

2023 BRIDGE CLASSES HANDBOOK

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Note: If you know of other people who might be interested in these classes, please forward this information to them, or better yet, give me their contact information (phone, email address or mailing address) and I will contact them and add them to my distribution list.

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REGISTRATION

A minimum of six paying students is usually required to support a course. If fewer than six paying students register for a course, the course may be canceled at the discretion of the instructor. To allow for late registrations, a course will not be canceled for lack of interest until the day before the class is to start. All courses, dates, times and fees are subject to change without notice.

Note 1: I do not deposit any checks until all classes which start within about a week of each other have begun, so you may have to wait an extra month or so (depending on when you write your check and the last class starts) for your check to clear your financial institution.

Note 2: I prepare personalized material for all students before the first session of each class so please contact me before the first session if you plan to attend a class.

Advance Registration

I have implemented a simple two-step advance registration process for ALL students for ALL courses.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE TO RECEIVE A \$25 TUITION DISCOUNT (WHEN APPLICABLE) AND AVOID A POSSIBLE MATERIALS SURCHARGE FOR EACH COURSE YOU WISH TO TAKE.

Step 1 – Notify me by postal mail, email, phone (see CONTACT INFORMATION above) or in person during the advance registration period for any course you wish to take. See the **AT-A-GLANCE FOR 2023|2024/Key Dates** section on page 4 for the dates of the advance registration periods for the various classes. Include the following information:

1. First and last name (As you would like it on your name tag.)
2. The numbers of the courses you wish to take (100B, 101A, etc.)
3. Sharing authorization^{1,2}
4. Mailing address^{2,3}
5. Email address²
6. Home phone²
7. Work phone²
8. Cell phone² (optional – I use this only for emergencies unless it is your only or your preferred phone)

¹I sometimes get a request from a student for another student's contact information. Please let me know if you are willing to share your contact information with other students if requested.

²These items may be omitted if you are **absolutely sure** I have your current information on file.

³I can usually pick this up from a return address or check.

If appropriate, I will reply to let you know I received the information.

Step 2 – Send or hand deliver to me a check (payable to Dave Glandorf), money order or cash (please do not mail cash) in the total amount of all the tuition and materials fees for the courses you wish to take. I also have a PayPal account which you can use if you also have an account or one of the modern cashless payment services such as Venmo, Zelle, etc. Make sure you mail or deliver your payment in a timely manner so that I **receive it** by the end of the advance registration period.

You may skip this step if no fees are due. **If appropriate, be sure to deduct the \$25 discount for advance registration.** (All listed fees are without the \$25 deduction.)

If appropriate, I will notify you by email or phone when I receive your payment and hold it until the start of the class or shortly thereafter. If you wish to cancel your registration before the end of the advance registration period, notify me by phone or email and I will return your payment. If you decide to cancel your registration after the end of the advance enrollment period but before the start of the class, I will return your payment less the cancellation fee(s) for the course(s).

(Yes, you may take more than one course at a time, especially if you are repeating a course.) All appropriate advance registration fees will be returned to the sender if a course is canceled due to lack of interest.

Special note to new students in Bridge 100B: If you are not sure if you really want to get into this game, go ahead and register (preferably in advance) and come to the first class session. If you then decide not to continue, I will return your full registration fees.

Late Registration

Students who do not register in advance may register later, usually up until the start of the second class session. Registration after the second class session will be considered on an individual basis. New students in Bridge 100B will not normally be permitted to register after the first class session unless they have some previous experience.

Students who do not register in advance are not eligible for the \$25 advance registration tuition discount. You also may not receive all your course materials until the second week of class or even later. There may also be a materials surcharge fee.

Cancellation

There will be a \$25 cancellation fee for any course cancelled by a student after the close of the advance registration period.

NON-STANDARD TUITION AND OPTIONAL MATERIALS FEES

Students who wish to repeat a major course (Bridge 100B, 101A, 101B, 110, 130,140, 200A, 200B, 210 or 221) may do so with a credit of 50% of the tuition fee they paid the last time they took that course or a comparable course.

I am also willing to work out special arrangements for students who miss a significant number of sessions due to unforeseen circumstances, such as an illness, accident, natural disaster, etc.

Contact me if you would like to audit a major course. Perhaps you are an experienced player who would like to attend a course with a friend or spouse who is just learning the game, or you are just interested in observing the presentation process. I will consider waiving the tuition fees in these cases.

Students registering after the advance registration deadline may be subject to a materials fee surcharge to cover the additional cost of shipping and handling.

In a few instances you may take part of a course at a rate of \$15 per session. This is also the fee I will charge if you withdraw after you have attended at least one session or miss several sessions. The total fee will never be more than the tuition amount you paid for the course.

Special decks of cards for the practice deals used in many courses may be purchased at a cost of \$5 each, subject to availability.

AT-A-GLANCE FOR 2023 | 2024

Schedule

Year		2023			2024		
Trimester		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Months (Approximate)		Feb – May	Jul – Oct	Cancelled	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jul	Aug – Nov
Monday ¹	2:00 – 5:00	100B	101A		101B	100PA	100PB
	6:45 – 9:45	200B	100B		101A	101B	100PA
Tuesday ¹	9:00 – 12:00	101A	101B		100PA	100PB	100B
	6:45 – 9:45	110	130 ^a , 140 ^a		TBD	TBD	TBD
Thursday	9:00 – 12:00	101B	100PA		100PB	100B	101A
	2:00 – 5:00	100PA	100PB		100B	101A	101B
Friday	2:00 – 5:00	221a	221b		221c	TBD	TBD

¹Two classes may be scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evenings. The ‘class’ room and ‘game’ room are both available for classes on those evenings. But the ‘game’ room has limited visual aid functionality so only classes that have minimal lecture requirements can be given there. If two classes are scheduled, the ‘a’ classes will be held in the ‘class’ room and the ‘b’ classes will be held in the ‘game’ room, otherwise the class will be held in the ‘class’ room.

In addition to the above courses the Bridge Lab (100BL) will run virtually continuously throughout the year on Tuesday and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00, except for the Tuesday of the Lone Star Regional (see detailed schedule on page 6) and the following holidays: Easter Sunday, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day.

Key Dates

First Trimester Classes

Sunday, December 4 – Advance Registration opens for all first trimester classes

Sunday, January 22 – Advance Registration ends for all first trimester classes

Sunday, February 12 – Start of first trimester, all classes begin this week except for Bridge 221a (February 24).

Second Trimester Classes

Sunday, June 11 – Advance Registration opens for all second trimester classes

Sunday, June 25 – Advance Registration ends for all second trimester classes

Sunday, July 16 – Start of second trimester, all classes begin this week except for Bridge 140 (September 12)

Third Trimester Classes

All third trimester classes have been cancelled.

Fees¹

Course	Tuition ²	Materials ³	Total
100B	\$175	\$35	\$210
100BL	\$8/session		
100PA	\$175	\$21	\$196
100PB	\$175	\$21	\$196
101A	\$175	\$35	\$210
101B	\$175	\$33	\$208
110	\$150	\$20	\$170
130	\$75	\$10	\$85
140	\$75	\$45	\$120
200A	\$175	\$37	\$212
200B	\$175	\$36	\$211
200P	\$100	\$14	\$114
210	\$175	\$25	\$200
221A	\$165	\$18 ⁴	\$183
221B	\$165	\$18 ⁴	\$183
221a	\$115	\$18 ⁴	\$133
221b	\$115	\$18 ⁴	\$133
221c	\$115	\$18 ⁴	\$133

¹All fees subject to change without notice.

²A \$25 discount from the tuition amounts shown above will be given for advance registration – subtract that from the full fee when you make your payment if applicable.

³You may exclude the materials fees for any books you already have, but please let me know. See below for details of these fees.

⁴The same book is used for 221A, 221B, 221a, 221b and 221c.

Materials

Course	Textbook	Author	Source	Cost ¹
100B	Introduction and Card Play Basics	Glandorf ²	http://masterpointpress.com	\$20
	Introduction and Card Play Basics Workbook	"	"	\$15
101A	Bidding Basics	"	"	\$22
	Bidding Basics Workbook	"	"	\$13
101B	More Bidding Basics	"	"	\$20
	More Bidding Basics Workbook	"	"	\$13
100PA	ACBL Series Bidding "Play" Course	ACBL – Harrington	https://www.baronbarclay.com	\$7
	ACBL Series Play of the Hand "Play" Course	ACBL – Berry	"	\$7
	ACBL Series Defense "Play" Course	ACBL – Berry	"	\$7
100PB	ACBL Series Major Suit Raises I "Play" Course	ACBL	"	\$7
	ACBL Series Major Suit Raises II "Play" Course	ACBL	"	\$7
	ACBL Series Modern NT Bidding "Play" Course	ACBL	"	\$7
110	2 Over 1 Game Force	Grant & Rodwell	"	\$20
130	Bergen for the Defense	Bergen	"	\$10
140 ³	Slam Bidding Made Easier	Bergen	"	\$25
	Better Slam Bidding with Bergen	Bergen	"	\$10
	How to Bid Good Slams and Avoid Bad Ones	Bergen	"	\$10
200A	25 Bridge Conventions you Should Know	Seagram & Smith	"	\$20
	Practice Makes Perfect – Workbook for 25 Bridge Conventions you Should Know	Seagram & Bird	"	\$16
	Championship Bridge Series #27 – Lebensohl	Rodwell	"	\$1
200B	25 More Bridge Conventions you Should Know	Seagram & Bird	"	\$20
	More Conventions, More Practice	Seagram & Bird	"	\$16
200P	ACBL Series Advancing Player I "Play" Course	ACBL	"	\$7
	ACBL Series Advancing Player II "Play" Course	ACBL	Copied with permission (Out of print)	\$5
210	A Declarer's Workbook	Simpson & Wilson	Arbor Crest Publishing	\$25
221 ⁴	How to Play a Bridge Hand	Root	https://www.baronbarclay.com	\$18

¹This is the fee I will charge if the books are purchased through me under advance registration. This is the nominal advertised price. I will absorb the shipping and handling fees.

²These books have been published by Master Point Press under their Honors Books program. The six books are under the series title Yes, No or Maybe – A new way to learn bridge.

³I will be using some material from each of the three books listed.

⁴This book is used for 121a, 121b, 121c, 121A and 121B.

DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR 2023 M-T-T DAYTIME CLASSES							
Month	Monday		Tuesday		Thursday		
	Day	Time	Day	Time	Day	Time	
		2 - 5		9 - 12		9 - 12	2 - 5
Jan	9	XXX	10	XXX	12	XXX	XXX
	16	XXX	17	XXX	19	XXX	XXX
	23	Lone Star	24	Regional	26	Tournament	
	30	XXX	31	XXX	2	XXX	XXX
Feb	6	XXX	7	XXX	9	XXX	XXX
	START OF FIRST TRIMESTER						
	13	100B-1	14	101A-1	16	101B-1	100PA-1
	20	2	21	2	23	2	2
	27	3	28	3	2	3	3
Mar	6	4	7	4	9	4	4
	13	5	14	5	16	5	5
	20	6	21	6	23	6	6
	27	7	28	7	30	7	7
Apr	3	8	4	8	6	8	8
	10	9	11	9	13	9	9
	17	10	18	10	20	10	10
	24	11	25	11	27	11	11
May	1	12	2	12	4	12	12
	8	13	9	13	11	13	13
	END OF FIRST TRIMESTER						
Jun	15	XXX	16	XXX	18	XXX	XXX
	22	XXX	23	XXX	25	XXX	XXX
	29	Memorial Day	30	XXX	1	XXX	XXX
	5	XXX	6	XXX	8	XXX	XXX
Jul	12	XXX	13	XXX	15	XXX	XXX
	19	XXX	20	XXX	22	XXX	XXX
	26	XXX	27	XXX	29	XXX	XXX
	3	XXX	4	XXX	6	XXX	XXX
Aug	10	XXX	11	XXX	13	XXX	XXX
	START OF SECOND TRIMESTER						
	17	101A-1	18	101B-1	20	100PA-1	100PB-1
	24	2	25	2	27	2	2
	31	3	1	3	3	3	3
Sep	7	4	8	4	10	4	4
	14	5	15	5	17	5	5
	21	6	22	6	24	6	6
	28	7	29	7	31	7	7
Oct	4	Labor Day	5	8	7	8	8
	11	8	12	9	14	9	9
	18	9	19	10	21	10	10
	25	10	26	11	28	11	11
Nov	2	11	3	12	5	12	12
	9	12	10	13	12	13	13
	16	13	17	XXX	19	XXX	XXX
	END OF SECOND TRIMESTER – THIRD TRIMESTER CANCELLED						
	23	XXX	24	XXX	26	XXX	XXX
30	XXX	31	XXX	2	XXX	XXX	
Nov	6	XXX	7	XXX	9	XXX	XXX
	13	XXX	14	XXX	16	XXX	XXX
	20	XXX	21	XXX	23	Thanksgiving Break	
	27	XXX	28	XXX	29	XXX	XXX

DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR 2023 EVENING AND FRIDAY CLASSES						
Month	Monday		Tuesday		Friday	
	Day	Time	Day	Time	Day	Time
		6:45 - 9:45		6:45 - 9:45		2 - 5
Jan	9	XXX	10	XXX	13	XXX
	16	XXX	17	XXX	20	XXX
	23	Lone Star	24	Regional	27	Tournament
	30	XXX	31	XXX	3	XXX
Feb	6	XXX	7	XXX	10	XXX
	START OF FIRST TRIMESTER					
	13	200B-1	14	110-1	17	Tournament
	20	2	21	2	24	221a-1
	27	3	28	3	3	2
Mar	6	4	7	4	10	3
	13	5	14	5	17	4
	20	6	21	6	24	5
	27	7	28	7	31	6
Apr	3	8	4	8	7	7
	10	9	11	9	14	Tournament
	17	10	18	10	21	8
	24	11	25	XXX	28	Tournament
May	1	12	2	XXX	5	XXX
	8	13	9	XXX	12	XXX
	END OF FIRST TRIMESTER					
	15	XXX	16	XXX	19	Tournament
	22	XXX	23	XXX	26	XXX
Jun	29	Memorial Day	30	XXX	2	XXX
	5	XXX	6	XXX	9	Tournament
	12	XXX	13	XXX	16	XXX
	19	XXX	20	XXX	23	XXX
	26	XXX	27	XXX	30	XXX
Jul	3	XXX	4	Independence Day	7	XXX
	10	XXX	11	XXX	14	XXX
	START OF SECOND TRIMESTER					
	17	100B-1	18	130-1	21	221b-1
Aug	24	2	25	2	28	2
	31	3	1	3	4	3
	7	4	8	4	11	Tournament
	14	5	15	XXX	18	4
	21	6	22	XXX	25	5
Sep	28	7	29	XXX	1	6
	4	Labor Day	5	XXX	8	7
	11	8	12	140-1	15	8
	18	9	19	2	22	Tournament
	25	10	26	3	29	XXX
Oct	2	11	3	4	6	XXX
	9	12	10	XXX	13	XXX
	16	13	17	XXX	20	Tournament
	END OF SECOND TRIMESTER – THIRD TRIMESTER CANCELLED					
Nov	23	XXX	24	XXX	27	XXX
	30	XXX	31	XXX	3	XXX
	6	XXX	7	XXX	10	XXX
	13	XXX	14	XXX	17	Tournament
	20	XXX	21	XXX	24	Thanksgiving Break
	27	XXX	28	XXX	12/1	XXX

OVERVIEW OF COURSES

Curriculum

The current curriculum consists of 18 separate courses:

- Bridge 100B – Beginning Bridge
- Bridge 101A – Bidding I
- Bridge 101B – Bidding II
- Bridge 100PA – Beginner Practice I
- Bridge 100PB – Beginner Practice II
- Bridge 110 – Two over One Game Force
- Bridge 130 – Defense
- Bridge 140 – Slam Bidding
- Bridge 200A – Modern Conventions I
- Bridge 200B – Modern Conventions II
- Bridge 200P – Intermediate Practice
- Bridge 210 – Intermediate Declarer Play
- Bridge 221A – Card Play, Part A
- Bridge 221B – Card Play, Part B
- Bridge 221a – Card Play, Part a
- Bridge 221b – Card Play, Part b
- Bridge 221c – Card Play, Part c
- Bridge 100BL – Bridge Lab

The “100” series of courses are essentially “beginner” courses while the “200” series are in the intermediate to advanced level. New students who have some previous bridge experience and are familiar with the mechanics of the game and feel comfortable playing the cards as declarer and defending might choose to skip 100B and start with 101A. These students could take the 221 series after 101B if they thought they needed more instruction in basic card play. However, the 221 series is not included in my regular schedule and will be offered only if there is sufficient demand and a time slot is available. Otherwise, the courses should be taken in the order listed except as noted in the discussion of specific courses below.

Most courses are scheduled on a trimester basis with each course meeting once a week for 3 hours, with some weeks skipped because of conflicts.

The first five courses are usually offered in various time slots (Monday afternoons or evenings, Tuesday evenings, and Thursday mornings or afternoons) and staggered throughout the year. After Bridge 100B is given on a particular day/time, the other courses are offered on the same day/time in the proper order in subsequent trimesters.

Bridge 100B – Beginning Bridge

Bridge 100B is the starting course for students who have no knowledge of the game or at best, a minimum exposure by observation or by having played a little in the distant past. In this course the student learns the basic mechanics of the game of bridge, hand evaluation and fundamental card play techniques.

This is a 13-week course with each 3-hour class period approximately equally divided between

- 1) lecture and class exercises
- 2) play of four (approximately) deals designed to utilize the ideas presented in the lecture and exercises

There is a short break near the middle of the session.

If you enroll in this course, you are strongly encouraged to also start attending Bridge 100BL after the first few weeks of 100B.

Bridge 100BL – Bridge Lab

This is essentially a pay-as-you-go “lab” course to give students a chance to gain additional practice in a monitored environment. Students enrolled in 100B play a simplified form of bridge called MiniBridge. Students enrolled in 101A will also find this useful for the early weeks of that course. Students with bidding experience participate in a monitored play setting where they can ask questions and get advice on bidding and play during or after each deal. All players stay at the same table during the session and play at their own pace so this is a good opportunity to get together with your friends or just come on your own (we will provide partners if needed) for a relaxed learning session. This has become a very popular course. No advance registration is required so feel free to “drop in” anytime.

Bridge 101A and 101B – Bidding I & II

These second and third courses in the series address all of the elementary aspects of bidding in the game of bridge. Mastery of the material presented in this course and the previous course will allow the student to fully participate in a bridge game with more experienced players.

The length and structure of these courses is the same as for Bridge 100B.

Bridge 100PA and 100PB – Beginner Practice I & II

Bridge 100PA is a 13-week course providing students the opportunity to gain more experience in all of the material presented in Bridge 100B and 101A/B. Each session is devoted to the play and discussion of eight deals covering the topics presented during the three main courses. The course consists of three 4-week segments covering the general material of the three main courses plus one extra week. The first segment emphasizes bidding, the second segment focuses on declarer play and the third segment concentrates on defense. Bridge 100PB is similar to Bridge 100PA. The first two segments focus on major suit raises while the third segment emphasizes modern notrump bidding. The final week of each course is included as a general application session.

Note: Bridge 100PB was designated as Bridge 100P prior to the third trimester of 2014.

Bridge 110 – Two over One Game Force

This 10-week course presents a popular extension to standard bidding which greatly simplifies many bidding sequences and is used by many experienced bridge players. The first eight weeks of this course alternate between lecture and practice play. The final two weeks provide additional practice play opportunities. It is appropriate for students who have a firm understanding of the basic bidding concepts presented in Bridge 101A and 101B.

Bridge 130 – Defense

This 4-week short course focuses on all aspects of defensive card play, going into more details than that covered in Bridge 100B and Bridge 120/220.

Bridge 140 – Slam Bidding

This 4-week short course focuses on the detailed aspects of bidding slams.

Bridge 200A and 200B – Modern Conventions I & II

This course reviews some of the conventions presented in Bridge 101B but also covers many more conventions that are popular among intermediate and advanced bridge players.

Bridge 200P – Intermediate Practice

Bridge 200P is an 8-week course providing students the opportunity to gain more experience in many of the ideas presented in Bridge 200. Each session is devoted to the play and discussion of eight deals focusing on some of the more advanced topics of Bridge 101A/B and 200. The course consists of two 4-week segments. This course is not currently included in my regular schedule.

Bridge 210 – Intermediate Declarer Play

There is one week of lecture covering various aspects of declarer play, many of which were not covered in the basic 100 series. The last twelve weeks are devoted to “real world” application of the principles discussed in the first week by playing nine deals each week. Each deal requires the use of one of the ideas presented in the first week, but the student must decide which technique is applicable.

Bridge 221 – Card Play

This is a new series being introduced in the first trimester of 2023 with 24 total sessions. It will be offered as a three-part series (a, b, c) of eight sessions each on Friday afternoons or as a two-part series (A, B) of 12 sessions each on Monday or Tuesday evenings.

PUNCTUALITY

There is a tremendous amount of material to be covered in each class session, so it is important to start each session in a timely manner. To encourage early arrival, I will try to arrive at the site 10 minutes early to set up the facility for the lesson. Approximately five minutes before class time, I will begin taking attendance and then start the lesson promptly at the appointed time for the class. Please cooperate by arriving five to 10 minutes early. Please contact me ahead of time if you would like to meet with me earlier to discuss any problems you may be having with the course material. I will also usually have a little time after classes to answer questions if you are not able to arrive extra early.

Note: If you have difficulty arriving promptly because of work or traffic, come as soon as you can. I would still enjoy having you in my class.

LOCATION

All classes will be held at the Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark in Clear Lake City (281-480-1911).

Directions going Northwest on El Camino Real from Bay Area Blvd:

Turn left at the first street (approximately across from Mr. Gatti's in the strip shopping center on the right) onto Sea Lark. Proceed one short block and follow the forced right-hand turn - you will still be on Sea Lark. The Bridge Club is in the third building on your left.

Directions going Southeast on El Camino Real from El Dorado Blvd:

Turn right onto Ramada at the Walgreen's Pharmacy. Go one block and turn left onto Sea Lark. The Bridge Club is in the third building on your right.

The building is set back some distance from the street with a parking lot for about 25 vehicles in front of the building. There is a sign centered on the sloping roof of the building.

If the parking lot is full you may park in the street or in the Molly's Pub or Cellar Bar night club lots directly across the street during the daytime (until approximately 2:00 PM), but please do not park in the spaces nearest the entrances.

INSTRUCTORS

I plan to personally teach all the major standard courses (100B, 101A/B, 110 130, 140, 200 and 221). My colleague George Wieland sometimes teaches the practice courses (100PA and 100PB). There is always the possibility that unforeseen circumstances will require occasional substitutions. I currently have a team (Dave Bradt, Bob Dowlen, Charles Hilding and Jim Ochsner) assisting me on a rotating basis with the Tuesday Bridge Lab (100BL) if needed while Dave Bradt and Charles Hilding will be covering the Sunday Bridge Lab until the summer of 2025 as I will not be available due to another commitment.

I am an accredited ACBL teacher with the following additional credentials:

Certified ACBL Director

2013 American Bridge Teacher's Association (ABTA) – Master Point Press Teacher of the Year

2016 American Contract Bridge League District 16 Teacher of the Year

ABTA Master Teacher

Bob Dowlen and George Wieland are accredited ACBL teachers.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE VS. PARTY BRIDGE

I sometimes hear someone claim that I teach duplicate bridge in my courses. Well, that is not true. What I teach is contract bridge. This is the game that both duplicate and party bridge players play. In both versions of the game, you shuffle and deal the cards, conduct the bidding auction to determine a final contract and a declarer, play the cards and score the result. The main differences between the two forms of the game are the environment and the scoring method. Whichever version you would like to play, my classes are designed to get you started on a firm foundation or improve your game.

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

The Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) is an incorporated bridge club sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) to hold bridge games. This club is open to the public with optional annual membership dues of \$20. The Clear Lake Bridge Club provides many weekly opportunities for bridge players of all levels of experience to play in duplicate bridge games. Most of these games last about three hours or a little longer. You can find more information about the CLBC at their web site and get game results very shortly after a game has been completed at the Unit 174 web site. See the RECOMMENDED WEB SITES section on page 13.

Schedule of Duplicate Bridge Games at the Clear Lake Bridge Club
(All games are open to all players unless otherwise noted)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mon	10:00	Wed	2:00 ³
Mon	2:00 ¹	Thu	10:00 ²
Tue	10:00	Fri	10:00
Tue	10:00 ²	Sat	1:00
Wed	10:00	Sun	1:00 ⁴

¹This is a game for beginners (0 – 299 Masterpoints)

²This is a game for advanced intermediate level players (0 – 749 Masterpoints)

³This is a game for beginners (0 – 199 Masterpoints)

⁴This is a Swiss Team Game instead of a regular duplicate game.

The entry fee is \$5 per player per game (\$6 if not a Club member)

Need a Partner? – See the Clear Lake Bridge Club website on page 11.

Plan to arrive at least 10 minutes before game time, 20 – 30 minutes if you do not have a partner.

You are welcome and encouraged to come and observe. Tell the game director (just ask for him/her when you arrive) that you would like to kibitz. The director will find an experienced player for you to watch. You need not stay for the entire game if you are not playing. There are only two rules for kibitzing. Look at the cards of only one player and refrain from making comments or asking questions during the bidding or play.

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE (ACBL)

The American Contract Bridge League is the sanctioning body for duplicate bridge in North America. If you are a member of the ACBL and play in a sanctioned game at a club or a tournament, you have an opportunity to win masterpoints.

Masterpoints are awarded to the top 40% of the participants in an event. The number of points awarded depends on the rating of the event and the number of tables in play. Tournaments have higher ratings than club games and large games award more points than small games. Masterpoints are also pigmented. Points won at club games are black (B). Points won at tournaments may be black, silver (S), red (R), gold (G) or platinum (P), depending on the level of the tournament and the event.

By earning masterpoints you can achieve various rankings. The more points you earn the higher your ranking. As of 2017 the rankings and the required masterpoints are

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Required Masterpoints</u>
Rookie	>0, <5
Junior Master	5
Club Master	20 (5 B)
Sectional Master	50 (10 B, 5 S)
Regional Master	100 (15 B, 15 S, 5 R/G/P)
NABC Master	200 (20 B, 25 S, 15 R/G/P, 5 G/P)
Advanced NABC Master	300 (50 B, 50 S, 25 R/G/P, 25 G/P)
Life Master	500 (75 B, 75 S, 50 R/G/P, 25 G/P)
Bronze Life Master	LM with 750
Silver Life Master	1000 (200 S/R/G/P)
Ruby Life Master	1500 (300 S/R/G/P)
Gold Life Master	2500 (500 S/R/G/P)
Sapphire Life Master	3500 (350 S/R/G/P, 350 G/P)
Diamond Life Master	5000 (500 S/R/G/P, 500 G/P)
Emerald Life Master	7500 (1500 S/R/G/P, 750 G/P)
Platinum Life Master	10,000 (2000 S/R/G/P, 900 G/P, 100P)
Grand Life Master	10,000 (1000 S/R/G/P, 900 G/P, 100P)*

*The Grand Life Master level has some additional requirements.

For many duplicate players the “holy grail” of bridge is to become a life master (LM). If you were an ACBL member at the end of 2009, you are grandfathered under the 2009 requirements. The annual membership fee is only \$26 for first-year members and \$35 thereafter. Family memberships are also available.

Even if you do not think you are interested in pursuing an LM ranking, a membership in the ACBL is a bargain for the 80-page, 8 ½ x 11 glossy monthly magazine you will receive. It is full of articles to improve your bridge, letters to the

editor, tournament schedules and results, obituaries, minimal advertising (all bridge related) and a few other miscellaneous articles. You will also receive a bimonthly newspaper type newsletter from District 16 which includes most of Texas and all of Mexico.

If you wish to become a member it is recommended that you join online – see website blow. **If you do join, please enter 226415 for the “Recruiting Club Number” and O200109 for the “Recruiting Player Number” on your application form.**

RECOMMENDED WEB SITES

www.acbl.org – American Contract Bridge League; follow the Club Games link in the left-hand panel to get results from CLBC games

www.d16acbl.org – ACBL District 16 (most of Texas and all of Mexico)

<https://acblunit174.org> – ACBL District 16, Unit 174 (Houston area)

<https://clearlakebridgeclub.org> – Clear Lake Bridge Club

www.baronbarclay.com – Baron Barclay has an excellent selection of bridge supplies, including ACBL products

www.bridgebase.com – Bridge Base Online (BBO) is a free online bridge service, can play online and more

BRIDGE SOFTWARE

Bridge Baron 29 (or later) – available at www.bridgebaron.com

Baron Barclay has a lot of software by various authors. Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen, Audrey Grant, Mike Lawrence & Barbara Seagram are recommended.