

# Ten Steps to Basic Bridge

(5-week series, 2 classes per week)

## Syllabus / Spring 2024

<b>Monday May 6, 2024</b>	<b>Step 1: Fundamental Concepts.</b> Tricks & Trumps. Declarer. The Dummy hand. High card points. Choosing a Contract. Leads & carding.
<b>Thursday May 9, 2024</b>	<b>Step 2: Cardplay &amp; Opening Bids.</b> General cardplay techniques. Choosing and reading opening bids.
<b>Monday May 13, 2024</b>	<b>Step 3: Suit Auctions.</b> Responding to Opener's bid. Rebidding as Responder. Forcing Bids. Limit Bids.
<b>Thursday May 16, 2024</b>	<b>Step 4: Notrump Auctions.</b> Stayman convention. Jacoby transfers. Relay to Minors. Alerts and Announcements.
<b>Monday May 20, 2024</b>	<b>Step 5: Interfering in Their Auction.</b> Takeout Doubles. Simple overcalls. Jump overcalls.
<b>Thursday May 23, 2024</b>	<b>Step 6: Coping With Interference.</b> Negative Doubles. Cuebids. Jordan 2NT.
<b>Monday May 27, 2024</b>	<b>Memorial Day – NO LESSON</b>
<b>Thursday May 30, 2024</b>	<b>Step 7: Specialized Opening Bids.</b> Strong Two-Club Opening Bids. Weak-Two Bids. Other preemptive bids.
<b>Monday Jun 3, 2024</b>	<b>Step 8: Slam Bidding.</b> Direct slam bids. Invitations to slam. Control-showing cuebids. Ace-asking bids (Blackwood and Gerber).
<b>Thursday Jun 6, 2024</b>	<b>Step 9: Additional Agreements.</b> Michaels Cuebid. Unusual Notrump. Jacoby 2NT. Alerts and explanations.
<b>Monday Jun 10, 2024</b>	<b>Step 10: Wrapping Up.</b> Envisioning the likely final contract. Counting winners & losers. Creating winners. Eliminating losers.

All dates/topics subject to change. This syllabus was last revised 2024-Mar-26

Lesson fee: \$10 per person per night; discounts for under-25s. Classes run from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on **Monday & Thursday evenings** with **no class on Monday, May 27**. 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, May 6, 2024**

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

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