“Drop-In” Classes $10
Thursdays at 9:30am or 4:15pm

Sep 24: Hand evaluation beyond HCPs
Oct 1: Declarer play of the hand
Oct 8: Defense, leads, carding
Oct 15: Etiquette & Procedures
Oct 22: Cue Bids
Oct 29: No class (Ventura Regional Oct 26-Nov 1)
Nov 5: Bridge thinking skills
Nov 12: Stayman & Transfers (Jacoby & Texas) – **AN EASY CLASS**
Nov 19: Rules of 7, 11, 15, 17, 22 etc.– **AN EASY CLASS**

What is a cue bid?

A bid in an **opponents** suit that shows specific information about your hand.

Western Cue – looking for 3NT
Cue Bid Limit Raise – looking for a major fit
Michaels – shows 2 suits

Cue bids are NOT alertable

Western Cue

A 3-level cue bid that asks partner to bid **3NT with a stopper in the opponents' suit.**

Opener:	♠ T2	♡ JT2	♢AK3	♣AQT87
Responder:	♠ K8652	♡ A3	♢ J842	♣K3

Opener	Advancer	Responder	Interferer
1♣	1♡	1♠	2♡
3♡ (1)	Pass	3NT (2)	

(1) 3♡ is a Western cue bid. Opener has a strong hand but lacks spade support and wants to probe for 3NT. Partner's first priority is to bid 3NT with a ♡ stopper.

(2) 3NT shows a ♡ stopper.

Opener:	♠ K4	♡ 942	♢AKT9872	♣ K
Responder:	♠ AQ52	♡ T87	♢ J3	♣ AJ92

Opener	Advancer	Responder	Interferer
1♢	Pass	1♠	2♡
3♢	Pass	3♡ (1)	Pass
4♢ (2)	All Pass		

(1) 3♡ is a Western cue bid. 3NT is a logical contract if opener has a ♡ stopper

(2) 4♢ denies a ♡ stopper and denies ♠ support

Western cue bids **only occur at the 3-level**

Opener:	♠ 96	♡ KQ943	◊ A87	♣ K92
Responder:	♠ A52	♡ AT87	◊ KJT3	♣ 83

Opener	Advancer	Responder	Interferer
1♡	1♠	2♠ (1)	

(1) 2♠ is a **cue bid limit raise** or better in ♡s, **not** Western Cue

Western cue bids are “off” if you’ve agreed on a major suit fit

Opener:	♠AT	♡ KJT5432	♢AQ	♣KJ
Responder:	♠543	♡A98	♢KT932	♣T2

Opener	Advancer	Responder	Interferer
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠

3♠ (1)

(1) 3♠ is a control bid showing slam interest. ♡s have already been agreed as trumps, so this in not a Western cue bid.

Cue bid limit raise

A cue bid (bidding the opponent's suit) is used to show a limit raise or better in support of a partner's suit, typically indicating 10 or more high card points – **looking for a major suit fit.**

Cue Bid limit raise example

Opener:	♠AK965	♡74	♢A87	♣K92
Responder:	♠QJT7	♡K95	♢KQT3	♣ 83

Opener	Advancer	Responder	Interferer
1♠	2♡	3♡ (1)	

(1) 3♡ is **a cue bid limit raise** or better in spades, **not a Western cue bid.**

Your partner opens 1♡, opponent bids 1♠, what do you bid?

Answers

1.	♠ 32	♡K32	♢AQ432	♣QT9	2♠
2.	♠AJ2	♡K32	♢QJT9	♣432	2♠
3.	♠AJ2	♡K2	♢QJT9	♣KT98	X
4.	♠2	♡KQT9	♢QJT9	♣QT98	**
5.	♠2	♡KQT9	♢AQJT	♣KJT9	2♠
6.	♠AJT9	♡QJ	♢AJT9	♣JT9	3NT

** If you play Bergen, 3♢; if not 2♠

Michaels is a Direct Cue Bid

of the opponents **opening** suit bid to show **5+ card length in 2 other suits.**

Point counts vary by partnership agreement

Watch the vulnerability!

Michaels cue bids are forcing but not alertable

Overcall	**Meaning**
2♣ over 1♣	5+♡ **and** 5+♠
2♦ over 1♦	5+♡ **and** 5+♠
2♡ over 1♡	5+♠ **and** 5+♣ **or** 5+♦
2♠ over 1♠	5+♡ **and** 5+♣ **or** 5+♦

Your RHO opens 1♡, what do you bid?

Answers

1.	♠KJT98	♡2	♢KT987	♣32	2♡
2.	♠KJT98	♡-	♢AKQJT9	♣A	2♡
3.	♠KJT9	♡43	♢AQ987	♣2	2♢

Your RHO opens 1♣, what do you bid?

4.	♠KJT98	♡KJT98	♢32	♣2	2♣
5.	♠AKJT9	♡AKJT9	♢32	♣2	2♣
6.	♠AKT98	♡AQT98	♢32	♣2	2♣

Responses to Michaels 2♣

- 2♡ Non-forcing sign off
- 2♠ Non-forcing sign off
- 3♡ Preemptive, usually with 4 ♡
- 3♠ Preemptive, usually with 4 ♠
- 3NT A natural sign off

Responses to Michaels 2♢

- 2♡ Non-forcing sign off
- 2♠ Non-forcing sign off
- 3♡ Preemptive, usually with 4 ♡
- 3♠ Preemptive, usually with 4 ♠
- 3NT A natural sign off

Responses to Michaels 2♡

- 2♠ Non-forcing sign off
- 2NT Asks partner to bid his minor at the 3-level
- 3♠ Preemptive, usually with 4 ♠
- 3NT A natural sign off

Responses to Michaels 2♠

- 2NT Asks partner to bid his minor at the 3-level
- 3♡ A natural sign off
- 3NT A natural sign off

Ronnie’s key take home message

Watch the Vulnerability

Next Thursday

The club will be closed so there will **NOT** be a class.

The Ventura Regional Tournament runs from Monday, October 26 to Sunday, November 1

My next class is

Thursday, November 5: Bridge thinking skills