

Bridge on the Plazas Past Topics

La Jolla 2013

Introduction into Hand Counting
Counting the Hand
Counting Declarer's Hand
Placing Opponent's Honors
Think About Declarer Play I
Think About Declarer Play II
Think About Defense
Think About Slams

Santa Fe 2014

Dummy's Secrets
Improving Declarer Play Step by Step
Jacoby 2NT Behind the Scenes
Transfers in Depth
Using Bidding Inferences
What Can Go Wrong?
Who Has What

Santa Fe 2015

Common Sense Defense
Reading the Opponent's Cards as Declarer
Planning the Defense
Hand Evaluation to Better Your Bidding
Dummy is Your Best Friend!
Maximizing Your Assets as Declarer
Discarding on Defense
Preempt Your Way to Success

Santa Fe 2016

Defense Talk
Train Yourself to Think
Rebid Mysteries Solved
Discarding on Defense
To Draw Trumps or Not to Draw Trumps
Splinter Bids

Santa Fe 2017

Strong Hand Bidding
Modern Defensive Signals - Part One
Modern Defensive Signals - Part Two
Slam Bidding Tools
Roman Keycard Blackwood
3rd Hand Play
RKC Queen Ask and Specific Kings
Play - The Power of Position

Galveston 2018

No Trump and Suit Defense Strategy
Clues to Accurate Declarer Play
Sending and Receiving Partner's Signals
The Finer Points of Jacoby 2NT
Passive and Aggressive Defenses
Practice Your Play of the Hand
Using Dummy on Defense
Doing Your Job as Opener

Santa Fe 2018

Inferences from the Bidding
Inferences from Play & Defense
Placing the Honors in the Opponent's Hands
2nd Hand Play
Counting Defender's Hand

Galveston 2019

Misfit Bidding
Play - Which Suit to Attack
Tricks and Trumps
No Trump Defense
Honors and Spots
Setting Up a Side Suit in Slam
Give Partner Your Attitude
Defense - Active or Passive

Covid Interruptus 2020-2022

Santa Fe 2023

Understand 2/1 Invitational Hands
Counting Winners & Losers
Building Defensive Tricks
ENDplays Someday?
Building Bidding Ladders
Opener is the Describer
2♣ Opener: Tricks Not Points
Using Dummy on Defense

Santa Fe 2024

Advancing Intervenor's Overcall
Loser on Loser Play Techniques
Opening Leader's Checklist
Building Stronger Ladders
Advancing Intervenor's Takeout Double
Short Suits & Trump Leads
Building Tricks Together with LSD

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Kansas City 2025

Balanced Slam Bidding & Responses
Slam Cuebidding ~ American & Italian
Unbalanced Slam Bidding & Responses
How to Think: RBK, Queens & Kings
How to Think: Opening Leads vs Suits

Santa Fe 2025

Opener Describes, Responder Decides
3rd Hand has a BIG job!
Trump Suit Mastery
Discarding on Defense
Defender's Notrump Checklist
High Levels: Pass, Bid or Double?
Defender's Suit Checklist
Bidding Inferences

Santa Fe 2026

The True Worth of Your Hand
Hidden Value: Shortness & Honors
Master Hand: Trumping & Discarding
Attitude at Home, Count Away
Using Suits & Doubles to Decide: "Should We Be in Game?"
Deducing the Cards Using Inferences & Assumptions
The Art of Waiting: Ducking Plays in Notrump & Suit
Count on It! Planning the Defense Using Common Sense!