

**WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER
FROM
BARBARA & ALEX**

Happy New Year to all of you from all of us.

Lots of news, lots to see and do. See below and be sure to read the bridge articles also.

Alex and I are in Florida for a while, playing lots of bridge, teaching lots of classes and enjoying the family who visited for a while.



L to R: Son, Chris & his wife, Heather, Madeline (age 20 mths), Alex, daughter, Heather, her son, Justin (age 14), Barbara It was cold in Florida on the beach!

We try to play at local bridge clubs wherever we go in the world. We played in Melbourne (East coast of Florida) in a community centre. At the other end of the room, the seniors' choir practiced at the same time. Lots of amazing old-time songs that we all knew and loved. I never thought I could ever concentrate with that going on during bridge but we wouldn't have missed it for the world. Only one lady was off-key!

Do join us just outside Tucson, Arizona, where we will run a **bridge workshop & retreat for a week: October 13-20**. The White Stallion Ranch is a wonderful place to play bridge with excellent meals and so much fun. Resort is superb. Bridge games and workshops daily. See below for more details.

AND join us **December 2nd - 9th for a REGIONAL AT SEA**. Win gold points at sea. You know how they say: "It's Better in The Bahamas!"...Well, it is Easier At Sea! There are Gold Rush Pairs on 5 days. Alex and I will both be aboard and I will be teaching each day. Call Alice Travel for more information. See below for more details.

We are considering doing a Rhine river boat cruise in June **2019 NEXT year**. If that is of any interest to you, let us know.

Barbara & Alex
www.barbaraseagram.com

P.S. If you wish to print any of this newsletter, give us a few days and our wonderful webmaster will have a printable version on the main page at our website at www.barbaraseagram.com
That will be easier for you.

MICHAELS CUE BID & THE UNUSUAL NOTRUMP

In bridge, it can be difficult to show two-suiter hands. e.g. you have

S Axxxx
H KJxxx
D x
C xx

Your RHO (Right hand opponent) bids 1D and you bid 1S, intending later to show your Heart suit. Your LHO, however, now bids 3D and it goes Pass - Pass back to you. You really don't have a good enough hand to now bid 3H when you have heard nothing from Partner.

Enter MICHAELS CUEBID

Invented by Michael Michaels of Miami, FL.

Michaels allows you to bid 1D - **2D** to show 5-5 or better in the major suits. This translates to partner as "Spades and Hearts" all in one breath.

1C -

2C would show the same hand.

1H -

2H

however is still Michaels but promises five spades (at least) and a 5 card minor. Partner will not know which minor it is.

Same idea with 1S - **2S**. This shows five hearts (at least) and a 5 card minor.

If partner wishes to find out which minor it is, he must bid 2NT so that the Michaels bidder will now reveal which minor he has. This is ONLY if responder to Michaels has two or fewer in partner's advertised major but at least 3-3 in both minors.

Those who play Michaels Cuebid usually also play the Unusual No Trump (abbreviated here as UNT)

With Michaels, think HIGHER suits...MAJORS...Capital M for Michaels!!!

But with Unusual NoTrump, think LOWER UNBID SUITS...minors.

1H by RHO - **2NT** by you shows 5-5 (at least) in the minors.

1S by RHO - **2NT** by you shows 5-5 at least in the minors.

BUT 1 of a minor by RHO and **2NT** by you shows the TWO LOWER UNBID SUITS. i.e. the other minor and HEARTS.

MICHAELS

RHO	YOU	Your bid means	Points	Modern Called Mini-Maxi	With 13-15 The In-Betweeners
1D	2D	5H & 5S at least	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16+	Overcall higher ranking suit first
1C	2C	5H & 5S at least	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16+	Overcall higher ranking suit first
1H	2H	5S & 5 of a minor	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16+	Overcall higher ranking suit first
1S	2S	5H & 5 of a minor	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16+	Overcall higher ranking suit first

UNUSUAL NT (abbreviated UNT for convenience)

RHO	YOU	Your bid means	Points	Modern Called Mini-Maxi	With 13-15 The In-Betweeners
1S	2NT	5C & 5D at least	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16 +	Overcall higher ranking suit first
1H	2N	5C & 5D at least	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16 +	Overcall higher ranking suit first
1C	2NT	5D & 5H at least	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16+	Overcall higher ranking suit first
1D	2NT	5C & 5H at least	8 + incl dist	8-12 or 16+	Overcall higher ranking suit first

Note that while interfering over a 1NT opener, using DONT, Cappelletti, Landy or Meckwell, you are able to show two suiters that promise maybe only 5-4 or 4-5. This does NOT apply playing Michaels and Unusual NT. You MUST have at least 5-5.

Also, you promise to have some degree of quality in BOTH of your 5 card suits. NOT Jxxxx but rather: KJxxx. Your points must be in your LONG suits, not in your short suits. Not singleton Aces or Kings.

It is best if you make these bids with EITHER weak hands or strong hands.

Weak = up to 12 points including distribution. This is called mini.

Strong = 16 or more points including distribution. This is called maxi.

- With an Intermediate (13 - 15 points) two-suiter, do not use these bids. Instead, overcall in the higher-ranking suit first. (You will plan to bid the 2nd suit at your next opportunity.) This is called the In-Betweeners.

- Partner will wonder why (when you have so clearly shown a 2 suiter, by bidding both suits) you did not use Michaels or Unusual NT. He will now know that you have 13-15 pts, including distribution.
- **If you are really new to these conventions, we suggest not worrying about the mini-maxi concept and just use these bids anytime you have this distribution, provided you have GOOD STUFF (i.e. QUALITY!!) in your long suits.**
- The Partner of the Michaels or Unusual bidder (M or UNT) must always assume that it shows a weak hand (assume it is a Mini). If it was the stronger version (Maxi) then the M or UNT bidder would bid again.
- The M or UNT bidder must remember that their partner is now choosing which suit he prefers of the two advertised suits. i.e. He is NOT showing that he loves that suit, only that he PREFERS that suit.

He may have been forced to bid 2H after 1C - 2C - P - ?
with only

S x
H xx
D Qxxxx
C Kxxxx

Responses to Michaels or to Unusual 2NT

When responder to Michaels or Unusual NT now bids a suit advertised by partner, it merely shows a preference for that suit, it is not forcing and responder shows no interest in game.

After 1H - 2H or 1S - 2S, 2NT by partner requests partner to state which minor suit she has.

A jump bid in a suit advertised by partner shows good support for that suit and invites partner to bid game with a maximum for her lower range or bid game if she had 16 +.

New suits by partner (that are not one that M or UNT bidder has shown) are non-forcing and show a good suit of his own.

3NT by partner says he wishes to play the hand in 3NT.

THE FOLLOWING HAND IS BY EDDIE KANTAR

		984		
		8		
		AK863		
		AJ94		
A10			KQJ65	
AQ43			K10652	
QJ74			52	
Q86			10	
N	E	S	W	732
1D	2D	P	4H	J97
				109
Opening lead: D Ace				K7532

Bidding Commentary: The 2D overcall is 'Michaels' showing 5-5 or possibly 6-5 (either way) in the majors. Assume a weaker hand. If partner has a stronger hand, he bids again. As West with a double fit in both suits, the sky's the limit. Give yourself two extra points for each A, K, or Q in partner's suits and a bonus point holding three honors in partner's two suits. Your hand has zoomed to 17 points!
P.S. Forget the minor suit honors.

Defensive Commentary: As North, after the high-low in diamonds, indicating a doubleton, cash the CA before leading a third diamond. If you don't, declarer can discard dummy's club perhaps costing partner a trump trick. If you do this right, DAK, CA, then a diamond, down one.

Play Commentary: If North plays the ace-king and a diamond, discard a club from dummy forcing South to trump. If North cashes the CA and then leads a third diamond, your best shot is to ruff with the king and hope hearts are 2-2 or the jack is singleton. Good luck.

Quotable Quote by Marc Levy

"Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course?"

Each of us has such a bank, its name is time. Every morning, it credits you 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off at a loss, whatever of this you failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and health. The clock is running. Make the most of today."



BARBARA'S SPRING WORKSHOPS

THURSDAYS 9.30 -11.30 AM

Hands-on. You play hands for the entire lesson

Seminars are held at Trinity Presbyterian Church

2737 Bayview Ave. Just south of 401

THE BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!

Seminars are **\$25.00** each if pre-paid prior to the class.

or **\$30.00** at door. Mail in your cheque now.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE IN ALL SEMINARS

Thu April 19 @ 9.30 am: A Failure to Communicate

Thu May 17 @ 9.30 am: Playing Detective at the Table

Thu May 31 @ 9.30 am: Common Errors Your Partner Makes!

Note that even if title sounds the same as an earlier seminar, the content and hands are always different.

NOTE ALSO that times are now 9.30 am - 11.45 am. If you have to leave early, that is just fine.

Call Barbara or email her to register bseagram@uniserve.com

416-487-8321

Mail cheques to Barbara Seagram

220 Lawrence Ave E, Toronto ON M4N 1T2

SPACE IS LIMITED. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET BARBARA KNOW IMMEDIATELY.



CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY
April 20, 2018

LOCATION: Trinity Presbyterian
Church

2737 Bayview Ave, just south of the 401

NOTE: NEW LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

9.00 am: REGISTRATION

9:30 - 11:30 am: Lesson with BARBARA SEAGRAM
KILLING DEFENCE

11:30 am: LUNCH

12:00 PM: Presentation on Cambodia by PATTI LEE

12:45 pm: BRIDGE GAME

MINIMUM DONATION of \$40.00 (no maximum)

PLUS \$12 to cover cost of lunch, rent, etc.

NOTE that we have never had to pay rent before @ this event but we do this time, hence the increase.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER Please make cheques payable to Patti Lee.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US WITH OUR
CAMBODIA PROJECTS BY MAKING A DONATION.
A DONATION OF \$40.00 OR MORE MEANS YOU RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT.

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP TO SUSTAIN OUR FIVE SCHOOLS IN
CAMBODIA.

EVERY DIME GOES TO THE CAUSE.

ALL VOLUNTEERS PAY THEIR OWN AIR, ACCOMMODATION & MEALS.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for donation portion of cheque.

In 2011, Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and a group of 50 docked in Phnom Penh. We were armed with clothing, pens, notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, toys, pencils, stickers, and other school supplies. We had heard about an Ontario resident, Lisa McCoy, who had dedicated the last few years to working in Cambodia for several months per year.

Australian Pauline Johns worked alongside and together they founded Banyan Learning Tree Schools.

At that time, our group and other friends from the Toronto area donated 40 bicycles to a school outside of Phnom Penh. We went there in a small tuk tuk along the dusty roads in the countryside outside of Phnom Penh to find that the school was a one-room shack with a cement floor and no desks or chairs. The bikes were given to the children, mainly children of landmine victims. It was all very uplifting, but Patti and Barbara looked at each other and wondered how long this shack would remain standing.

We inquired how much it would cost to build a permanent school. After we returned to Toronto, they sent us an estimate of \$24,000. We became determined to build the school. We raised \$40,000 that year. Two other groups had also built schools, so with our funds, we not only built our school, but we also furnished all three schools and built a library at one of the schools. Since then, a fourth school has been added; and we are now building our 5th school. We will then have over 600 students in our schools. We remain committed to sustaining all FIVE schools...paying teachers, librarians, paying the cost of electricity, etc. The cost to sustain all five schools for 2018 will be \$35,000 CDN.

In 2017, we paid the tuition for one of our teachers to take an additional University English course on a part time basis. As well, we are now delighted to be paying for one young lady to go to University. This includes full tuition, books, room, and board. This is a three-year commitment from us. We have also committed to another young lady to supply her with the same opportunity starting in August, 2019.

Health and sanitation are huge concerns for the villagers and their children. Malaria and tuberculosis continue to plague the remote villages. The neonatal death rate is unacceptably high. One of our primary goals is to reduce the rate of mortality of children under two years old. We need to educate throughout the rural areas regarding the need for sanitation, aiding in the prevention and spread of diseases.

Many children die before the age of 5 due to poor sanitation. We have a huge emphasis at our schools to teach good dental and health practices to the children. We also help to transport many of them and their parents to doctors / hospitals and to free clinics for dental and eye care. We have also built 10 toilets in the last year, giving 10 families their own private toilet.

Over the past years, many projects have been undertaken by ourselves and others to help make the villagers, many of whom are landmine affected, more self-sufficient: a bike repair business, chicken farmer training, sewing lessons with a sewing machine, crafts, technology centre, and the weaving centre.

Patti and Barbara are excited and optimistic about all of these projects and hold several fundraisers a year. If you are unable to attend but still able to make a donation, we would be so grateful.

For more info: bseagram@uniserve.com or pattilee@sympatico.ca

SEE DONATION FORM BELOW

Both Canadians & Americans donating will receive tax receipts valid in their country

ABOUT OUR CAMBODIA FUNDRAISING EVENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

There will be a seminar with BARBARA SEAGRAM at 9:30am. Barbara has taught thousands of students in Toronto and around the world. She is also a world-renowned author, having published 26 Bridge Books plus her very popular Cheat Sheets.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. A Presentation by Patti Lee about Barbara's & Patti's Cambodian Projects will take place after lunch.

The Bridge Game will follow at 12:45 pm.

There will be a silent auction, so we would welcome any donations of items that you think would be attractive for the auction. Restaurant vouchers, hair dresser vouchers, movie tickets, baseball game tickets, and gift certificates are always welcome.

Please email Patti Lee (pattilee@sympatico.ca)

or Barbara Seagram (bseagram@uniserve.com)

with any donations. If you know someone or are a frequent patron of a restaurant or store, it would be wonderful if you could solicit a donation for this cause.

Please make your cheque payable to Patti Lee for a minimum of \$52.00.

Minimum donation: \$40.00. NO MAXIMUM! plus \$12 to cover the cost of lunch, rent, etc.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for the donation portion.

There will also be some door prizes during the game.



CAMBODIA BRIDGE REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, please hold a space for me at the Cambodia Bridge Fundraiser at Trinity
Presbyterian Church
@ 2737 Bayview Ave on Friday April 20th @ 9:00 am

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS FOR YOUR DONATION PORTION
WILL BE ISSUED.**

PLEASE MAKE OUT CHEQUES TO PATTI LEE.

Mail this form with a cheque enclosed for a minimum of \$52.00
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PATTI LEE 8 South Kingslea Drive, Toronto, Ontario M8Y 2A3

NAME: _____ TEL NO: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS:(for receipt)

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Do you have a partner that day? YES NO

If so, name of partner _____

I am unable to play that day but would like to make a donation to the cause.

Please indicate if you plan to attend.



We have just opened our fifth school in Cambodia. The children are gathered outside the school. In the background on the right, you can see the water cistern. They have never seen one. They are being taught how to wash their hands on a regular basis in the next shot. Imagine their excitement! We take all these things for granted in North America.



Time you enjoyed wasting - is not wasted

BRIDGE CHALLENGE

This hand came up at the bridge club today.

1. Would you bid it this way?
2. Would you make this contract on the opening lead of Heart King?

Everyone vulnerable.

	43		
	AJ97		
	KQJ		
	AK83		
A7			J
KQ863			4
8532			A109764
64			Q10952
E S W N	KQ1098652		
	1052		
P 4S P 6S	---		
	J7		

Opening lead: H King

The 4S opener announced a good 8 card suit. The hand should have been a bit better, being vulnerable, but sometimes the bridge Gods just don't deal you quite the right cards.

North gambled and bid 6S. You are worried when West leads the Heart King as now you have quick losers AND you are missing the Ace of Spades. Troubling. If you win the Heart Ace and drive out the Spade Ace, back will come the H Queen for down 1.

You search frantically for a way to discard your two small Hearts before pulling trump. **RULE:** With quick losers and no Ace of trump, do not pull trump yet.

Win Heart Ace and lead the D King, praying fervently that East owns the D Ace. If East covers with the Ace, you trump it in your hand and cross to dummy on the high Club. Now lead the Diamond Q and J and discard your two losing Hearts. NOW pull trump. If East does not cover the D King, you discard a Heart and now do it again.

This is called a Ruffing Finesse. Most of the time, it does not matter which opponent has the missing Ace in a ruffing finesse. If your RHO (Right Hand Opponent) covers, you ruff and if she does not cover, you discard a H. BUT, on this hand if LHO wins the Ace, while you have discarded...unlucky, he still gets to cash his high Heart Queen and ALSO the Spade Ace...Down 3, because East now gets a H ruff.

But if you live right, East will have the D Ace and since this is THE only way to make the hand, this is how you must play it.

Take your time at trick one and count your losers, then make a plan before rushing to play the hand.

**BARBARA'S NEW BOOK (her 26th) NOW OUT
PLANNING THE PLAY: THE NEXT LEVEL**

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Barbara's first book in this series (also co-authored by David Bird) won Book of the Year Award by the American Bridge Teachers' Association: Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand.

That first book introduced the basic concepts of how to go about making a plan as declarer for beginning and improving players, and is a popular text for bridge teachers. This sequel extends the plan to more complex situations, and covers ideas such as safety plays, avoidance play, trump control, dummy reversal, and endplays. It will appeal to players who have a good grasp of the basics of declarer play, and are looking to improve from there.

Books are available from Lee or Wayne at their excellent Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening games at Temple Sinai Synagogue @ 210 Wilson Ave.

OR

from Josee at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 2737 Bayview Ave on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

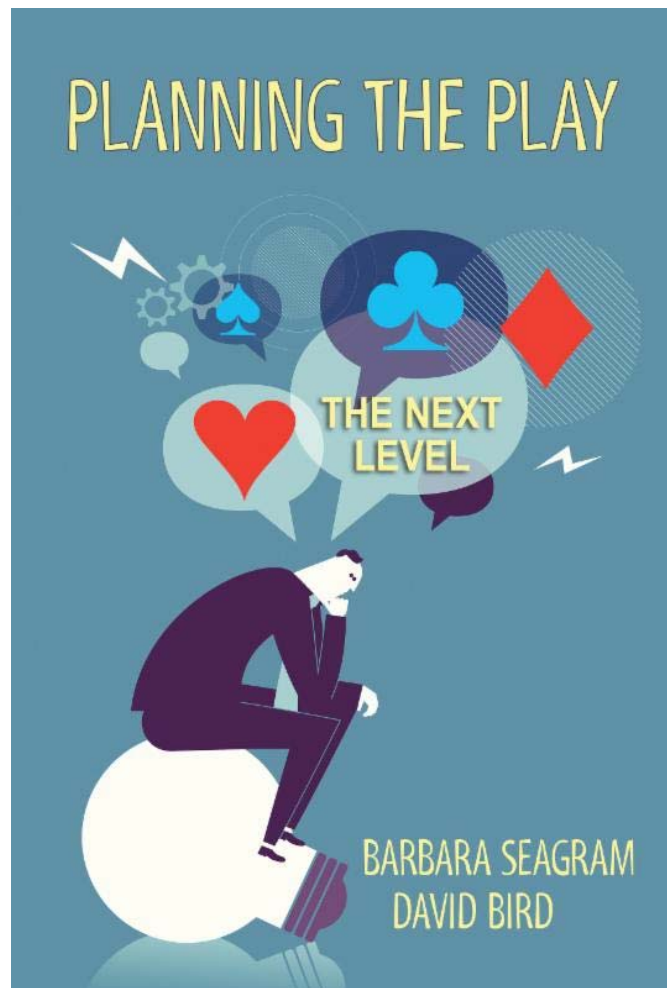
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order by email from Barbara bseagram@uniserve.com or you may pick up the books from us at a convenient address in North Toronto if you pre-arrange by email. We leave orders between our doors.

\$22.95 + tax = \$22.00

(They love our taxation system!!) or buy Book # 1 and 2 for \$40.00.

Think Birthday or Hostess gifts!!!



TAKING PREFERENCE

A7642
J5
Q853
87

S	W	N	E	3
				AK1098
1H	P	1S	P	J94
2C	P	?		AQ54

You are North. Partner (S) has opened the bidding. You have 6-9 points. Most of the time, you are only entitled to bid once. You are sorry you came out to play today. When you are responder with 6-9 points, you are low man on totem pole. All so sad.

While, you will often only bid once with 6-9 points; when opener offers you a choice of two suits, you **MUST** choose.

He promised at least five hearts and at least four clubs, so you choose his first bid suit, even when your choices are less than wonderful in your eyes. **Bid 2H**. This is called **SIMPLE** preference as you have not jumped. South should **NOT** get excited and should just pass.

Note that S knows that you only have **TWO** Hearts as, with 6-9 points and three card support, you would have bid 2H immediately on round one of the bidding.

IF North had three Clubs and only one Heart, he would have passed the 2C bid. You can **CHOOSE** by Passing. Also called Simple Preference.

Let's have a look at another scenario:

A7642
Q53
A87
87

S	W	N	E	3
				AK1098
1H	P	1S	P	1094
2C	P	?		AK54

North now has an invitational hand. If his second bid is now 2H, then he has behaved the same way as if he had the first hand in the first example above. S will think partner has only 6-9 points as he has taken simple preference.

North must now jump to 3H on his second bid. Partner will know that he has 10-12 points and only **THREE** card support or he would have made a limit raise on his very first bid, showing four. **AND** he will know that North has 10-12 points. This is called **JUMP** preference.

S should now bid 4H.

We find that less experienced players have not grasped the concepts of simple & jump preference. They are important concepts. Study 'em!

SPRING BRIDGE AT THE BRIARS

Fri - Sun 27-29 April, 2018

Still room for 15 more only. Sign up now!!

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DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

		A54		
		A65		
		1098765		
		2		
Q1072				KJ983
87				109
AK				QJ
AKQ87				10965
		6		
S	W	N	E	KQJ432
				432
2H	DbI	3H	3S	J43
P	4S	All	Pass	

East does not HAVE to respond to partner's takeout double, when N competes (bidding 3H) so his response shows 8 or more points. West adds his points to that and happily bids 4S.

South leads Heart King. North looks at his hand, calculating how on earth they can beat this contract.

S has bid 2H, thus N knows that declarer must have two Hearts as S guaranteed to have precisely a 6 card suit.

So N knows that NS can score two H tricks as well as the Spade Ace. Does that beat the contract? No.

When you have CONTROL of trumps (Ax or Kxx of trump is called control of trump, because you will "get in" quickly on a trump lead by declarer), THINK SHORT SUIT leads.

So how can North get South to shift to a Club???? You can't. So North has to take the bull by the horns and take over. N must overtake H K with Ace at trick one and lead a Club.

When declarer wins and leads trump, N must win Spade Ace immediately and lead a H to S to win. If S does not now lead back a C, you simply get a new partner. North now ruffs South's C return. Down one!

**The brain is the most amazing organ.
It works 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year from birth until you fall in love.**

FALL BRIDGE AT THE BRIARS 2018
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email: bseagram@uniserve.com



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Fri - Sun 26-28 October, 2018

Enclose \$100.00 deposit dated now and also please enclose postdated cheque (Date this Aug 15, 2018) for the balance.

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CLASSES OUTSIDE TORONTO
WITH BARBARA IN 2018

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ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
John Rayner teaching on 28 Feb at St Petersburg Bridge Club
cfgill@verizon.net

SUN CITY CENTER, FLORIDA 8 MARCH
suebatt5@gmail.com

BRIDGE ACADEMY DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
13 March
henry@bridgeacademync.com

CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB - 14 March

DUNCAN BRIDGE CENTRE, Palm Springs, California
21 & 22 March
barbarahopewell@me.com

TAMARISK COUNTRY CLUB, Palm Springs, California - 23 March

SAN JOSE DEL CABO - FLY INTO CABO SAN LUCAS (SJO)
Event is on 4,5, 6 APRIL @ QUERENCIA 30 mins from CABO SAN LUCAS
janellecoulson@aol.com

This event is a fundraiser for Cambodia and for a local charity organized by Jan Coulson. Jan can advise you on where to stay.

ROCHESTER, New York - May 3
Patricia Smith pannsmit12@gmail.com Sally Hill shhill@rochester.rr.com
The Rochester event is a Cambodia fundraiser with Barbara & Patti Lee

COLLINGWOOD, ON - May 25
Sandy Dickson ddickson1112@rogers.com

CORAL BAY CLUB, Atlantic Beach, NC June 6 & 7

WIANNO BRIDGE FESTIVAL, Massachusetts June 11-14

JOSÉE HAMMILL'S 2018 CLASSES
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@ 2737 Bayview Avenue



CONVENTIONS
Wednesday Jan 31 @ 1 pm to 3:30 pm

January 31 - **BERGEN RAISES AND CUEBID RAISES** - Great conventions to use when partner has opened one of a Major to show the exact number of cards you are holding in Partner's trump suit. Very descriptive bids that also show your point count.

PRACTICE YOUR BIDDING:
Wednesday Jan 31: 9.30 am - 12 noon

January 31 - **NO TRUMP BIDDING** - When to use Stayman and when to use Transfers, when to Gerber and when to make an invitational bid. Texas Transfers and so much more! \$45.00 per class.

INTRODUCTION TO DEFENCE! TWO WEEKS ONLY!
WED FEB 21st & 28th: 9.30 am - noon

DEFENCE IS THE MOST EXCITING PART OF THE GAME!

At the bridge table you spend 25% of the time being declarer, 25% being dummy and 50% defending!

Defence is the most exciting part of the game. Knowing how to communicate with your partner can be such a rewarding experience.

A great way to have the opponents fear you! During the two lessons, you will be introduced to some of the basic concepts of defending: choosing an opening lead, signalling to partner, discarding and much more.

The lessons are hands on. You will play many hands.

Instructor: Josée Hammill	Cheques can be mailed to Josée Hammill, 418-1717 Avenue Road, Toronto, ON, M5M 0A2.
Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2737 Bayview Avenue	etransfers also accepted. Please contact Josée for the password.
\$85. Price includes taxes and handouts	Visit Josee's website at http://www.bridgewebs.com/josees
Please contact Josée at mjhammill@rogers.com or 416-300-9140 to register.	

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**NEW GAME FOR 0-50 MASTER
POINT
NOVICE / INTERMEDIATES**

CALLING ALL 49'ERS!!!

**Starts at Trinity Presbyterian
Church on April 5**

**Thursday mornings excluding Apr 19, May
17, May 31 & June 7**



with STEPHEN LAUFER

**BRIDGE TIP @ 9.15 am GAME 9.30 am - 12 noon
MASTER POINTS WILL BE ISSUED**

FUN GUARANTEED

Steve is a very competent director and a very nice man. You will enjoy this game.

This game is a stepping stone up from Tuesday afternoon games where you can ask questions & have help on any hand.

In Steve's games, you can ask questions after the hand or in between rounds, if time permits.

ALEX'S TIPS

If you think you have a choice of two bids to describe your hand, pick the one that you know your partner will understand, not the one you think she ought to understand. Keep it simple. Forget the poetry in motion.

When playing with your wife, apologize often!!

**NOVICE GAME / SUPERVISED
PLAY**

PLAY AND LEARN

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS:
1-3.30 PM**

at **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

2737 Bayview Ave

WITH KELLY SHIELDS

FUN GUARANTEED!!

This game is for newer players. You will so enjoy the atmosphere in this game while improving your skills.

NEW PLAYERS, BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS GAME.

Make a bid, change your mind, then make a new bid!
Make an opening lead, change your mind, then make a new opening lead!
Ask the director what to do before you do it, then do it!
Learn how to play duplicate bridge in an easy going environment.

Only happy bridge players are invited!!

You will have so much fun and you will learn so much! **Master points will be issued!**

Cost \$11.00 per person payable at the door.

Come with or without a partner. No need to pre-register.

Please contact Josee Hammill at mjhammill@rogers.com or 416-300-9140 for further information. **VISIT her website: www.bridgewebs.com/josees**

This is a great learning opportunity for all less experienced players. Bring your friends! **FUN IS GUARANTEED!**

We really need some volunteers to help with this game. Please email Barbara or Josee Hammill mjhammill@rogers.com if you might be able to help us with these weekly games. Even if you could attend once a month, that would be a huge help.

Many students have questions (which is why they are there) and help is needed. We are so grateful to all volunteers who have been helping with this game.

This game will continue on during the summer now, due to popular demand.

REGIONAL AT SEA

with Barbara Seagram

EARN GOLD & RED POINTS AT SEA!

December 2-9, 2018 (7 nights)

Liberty of the Seas (Royal Caribbean)

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- Daily lectures
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Dec 3: At sea

Dec 4: Cozumel, Mexico

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Dec 8: At sea

Dec 9: Disembark Galveston

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JOSÉE'S 2018 SPRING CLASSES
LOCATION: TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2737 Bayview Avenue (Bayview and 401)

BASIC BRIDGE- Wednesdays @ 9:30 am to noon for 8 weeks starting on April 18th

EARLY BOOKING FEE: \$ 290.00 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by March 1st. \$ 320.00 after March 1st.

For brand new players to the game & for those who have been away from the game for a long time.

INTERMEDIATE I - Wednesdays @ 1 pm to 3:30 pm for 6 weeks starting on April 18th

EARLY BOOKING FEE: \$ 230.00 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by March 1st. \$ 260.00 after March 1st.

For those who feel rusty and need a refresher and for those moving up from Basic lessons.

Course covers: Hand evaluation & revaluing, opening the bidding, responder's bids, major suit raises, rebids by opener, reverses, NT bidding & responses including transfers, overcalls, takeout doubles. Play components include: Planning the play of a hand in suit contracts, ruffing losers, disposing of losers by discarding, long suit establishment, finesses, hold up plays and a host of other material. The course is hands-on and you will play hands to practice.

INTERMEDIATE III - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
Tuesdays @ 9:30 am to noon for 6 weeks starting on April 17th

EARLY BOOKING FEE \$ 230.00 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by March 1st. \$ 260.00 after March 1st.

Intermediate III is a full course on Defence and Conventions. Third Hand Play, Second Hand Play, Suit Preference Signalling, Strategy on Defence, Lead Directing Doubles, Penalty Doubles, Discarding, Defence vs. NT contracts. CONVENTIONS: Negative Doubles, Jacoby 2 NT as a forcing raise, Jacoby Transfers, Texas Transfers, Splinters, Roman Key Card Blackwood, Cue Bids, Slam Bidding and lots more!

LEARN TWO OVER ONE IN 5 HOURS!!
Thursday June 7th 10 am to 3 pm
(Bring a sandwich)

EARLY BOOKING FEE: \$ 95.00 includes taxes and text book if registered and paid by May 10th. \$ 110.00 after May 10th.

Learn the system that most of North America now plays. It makes it much easier to get to better contract, easier to find slams on fewer values and easier to know when to stop in a part score.
Learn the forcing No Trump bid. This lesson is hands on.

Payment can be made by cheques payable to Josée Hammill and sent with your course choices to:
Josée Hammill, 1717 Avenue Rd #418, Toronto ON M5M 0A2

Payment can also be made by Interac email transfer. Contact Josée at mjhammill@rogers.com or 416-300-9140 for the password or additional information

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**ENID ROITMAN
A.B.T.A. TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2017**

**Enid will be teaching on Thursday afternoons in
the spring:
Commencing on April 19th.
1.00 - 3.00 pm**

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church. 2737 Bayview Ave.

**Her classes are interesting and fun and
Enid is a great teacher.**



Do contact Enid for more information 416-960-1642 or enidr@sympatico.ca

BRIDGE TIP

After intervention, be careful that the bid you make now does not show extra points.

In other words, don't let the opponents push you up and cause you to now show more points than you have.

Let's say you open 1H with

**S K4
H AQ652
D Q94
C K76**

Partner responds 1S and you are all set to rebid 1NT when your Right Hand Opponent (RHO) overcalls 2C. Rats! You can now no longer bid 1NT.

Many players make the serious mistake of now bidding 2NT with this minimum opening bid. In this scenario, you are now promising 18-19 HCP. You should now pass instead. Partner will still have the opportunity to bid again if he has 10 or more points. He knows that you opened the bidding but now he knows that you only have a minimum opener. If you had been balanced with 15-17 HCP after all, you would have opened 1NT.



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She hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said: "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some HELP.

Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute...the car was opened!!

She hugged the man and through tears said: "Thank You, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The man heard her little prayer and replied: "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a Professional!!"

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- Quizzes
- And lots more!

JOSEE WILL BE GIVING A ONE DAY COURSE IN THE SPRING WHERE YOU CAN LEARN TWO OVER ONE ALL IN ONE DAY

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