

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**

Etiquette & Procedures :DOs

- Arrive 10 minutes before game time.
- Turn your cell phones off (or leave in your car).
- Review your convention card with your partner – ensure that they are identical.
- Greet your opponents.
- Keep a personal score (This helps resolve disagreements).
- Be 100% ethical.

Etiquette & Procedures :DOs (cont'd)

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- Bid and play in tempo.
- When it's your turn to bid, you can ask for an explanation of an alerted bid **BUT only do this if you intend to bid, otherwise wait until the end of the auction.**
- If you are on lead, lead first and then write down the contract.
- Lead face down and ask partner: "any questions?"
- If you need to call the Director, please say "Director, **please**".

Etiquette & Procedures :DOs (cont'd)

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- If you are the declarer and dummy holds the Ace and the 8, make sure to be clear as they sound the same. The 8 is sometimes referred to as the “8 spot”.
- If your partner shows out of a suit, please say: “no more Xs partner?”
- Before gathering your cards at the conclusion of a hand, check with partner and opponents to agree on the result.

Etiquette & Procedures :DOs (cont'd)

- Count your cards before looking at them.
- If you want to look at someone's hand after the board has been played, ask first. Only one hand can be out of the board at the same time.
- Treat everyone kindly, especially beginners.
- Be kind, understanding and smile often.
- Value your Partner
- Most important: **ENJOY THE GAME because IT'S ONLY A GAME!**

Etiquette & Procedures :DONTs

- Take your cards out of the board until all players are present.
- Snap your cards on the table
- Touch the bidding box before you've decided what to bid
- Ask for an explanation of a bid unless you intend to bid (You can ask at the end of the auction)

Etiquette & Procedures :DON'Ts (cont'd)

- Play a card from dummy until told by declarer.
- Take offense if the Director is called. He is never called “on you” but “for you” and the opponents.
- Make comments on your partner or your opponents at any time.
- Hold post-mortems at the table.
- Sigh or hesitate unnecessarily during the auction and the play.

Etiquette & Procedures :DONTs (cont'd)

- Always arrange your hand in the same order of suits.
- Rearrange your hand if you are out of a suit.
- Put the suit led on Dummy's right if the contract is NT.
- Argue with the Director.
- Gloat if you get a good result.
- Hesitate before playing a singleton

Alerts & Announcements

Anything in **red** on the convention card must be **alerted** by the partner. If asked what the alert means, explain your agreement. Do not say the name of a convention like “Bergen” or “Jacoby” etc.

Anything in **blue** on the convention card must be **announced** by the partner.

Most common alerts

- 2NT or 3NT after a major
- Drury
- Bergen
- Inverted Minors
- Defense vs NT
- NMF and 4th suit forcing

Announcements

- 1 NT range
- Transfers after 1 or 2 NT
- 1 NT after a major - “forcing” or “semi-forcing”

Scoring – making a part-score

RESULT

NON-VULNERABLE or VULNERABLE

Majors 30 FOR EACH TRICK + 50

1	80
2	110
3	140

Minors 20 FOR EACH TRICK + 50

1	70
2	90
3	110
4	130

Scoring – Making game or slam

RESULT

NON-VULNERABLE

VULNERABLE

3NT

400

600

4Major

420

620

5Minor

400

600

6Major

980

1430

6Minor

920

1370

Scoring – NOT making the contract

RESULT	NON-VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE
-1	-50	-100
-2	-100	-200
-3	-150	-300
-1 doubled	-100	-200
-2 doubled	-300	-500
-3 doubled	-500	-800

Ronnie's key take home message:

Be kind, understanding and smile often.

Next Thursday

Cue Bids