

# **2022 Instructional Rate Schedule**

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## **Organized Classes**

Organized classes, either scheduled or on demand, are based on the number of sessions.

Classes will be scheduled when a suitable venue is established.

Sessions are typically 90 minutes. All materials included.

Fees are per person.

3 session course: \$60

4 session course: \$80

5 session course: \$100

6 session course: \$120

7 session course: \$140

8 session course: \$160

## **Customized Group Instruction**

Get your group together in the same place at the same time (the hard part) and design your own curriculum. Choose from a wide range of available topics (list attached) or prescribe your own agenda. Sessions are a minimum of 90 minutes. All materials included.

Small groups (up to 4 participants): \$30 / hour / person

Larger groups (more than 4 participants): \$20 / hour / person

## **Individual or Partnership Instruction**

Work on your personal ability or work as a partnership. Needs analysis is available.

Sessions are typically 90-120 minutes.

Individual or partnership lessons: \$30 / hour (not per person...)

## **Supervised Play**

Supervised play consists of a group of 4 players playing a series of pre-arranged hands, often intended to reinforce a specific area of interest. Advice and counsel is provided throughout, and discussion follows each hand. Hand records are provided after each session.

Sessions are typically 90-120 minutes.

Rate: \$40 / hour (for the group)

## **Play to Learn**

Play competitively and learn from results. Whether playing at the local club or traveling to a Sectional, Regional, or National tournament, learning through competing is an excellent way to improve your game (and have your ego bruised...). Feedback (on 3-4 hands) provided after each session.

Local club game: \$50 per session.      Tournament rates vary.

## ***Some Suggested Available Discussion Topics***

- 1) Reverse Bids
  - What is a reverse?
  - When to reverse
  - How to treat partner's reverse
- 2) Balancing
  - What is balancing?
  - When to balance
  - Double, notrump, or suit balance?
  - Responding to balancing bids
  - Converting balancing double to penalty
- 3) Takeout doubles and responses
- 4) Negative doubles
- 5) Support doubles
- 6) Lead-directing doubles and Lightner doubles
- 7) Simple overcalls
- 8) Notrump overcalls
- 9) Pre-emptive overcalls
- 10) Sacrifice bidding
- 11) Unusual Notrump
- 12) Michaels
- 13) Sandwich Notrump
- 14) Competing against Opponents' Notrump Openings
- 15) Defensive Signalling
  - Attitude
  - Count
  - Standard defensive signals
  - Upside Down Signals
  - Suit Preference Signals
- 16) Discarding Systems
  - Attitude Discards
  - Odd-Even Discards
  - Lavinthal Discards
- 17) Opening leads against suit contracts
- 18) Opening leads against notrump contracts
- 19) Leading partner's suit
- 20) Non-opening leads
  - Attitude leads; top-of-nothing
  - Suit preference leads

- 21) Gambling 3NT
  - Requirements
  - Who controls
  - When and how to pull
- 22) Weak 2-Level Opening Bids and Responses
  - Requirements
  - Offense versus Defense
- 23) Responding to Partner's Weak Two Opening
- 24) Stayman; and continuances
- 25) Jacoby and Texas Transfers
  - When to use each
- 26) Quantitative notrump raises (immediate and delayed)
- 27) Puppet Stayman
  - When to use Puppet
  - Responses and continuance
- 28) Handling Opponents' Interference over Notrump
  - What's forcing?
  - Lebensohl (and Lebensohl Lite)
- 29) Game Tries
  - Regular (long-suit) game tries
  - Short suit game tries
  - Help suit game tries
- 30) Roman Keycard Blackwood (0314, and 1430)
  - Queen-Ask
  - Asking for kings
- 31) Exclusion Blackwood
- 32) Gerber
- 33) Cue Bids
  - In competitive sequences
  - Western Cue Bid
  - Showing controls
- 34) Inverted Minor Suit Raises
  - Pre-emptive double raise
  - Forcing single raise
  - Search for 3NT
  - Showing stoppers
- 35) Jacoby 2NT
  - Requirements
  - Responses
  - Continuance
- 36) Drury

What is Drury?

Why Drury is used

When to use Drury

Responses to Drury

Reverse Drury

Two-way Reverse Drury

37) Bergen Raises

What, How, When, Why (and Why Not...)

Alternatives to Bergen Raises