



♣ ♦ **BRIDGE COURSES** ♥ ♠

CHILSON SENIOR CENTER

700 East Fourth Street ♥ Loveland, Colorado

♣ ♦ For Novice and Intermediate Players ♥ ♠

Whether you are a bridge newcomer or a regular player needing a refresher course, there is something here for you - *bidding - declarer play - defense - competitive bidding...*

Come and learn modern Standard American methods

with Dick Webster, an accredited bridge teacher (American Contract Bridge League).

FREE LESSON

Learning the Mechanics:
an Introduction

SEP 9, 2009 (1 session)

WED

1:00-3:00

FREE LESSON

Stayman Convention &
Jacoby Transfers

JAN 13, 2010 (1 session)

♣ **BRIDGE-1**

Bidding & Responding
One-Level Opening Bids

SEP-NOV 2010 (8 sessions)

WED

1:00-3:00

♦ **BRIDGE-2**

Declarer Play &
Two-Level Opening Bids

FEB-MAR 2010 (8 sessions)

♥ **BRIDGE-3**

Defense Strategy
and Opening Leads

SEP-NOV 2010 (8 sessions)

FRI

1:30-3:30

♠ **BRIDGE-4**

Competitive Bidding
and Slam Bidding

FEB-MAR 2010 (8 sessions)

*Later courses assume and build on the material covered in earlier courses.
Taking the courses in sequence is highly recommended ... but not required.*

Currently the 8-lesson courses cost \$61 each ... payable to the Chilson Center.

Required textbooks are chosen from the *ACBL Bridge Series ... or Better Bridge Series.*

Textbooks for BRIDGE-1, -2, -3 cost \$19 each, while the text for BRIDGE-4 is \$12 ... purchased at the first lesson.

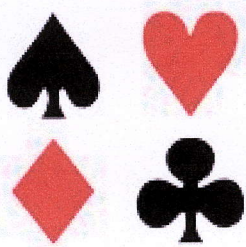
Because class size is limited, you are encouraged to register soon after the process has opened.

For information & questions regarding registering on "Teletrac" or online, call 970-962-2783 ...

or stop in to register at the Chilson Senior Center in Loveland.

Request a full course description from Dick Webster (970-635-9417)

♥ *Keep learning this fascinating game. Bring a friend along with you.* ♥



These four bridge courses will help you understand (or review) the basic concepts and get you playing this fascinating game. Because knowledge of material from earlier courses is often assumed, taking the courses in sequence is recommended, but not required. - - - The 1st half of every lesson concentrates on theory, while the second hour puts theory into practice through play of hands. In a friendly setting, this "hands-on" method will give you practice, reinforcement, and confidence. - - - People who have been playing for years find these lessons are often helpful refreshers which improve their game.

♣ ♣ BRIDGE-1: Bidding & Responding - One-Level Opening Bids

Next Course: WEDNESDAYS (1:00-3:00pm) Sep-Nov 2010 ... Dates to be determined. Text: Bidding in the 21st Century. - - - Do you open 5-card majors? Does your 1NT opening bid promise 15-17 HCP? Do you count dummy points when supporting your partner's suit bid? Bidding has changed in the past 20 years. In BRIDGE-1, you will learn the fundamentals of modern Standard American bidding (*one-level opening bids, responses, rebids, overcalls, takeout doubles, and advances*) ... plus have an introduction to declarer play and defense.

♦ ♦ BRIDGE-2: Declarer Play - Two-Level Opening Bids

Next Course: WEDNESDAYS (1:00-3:00pm) Feb 10-Mar 31, 2010 ... Sign-up Deadline: Jan 26. Text: Play of the Hand in the 21st Century. - - - In BRIDGE-2, you will concentrate on the fundamentals of declarer card play ... *promotion, suit development, the finesse, trumping in dummy, discarding losers, making a P-L-A-N, the dangerous opponent and trump suit management.* You also will advance your understanding of bidding by using the Stayman convention, weak two-bids, the strong 2-Club bid, 3-level preempts, and slam bidding conventions.

♥ ♥ BRIDGE-3: Defense Strategy & Opening Leads

Next Course: FRIDAYS (1:30-3:30pm) Sep-Nov 2010 ... Dates to be determined. Text: Defense in the 21st Century. - - - In bridge, you are playing defense 50% of the time ... the hardest part of the game. In BRIDGE-3 you will improve your defender play by learning more about *opening leads, 3rd-hand play, 2nd-hand play, defensive signals, and discarding.* You will practice and fine-tune your skills in defeating a contract. Because effective defense requires good partnership communication, the greatest benefit from this course will be gained when you register with your regular partner ... but this is not required.

♠ ♠ BRIDGE-4: Competitive Bidding & Slam Bidding

Next Course: FRIDAYS (1:30-3:30pm) Feb 12-Apr 2, 2010 ... Sign-up Deadline: Jan 26. Text: Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding. - - - This course will answer that perplexing question: "What do we do when the opponents bid first?" Competitive bidding adds a whole new dimension to bridge, providing new challenges and new opportunities. Learn (or relearn) some of the basic tools you need to compete successfully...

- how to take up opponent's bidding space with preemptive opening bids & weak-two opening bids.
- how to compete after opponent's suit bid with overcalls, takeout doubles and advances.
- how to compete after opponent's overcalls with negative doubles and cuebids.
- and after takeout doubles with responder's redoubles.
- how to apply the Law of Total Tricks with preemptive raises and advances.

BRIDGE-4 also will include a review of slam bidding (*Blackwood, Gerber, and finding key cards*) emphasizing when NOT to use these conventions.

● ● FREE LESSONS: In addition to these four 8-week courses, two stand-alone free lessons are offered.

Learning the Mechanics (in Sep 2010...1:00-3:00pm; date to be determined) introduces the beginner to the mechanics and vocabulary of the game ... and provides a taste of how BRIDGE-1 is taught.

Stayman & Jacoby Transfers (Jan 13, 2010...1:00-3:00pm...sign-up deadline: Jan 11, 2010) introduces two bridge conventions useful after your partner has made an opening bid of One Notrump ... important topics in BRIDGE-2. Registration through the Chilson Senior Center is required.