

BridgewithKim.com



Winter 2022

Bridge Lessons

Online! with Kim Gilman



All times are Eastern (US-New York) Time

Mondays – Beginner Continuation, Part 1: Bidding

If you recently took a “Learn to Play Bridge” class, or would enjoy a gentle re-introduction to modern bidding 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 \$110 or \$200 for a partnership.

Class Time is 7:15 - 9:00 PM Eastern

- Jan10 **Overcalls**
Guidelines for bidding even when your opponent opened
- Jan 17* **Stayman (6:15 PM)**
Find your major suit fit after a 1NT Opening Bid.
** (Special start time of 6:15 PM for football fans to catch the 8:15 playoff game)*
- Jan 24 **Jacoby Transfers**
All modern bridge players use “transfers” for 5+ card majors responding to a 1NT Opening Bid. Get this convention right, and know when to choose Stayman or a Jacoby Transfer.
- Jan 31 **Strong 2C Opening Bids / Bidding to Slam**
How to score big with those wonderful mega-strong hands.
- Feb 7 **Doubles - Penalty and Takeout**
Modern bidders use “X” to get their side to the right contract!
- Feb 15* **Preemptive Opening Bids (Tuesday)**
Begin your journey into “defensive bidding” with weak hands.
**(This class is moved to TUESDAY at 7:15 PM due to Monday being Valentine’s Day.)*

Tuesday afternoons – Follow the Clues! with Kim & Kevin

Intermediates and Up

National Champion and Master Teacher Kevin Wilson returns to co-teach two courses with me this winter! This series is for experienced players looking for a competitive edge and a chance to succeed in tough situations. Bridge players often have to be Sherlock Holmes to deduce the winning line of play. These six weeks will be tons of fun as you practice how to count, use logic, and follow the clues to bridge success!

No partner required for this series, you will always be in the “decision seat” for the practice deals. Cost is \$110 for all six lessons.

Class Time is 1:00 - 2:50 PM Eastern

Jan. 11	Clues from the Bidding
Jan. 18	Clues from Signals
Jan. 25	Clues from the Opening Lead
Feb. 1	Clues from Counting
Feb. 8	Clues from Declarer
Feb. 15	Follow the Clues!

Learn to Play Bridge Online! Winter 2022

YES your friends can learn to play online — our team has taught nearly 400 Beginners during the pandemic! We walk them through every step in a fun-filled environment. In these classes they learn by actually playing, not just listening to lectures.

Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6:15 - 8:00 PM Eastern Time

Jan 18 - Feb 10 (8 classes, meets twice per week for 4 weeks)

Taught by Kim

Price: \$145 plus approximately \$13 for bridge guide book available online. Those who sign up together with a partner will both will receive a \$20 credit for a next-level class. Full details at www.bridgewithkim.com/beginner.

Wednesday Evenings w/ Kim & Kevin Bidding Confidence!

Advanced Beginners and up
Class Time is 6:00 - 7:50 PM Eastern

National Champ and star teacher Kevin Wilson joins me to take the memorization and guesswork out of your bidding decisions. Our goal is to help you understand the principles so you can bid with confidence! Cost is \$150 per person or \$270 for a partnership for all 8 classes.

Jan. 12 — Forcing or Non-Forcing?

What exactly are the rules for forcing vs. non-forcing bids? If I don't want my partner to pass, what can I do?

Jan. 19 — Rebids

We will show you how to classify your hands as minimum, medium, and maximum to help you understand how high to bid.

Jan. 26 — Game Tries

Learn when and how to invite your partner to the game level (and that juicy bonus score) when you're on the border line.

Feb. 2 — Bid to the Right Level

Practice all three of the above lessons to reach the ideal contract.

Feb. 9 — Taking a Preference

Fulfill your obligation to let your partner know which suit should be trump, even if you aren't enthusiastic!

Feb. 16— Misfit Hands

We've all been in those frustrating situations when we have a mis-match with partner. Learn how to minimize the damage or surrender to partner.

Mar. 2 — Balancing & Competing

Don't sell out to your opponent's low-level contracts - push them up!

Mar. 9 — Fitting Honors

Hands that fit well together take more tricks than those that don't. You can bid more when your cards are in "all the right places."

Tuesday evenings - Play & Learn with Nancy Olt

Tuesdays, 6:15 - 8:00 PM. Four weeks, Feb. 22 - March 15.

For those who complete Beginner Bridge this winter, or others who know the basics but want to combine your play with a learning experience. In these sessions, you will play bridge at an online table with four people, be able to ask questions as you go, then watch and listen as Nancy shows you the best techniques on each hand. No special conventions assumed - this is to help improve your basics and give you confidence!

Cost is \$75 for all four, paid in advance.

Thursday afternoons – Wait to Draw Trumps?

All levels

This aspect of Declarer Play - When to Draw Trumps - confounds many players. Beginners are taught to “get the kids off the street” right away. But so often there is a good reason to wait. Find out how to identify those reasons and decide the best approach to making your suit contracts!

Note: in our Shark Bridge classroom, each student gets to declare every hand! No partner is required. Added bonus: if you have the Shark Bridge app, you will be able to replay your lesson hands as many times as you wish after class. Cost is \$110 for all five lessons.

Class Time is 1:00 - 2:50 PM Eastern

- Jan. 20 Wait so I can ruff my losers?
- Jan. 27 Wait so I can discard my losers?
- Feb. 3 Wait because I need entries to dummy?
- Feb. 10 Wait because of a bad trump split?
- Feb. 17 Practice deciding when to draw trumps

Thursday Evenings – Harrison’s Learning Games

6:10 - 8:00 PM Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

Bridge virtuoso **Harrison Luba** takes over our popular “Learning Games” with the theme of **Declare and Defend**. Want to play bridge and learn at the same time, without a formal lecture or pre-determined topic? Play in a friendly duplicate (sorry, no master points awarded), then watch and listen as he reviews the proper play or defense for each deal.

This will be a “no-bidding” game. The contract will be pre-determined on each deal. On alternating weeks, you will either declare every hand, or defend each one with your partner. Harrison will pause the game every 2 boards for discussion while the hands are still fresh in your minds.

This is an Intermediate-level class. Players should have at least 2 years’ bridge experience.

The games take place in our Shark Bridge classroom, not on BBO. The cost is \$110 for all six games, paid in advance.

Coming in March

The Fundamentals of Defense

Monday evenings, 7:15 - 9:00 PM Eastern

Both new and experienced players should know that Defense provides some of the most fun in bridge, as it’s here that you must really communicate and work together with your partner. In this class you will defend on every practice hand, even learn from your mistakes as you discover how to defeat more contracts, more often! Cost is \$75. This class will be good preparation for “Defense: The Next Level” starting in mid-April.

Mar 21	Third Hand High?	Apr 4	Second Hand Low?
Mar 28	Signal Your Partner	Apr 11	Opening Leads

Coming in Spring 2022

Defense: The Next Level

Demon Declarers — Play of the Hand Techniques

2/1 Game Force - Intro followed by a more advanced Practice Class

And More....

To register for any class, visit www.bridgewithkim.com/book-online.

Questions & Answers about Kim's Online Bridge Classes

What Do I Need to Join In?

Welcome to Bridge Classes for 2022! While we slowly make our way back to in-person bridge, online classes are here to stay! You can enjoy learning and improving your bridge play as long as you have: a computer, laptop, or tablet; a good Internet connection; and the ability to comfortably use Zoom and an Internet window at the same time. We provide free computer and Zoom training prior to the start of each course.

You Say We Play Bridge Hands During the Lesson?

In all our classes, students play hands online to practice what you're learning. We start on Zoom, where we teach a lively lesson! Then, we transition to the wonderful and amazing Shark Bridge Classroom for you to practice. After each deal, we "replay" it showing all four hands, so you can see the correct techniques. You receive full hand write-ups after class.

How do I Sign Up?

To register for any course: Go to "Book Online" from the top menu of www.bridgewithkim.com to enroll and pay by credit card; or e-mail me at kgilman11@gmail.com. You can also pay via Venmo, Zelle, or a check in the mail. Unfortunately we are not able to accept single-class "drop-ins" or pro-rated registrations.

About the Teachers:



Kim Gilman, a Carlisle, MA resident, has been playing tournament bridge for almost 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 Sapphire Life Master and an ACBL-certified instructor whose students love her interactive, fun, and easy-to-understand lessons.



Kevin Wilson is a national champion bridge player residing in Knoxville, TN. He grew up playing bridge with his family in the Washington, DC area. He is a Master Bridge Teacher with the American Bridge Teacher Association, and is a featured speaker at national tournaments. Kevin has an uncanny ability to explain complex bridge concepts to players at all levels with colorful examples and humor.



Harrison Luba has been playing competitive bridge for over a decade and has won numerous local and New-England-wide championships. He is well-known in the region for his expert play. Harrison's students love his patient, supportive, and clear teaching.



Nancy Olt is a lifelong card player who learned bridge in college. Nancy's love for bridge and patient, humorous approach make her popular with new players. She has a gift for teaching that will make bridge easy for you! Nancy resides in Lexington, MA.

