

# Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

## Syllabus / Autumn 2024

**Monday  
Sept 9, 2024**

**Step 1: Fundamental Concepts.** Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract. Leads & carding.

**Thursday  
Sept 12, 2024**

**Step 2: Cardplay & Opening Bids.** General cardplay techniques. Choosing and reading opening bids.

**Monday  
Sept 16, 2024**

**Step 3: Suit Auctions.** Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.

**Thursday  
Sept 19, 2024**

**Step 4: Notrump Auctions.** Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.

**Monday  
Sept 23, 2024**

**Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction.** Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls.

**Thursday  
Sept 26, 2024**

**Step 6: Coping With Interference.** Negative Doubles. Cuebids. Jordan 2NT.

**Monday  
Sept 30, 2024**

**Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids.** Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.

**Thursday  
Oct 3, 2024**

**Step 8: Slam Bidding.** Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).

**Monday  
Oct 7, 2024**

**Step 9: Additional Agreements.** Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.

**Thursday  
Oct 10, 2024**

**Step 10: Wrapping Up.** Envisioning the likely final contract. Counting winners & losers. Creating winners. Eliminating losers.

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All dates/topics subject to change. This syllabus was last revised 2024-Aug-14

Lesson fee: \$15 per person per night; discounts for under-25s. Classes run from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on **Monday & Thursday evenings**. Find additional information at

<http://www.pinochle.org/blog>

Class location: Seattle Bridge Center; 1539 NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street; Seattle, WA 98125

**The first lesson of this series is Monday, September 9, 2024**

Students are strongly encouraged to kibitz Rookie Duplicate at 7pm Tuesdays (free!)

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