

# CLASSES AT VALLEY FORGE BRIDGE CLUB

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As you know, the Valley Forge Bridge Club is temporarily closed to duplicate contract bridge games. The guidelines offered by the CDC restrict us from hosting gatherings of any type or size. This restriction may continue for some time.

We had planned to offer some limited courses and seminars in the interim, but that option is not available to us at this time. We will attempt to get some seminars scheduled as soon as that becomes feasible. Let us know if you are interested, and we will keep you informed regarding any timing.

Normally, we plan courses eight weeks in advance, as it is generally difficult for players to adjust their schedules on shorter notice. However, given the extraordinary circumstances in today's world, we are starting much sooner than usual.

All classes will be held at the Club; all sessions will be nominally 90 minutes in duration.

Unless otherwise noted, sessions will begin at 9:30 AM. Classes will be restricted to NO MORE than 12 students. A minimum of 4 attendees is required to conduct any course. (Registration will close 3 days before scheduled start.)

For obvious reasons, PRE-REGISTRATION is absolutely required.

If you are interested in any class, please contact Dave LeGrow directly:

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The following classes are tentatively scheduled upon restart of Club activities:

***Seminar – Topics in Hand Evaluation (1 session)***

Should you upgrade your hand or downgrade it? Looking beyond point count...

Day 1 (\$20)

***Seminar – Game Tries: Finding Games That Make and Avoiding Those That Don't (1 session)***

Help your partner decide when to go and when to stop.

Day 2 (\$20)

***Understanding the Forcing Notrump (3 sessions)***

When and how to use this tool; frequently misunderstood sequences.

Days 3-5 (\$50)

***Slam Bidding (5 sessions)***

Outside of opening leads, finding the right slams is the hardest part of the game.

Days 8-12 (\$75)

***Seminar – Balancing (1 session)***

Not willing to sell out to the opponents at a low level? Compete safely with the right tools.

Day 15 (\$20)

***Notrump Wars (3 sessions)***

When to open notrump; competing over the opponents' notrump; what to do when they compete over yours...

Days 16-18 (\$50)

***Seminar – Special Considerations When Opening Minor Suits (1 session)***

Things to think about when you open minor suits; don't be so quick to open the bidding.

Day 19 (\$20)