## Bridge Skill Building ~ Tuesdays 10:30am-12pm

Acquire, enhance and develop your bridge techniques to improve gameplay.

Hand Shape & Suit Bidding Secrets: Accurate hand shape evaluation informs decisions and helps players determine the best contract.

**Strategically Planning Notrump Contracts:** Organizing your notrump thought process at Trick #1 guarantees maximum tricks.

**Notrump Lead Strategies Based on Bidding:** Strategies are based on listening to the bidding to determine which Number Rule to apply, choose the right suit, and then the leading the right card.

**Learn While you Play Supervised Play #1:** Refine your bidding, play and defensive techniques with practice! Pointers on bidding, play and defense will be shared after each hand played. Practice Session will be played on Real Bridge. The practice link will be on the PBB website, as well as, emailed to you and shared in the previous class.

**Responder's Hand & Honor Evaluation Tips:** When raising a major suit, understanding Honor Upgrade Points and Short Suit Points is crucial in assigning extra value to responder's hand to bid on to games and slams.

**Suit Contacts: Eliminating Losers in the Master Hand:** It is much easier to solve Declarer's puzzle when the issue is known. Identifying the Master Hand in a suit contract leads to uncovering the issue which is key to successful suit play.

**Notrump Leads** ~ **Honor Sequences vs Fourth Best:** Gain a better understanding of the different messages sent to partner about the opening lead suit's strength and length.

**Learn While You Play Supervised Play: Set #2:** By playing and practicing bridge techniques discussed in previous classes, you can improve your all-around skills and become a more well-rounded player. Pointers on bidding, play and defense will be shared after each hand played. Practice Session will be played on Real Bridge. The practice link will be on the PBB website, as well as, emailed to you and shared in the previous class.

## Leveling Up Your Game ~ Thursdays 10:30am-12pm

Develop strategic thinking, improve communication with partner and boost gameplay skills.

**Strategic Transportation with the Trump Suit:** ~ A focus on using the trump suit for transportation to improve your gameplay in suit contracts.

**Decoding Short Suit Leads:** Interpreting partner's short suit leads requires a combination of convention knowledge, hand evaluation, and strategic thinking.

**2/1 GF** ~ **Opener's Shape-Revealing Rebids:** Understand how Opener's rebids in 2/1 hand shape bidding strategy and make informative decisions about the auction as Responder.

All Around Game Supervised Play #1: By playing and practicing your bridge techniques, you can improve your all-around skills and become a more well-rounded player. Pointers on bidding, play and defense will be shared after each hand played. Practice Session will be played on Real Bridge. The practice link will be on the PBB website, as well as, emailed to you and shared in the previous class.

**Endgame Strip Plays:** Gain a favorable end position by stripping key exit cards from Defenders' hands and create opportunities to take tricks that might otherwise be lost.

**Defensive Discards: A Winning Strategy:** Strategies and techniques to improve your discarding skills.

2/1 GF ~ Principle of Fast Arrival at the Three Level: Since Opener just rebids shape in 2/1 auctions, Responder must define their rebids to help the partnership determine the right game or to know when to bid onto slam!

All Around Game Supervised Play #2: By playing and practicing your bridge techniques, you can improve your all-around skills and become a more well-rounded player. Pointers on bidding, play and defense will be shared after each hand played. Practice Session will be played on Real Bridge. The practice link will be on the PBB website, as well as, emailed to you and shared in the previous class.

## **Bridge Strategy Revisions ~ Mondays 10:30am-12pm**

Master complex strategies such as counting, inferences and advanced bidding techniques.

**Powerful Notrump Defense Strategies:** Strategies include inferences from the bidding, opening lead and dummy to count Declarer's tricks and determining Declarer's plan of attack.

**Maximizing Takeout Double Redoubles:** By mastering the redouble of a takeout double, you can add a powerful tool to your bidding arsenal and improve your competitive edge.

**Squeeze for More Tricks:** It's time to recognize Threat Suit from a Non-Threat Suit and start executing simple squeezes.

**Bidding Clues** ~ **Passes, Rebids & Reverses:** Develop a strategic advantage over your opponents by accurately interpreting bidding patterns and making information decisions.

**Effective Notrump Defense Communications:** Notrump Communication on defense is crucial to convey information between partners and outmaneuver opponents.

Cuebidding for Stoppers ~ Yes, No, Maybe?: The key to good notrump bidding is knowing when partner is showing a stopper, asking for a stopper or has a stopper, but wants one from you too!

Managing 4<sup>th</sup> Round Losers with Strong Trump: Stop that 4th round loser from spoiling your contract at the end of the hand.

**Play & Defense** ~ **The inference Edge:** Use bidding inference as Declarer and Defender to take extra tricks and score better games!