



# ESSEX BRIDGE CENTER

## FALL 2019

**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](http://www.acbl.org)

Card Fees: All games - \$15 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](http://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. The afternoon 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 9

Monday Mornings 9:10am – 11:40am  
**OR** Monday 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

Wednesday Mornings 9:10am – 11:40am  
**OR** Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
*15-minute Lesson before game*  
**14 – 15 boards played No partner needed**  
**Fall Semester for Wednesdays**  
**starts on September 4**

### 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 3**  
**and for Thursdays on September 5**

### 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** Game 6:30pm  
**20-21 Boards Call to make reservations**

Thursday Eves **0-299mp** Game 6:30pm  
**20-21 Boards Call to make reservations**

Friday Mornings **0-499 NLM**  
Post-Game Q&A on Hands Game 9:10am  
Ends at Noon  
**20-21 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 for Full Intermediate Players With Alan Powell

These 2-hour lessons explore bidding and playing topics in depth, followed by bidding drills and supervised play.

*Lessons with Alan Powell are intended for 299 and 499 players, but these lessons may be taken by any player who has completed the Advanced Beginner 0-99 level or has played at any level above 0-99*

### Advanced Bidding for 1NT Forcing and 2-over-1

**Wednesday Mornings 9:30am - 11:30am**  
**\$15 per lesson No Partner Necessary**

Sept 11	1NT Forcing - Part I
Sept 18	1NT Forcing - Part II
Sept 25	Supervised Play on 1NT Forcing
Oct 2	Roman KeyCard Blackwood
Oct 9	<b>No Workshop</b>
Oct 16	2-over-1 - Part I
Oct 23	2-over-1 - Part II
Oct 30	2-over-1 - Part III
Nov 6	Supervised Play on 2-over-1



### Saturday Workshops With Roz Powell

*Lessons with Roz Powell are right for you if you are currently playing in the Advanced Beginner 0-99 or Low-Intermediate 0-199 Lesson Game or have played at any level above Advanced Beginner.*

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

Sept 21	Weak Two Preemptive Bids - Part I
Sept 28	Weak Two Preemptive Bids - Part II
Oct 5	Higher-Level Preemptive Bids: 3- and 4-Level Bids
Oct 12	<b>No Workshop</b>
Oct 19	Basic Ace-Asking Conventions
Oct 26	Mega-Hand 2C Openers - Part I
Nov 2	<b>No Workshop</b>
Nov 9	Mega-Hand 2C Openers - Part II
Nov 16	Mega-Hand 2C Openers - Part III
Nov 23	Other Strong Openers: The Jump in Suit and the JumpShift



# Essex Bridge Center

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[www.essexbridgecenter.com](http://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  
Eisenhower 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 - 11:30 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.*

- Sept 21 Opening the Bidding and Basic Responses
- Sept 28 Basic Fits - Review and Practice
- Oct 5 Playing the Trump Contract - How to Pull Trump
- Oct 12 5-3 Fits and Game Contracts
- Oct 19 4-4 Fits and Game Contracts
- Oct 26 Review and Practice with 5-3 Fits, 4-4 Fits and NonFits

**There will be many more Saturday Workshops to help you reinforce your skills!**