks 2 & 3: Combined Review of Jacoby 2NT Raises and Splinter Raises (finding those 28 point slams!); Week 4: The 1NT Forcing Response; Week 5: 2/1 Game Forcing System; and Week 6: Light Opening Bids and Drury. Book included with full tuition or available for \$10. Six weeks, starts Nov. 6 and ends Dec. 11. 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.

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

Intermediate Level (Cont'd.):

Supervised Play for Advanced Intermediates. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon at PUMC*. Taught by Leslie. Choosing the right tool at the right time is done through experience. These are new hands using several topics you have already learned. You play the contract you get to, then we discuss the best contract and how to play it. Book included with full tuition or available for \$10 each. Six weeks, starts Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 18. 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.

Intermediate Duplicate Conventions. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon at PUMC*. Taught by Leslie. Topics: Week 1: Michaels Cuebid—Competing with a Two-Suited Hand; Week 2: Unusual Notrump—More Competition with Two-Suited Hands; Weeks 3 & 4: A Combined review of Michaels and the Unusual Notrump; Weeks 5 & 6: Cappelletti—Competing Over a 1NT Opening. Six weeks, starts Oct. 25 and ends Dec. 6. (No class on Nov. 22.) 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.

Signaling, Parts 1 and 2—Introduction to Defense. Thursdays 10 AM—Noon at PUMC*. Taught by Charlie. 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. 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 Sept. 13 and ends Oct. 18. Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) Topics: Opening Leads; 2nd Hand Low; 3rd Hand High; Attitude Signals; and Using Attitude Signals

Part 2: Six weeks, starts Oct. 25 and ends Dec. 6. (No class on Nov. 22.) Tuition is \$165 in advance (\$190 at the door) Topics: Signaling When Discarding; Leading From Interior Sequences; Leading 4th Best; and Looking for a Ruff.

Advanced Level:

Advanced Duplicate Conventions Your Partner Wants You to Learn. Wednesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Week 1: New Minor Forcing—When responder bids a major, it shows four; If he bids it twice, it shows six. So, what does he do when he has five of them?; Week 2: Lead Directing Doubles—Telling Partner What to Lead; Weeks 3 & 4: Soloway Jump Shifts—Finally! Strong Jump Shifts by the Responder!; Weeks 5 & 6: 1430 Roman Keycard Blackwood—Update Your Ace-Asking Convention. Six weeks, starts Sept. 12 and ends Oct. 24. (No class Sept. 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.

Declarer: Learn to Create Extra Tricks Like Magic. Wednesdays 10 AM—Noon at the PUMC* site. Week 1: Establishing Dummy's Long Suit; Week 2: Establishing Declarer's Long Suit; Week 3: How to Set up a Crossruff; Week 4: How to Play in a 4-4 Fit; Weeks 5 & 6: The Mysterious Endplay. Six weeks, starts Oct. 31 and ends Dec. 12. (No class Nov. 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.

Rebecca's Tuesday Student Duplicate Game IS BACK!!! **Begins September 18—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. \$10 (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.)

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

Directed by Charlie Williams. A duplicate game for current students of Leslie, Charlie, Rebecca or Isabelle. Join in the fun while gaining experience in playing bridge. \$10 (or makeup coupon); no reservation needed. Contact us at leslie.shafer@bridgeteacher.com or 240-670-7149 if you need a partner. **No Game Nov. 21st**

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 Sept. 13, Thurs. 9 PM

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.