



ESSEX BRIDGE CENTER

FALL 2018

Essex Bridge Center - the largest bridge center in New Jersey - welcomes players at all levels of experience, ability and interest, from complete beginners to tournament level players. We are proud of our hospitality - we all love bridge and want you to love it too!

- ▶ **Beginner, Intermediate and Open games six days a week**
 - ♠ A regular schedule of pairs, team games, club championships and special events
 - ♥ Morning, afternoon and evening games - see website for detailed schedule
 - ♦ All games are sanctioned by the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) and award Masterpoints
 - ♣ All games are stratified allowing you to compete against players at your own level

- ▶ **Nationally recognized teaching program has introduced over 1,500 people to the game of bridge**
 - ♠ Lessons and lesson-games scheduled to accommodate people at various stages of life and career
 - ♥ Experienced teaching staff who know how to relate to beginners
 - ♦ Weekend supervised workshops and "Bootcamps" held throughout the year to explore bidding and playing topics in more depth
 - ♣ No partner required for our full schedule of beginner and low/mid-intermediate Lesson Games. We will find you a partner - **guaranteed!**

- ▶ **Ongoing Comprehensive Lessons for mid to advanced intermediate players, and pre-game lectures prior to intermediate games.**

Come play Bridge with us at Essex Bridge Center.

Have fun and make new friends.



American Contract
Bridge League

www.acbl.org

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Fees: All games - \$13 per player.

**For more information about us
and a detailed schedule of games,
lessons and special events please
visit our website at**

www.essexbridgecenter.com or

call us at 973-535-9262



LESSON GAMES

Lesson Games provide Beginner, Advanced Beginner, and Low-Intermediate players with instruction and a Duplicate game.

BEGINNER

Our Beginner Lesson Games are right for you if you:

- ♣ Never played bridge before; interested in seeing what it is all about
- ♥ Took some lessons and played a little but forgot what you knew
- ♦ Are a card player and love games, but never/briefly played bridge
- ♣ Are looking for a new challenge and would enjoy meeting others like yourself
- ♣ Want to actually play Bridge starting on Day 1.

ADVANCED BEGINNER AND LOW INTERMEDIATE

Our **Advanced Beginner 0-99 Lesson-Games** reinforce the basics in greater detail and introduce some basic bidding conventions and play of the hand.

These games are right for you if you:

- ♣ Completed a beginning bridge course, at Essex or elsewhere, and now want to continue to learn and improve in Duplicate-style bridge
- ♥ Played bridge years ago and now want to start playing again, but suspect things might have changed since you last played
- ♦ Played socially with friends and now want a more structured playing and learning environment using bidding boxes

Our **Low Intermediate 0-199 and 0-299 Lesson Games** continue to reinforce the basics and introduce intermediate bidding, play and defense topics.

These games are right for you if you:

- ♣ Completed the 2nd year of Lesson-Games and are ready for more challenges
- ♥ Are an intermediate player who has been away from bridge for a short while and need review
- ♦ Want to reinforce concepts at a comfortable, low-intermediate level

INTERMEDIATE GAMES

Intermediate games are for players who have played for years on a once-a-week basis. These games are preceded most days by a Mini-Lecture on a variety of intermediate topics starting ½-hour before game time.

Note: Partners are not automatically guaranteed for most Intermediate games. Phone if you are looking for a partner - we'll try our best to find one for you.

These games are right for you if you:

- ♣ Play faster and more confidently than others, are always ready for your next round and want to play more boards in each game.
- ♥ Are ready to play in more formal games and would like to build your skills against better players.
- ♦ Are looking for additional playing opportunities to play with other intermediate players

Our Beginner Lesson-Games start on September 26

Wednesday Mornings 9:10am – 11:40am
OR Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Lessons 1-6 are **free**
with a free instruction book provided.
Two separate but identical sessions
offered for your convenience.

No Partner Necessary

Advanced Beginner 0-99mp Lesson Games

Monday Mornings 9:10am – 11:40am

OR Monday Evenings 6:30pm – 9:00pm

15-minute Lesson before game

14 – 15 boards played No partner needed

Fall Semester for Mondays

starts on September 17

Low Intermediate 0-199mp and 0-299mp Lesson Games

Tuesday Morning 0-299mp 9:10 – 11:40am

OR Thursday Morning 0-199mp 9:10 – 11:40am

Reinforcement of basic concepts

Introduction of more advanced topics

14 – 16 boards played No Partner Necessary

Fall Semester for Tuesdays starts on September 18

and for Thursdays on September 20

Intermediate Games

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Afts **0-499 NLM**

Lecture at 12 noon Game at 12:30pm

22-24 Boards Call to make reservations

Tuesday Eves **0-499mp**

Seasonal Lectures at 6:00pm Game 6:30pm

20-21 Boards Call to make reservations

Thursday Eves **0-299mp**

Seasonal Lectures at 6:00pm Game 6:30pm

20-21 Boards Call to make reservations

Friday Mornings **0-499 NLM**

No Lecture/Lesson Game at 9:10am

18 Boards Partners ARE provided

OPEN GAMES

Weekday and Saturday afternoons at 12:30; Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30.
 Suitable for advanced intermediates up through the most experienced players.
 All Open Games are stratified giving players on different levels more chances to win.

Comprehensive Lessons

These 2-hour lessons explore bidding and playing topics in depth, followed by bidding drills and supervised play.
 NO pre-registration necessary. We are offering 3 different times and types of Comprehensive Lessons.

*Lessons with Roz Powell and Alan Powell are right for you
 if you have completed the Advanced Beginner 0-99 level or have played at any level above 0-99.*

Card Play Technique with Roz Powell Play of the Hand and Defense Monday Mornings 9:30am - 11:30am \$15 per lesson No Partner Necessary		Advanced Bidding with Alan Powell 1NT Forcing and 2-Over-1 Bidding Monday Evenings 7:00pm - 9:00pm \$15 per lesson No Partner Necessary	
Sep 24	This class will focus on exercises and full hands with an emphasis on Declarer Play and Defense issues. Rather than a single topic each session, the classes will take a path through card combinations, trump control, signals, safety plays, leads, inferences and other topics. Each class is a stand-alone unit and does not depend on prior attendance. NO Class on Monday, October 15	Sept 24	1NT Forcing - Part I
Oct 1		Oct 1	1NT Forcing - Part II
Oct 8		Oct 8	Opening 1NT with a 5-card Major Suit
Oct 15		Oct 15	No Lesson
Oct 22		Oct 22	Roman Keycard Blackwood
Oct 29		Oct 29	2-Over-1 - Part I
Nov 5		Nov 5	2-Over-1 - Part II
Nov 12		Nov 12	2-Over-1 - Part III

*Lessons with Dominick D'Ascoli are right for you
 if you are currently playing in the Advanced Beginner 0-99 Lesson Game
 or have played at any level above Advanced Beginner.*

Low Intermediate Workshops with Dominick D'Ascoli

Saturday Mornings 9:00 - 11:15am
\$15 per lesson No Partner Necessary

- Sept 22 Weak Two Bids - Part I
Opening Requirements, Competing with Weakness
- Sept 29 Weak Two Bids - Part II
Responder: Feature-Asking, Bidding a New Suit
- Oct 6 2C Openers - Part I
Responder: Bidding a Long Suit, Slow Arrival vs. Fast Arrival
- Oct 13 2C Opener s- Part II
Responder: Second Negative Responses





Essex Bridge Center

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www.essexbridgecenter.com

We are located on eastbound side Route 10
(also known as West Mt. Pleasant Ave.)
upstairs in VFW Post 2856.

We are 1.1 miles east of circle where Eisen-
hower Pkwy crosses Rt. 10 and 2½ blocks
west of Rt. 10 and Livingston Ave. intersection.
Parking in rear of building.



Play Bridge with us at Essex Bridge Center. Have fun and make new friends.

These are suitable for
players
taking our **Beginner**
classes and also
people with just a little
previous bridge
background.

These Workshops are
designed to supplement
our *Level I*
lessons,
but they do stand alone
and can be taken
separately .

Saturday Morning Workshops
9:00 am - 11:15 am
with Meagan Powell

No Partner needed for Workshop
\$15 per player per lesson
No pre-registration
No long-term commitment

*Saturday Workshops are a GREAT way to catch up on a missed weekday session or
to help a friend get up-to-speed if they didn't join us from the beginning.*

- Oct 13 Opening the Bidding and Basic Responses
- Oct 20 5-3 Fits and Game Contracts
- Oct 27 4-4 Fits and Game Contracts
- Nov 3 No Major Suit Fit: Bidding NonFits and Minor-Suit Fits
- Nov 10 Supervised Practice: Major-Suit Fits, NonFits and Minor-Suit Fits
- Nov 17 Play of the Hand - Counting Losers and Pulling Trump

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