

**2018 CLASS OFFERINGS**  
**at the Long Beach Bridge Center**

**Winter Session: January 4 – February 28**

**Spring Session: April 2 – May 25**

**Summer Session: July 9 – August 31**

**Fall Session: October 1 – November 23**

**All classes meet for 8 weeks**  
**with instructor-supervised card play between class sessions**

**SEE CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**FOR CURRENT SESSION DAYS AND TIMES**

**Long Beach Bridge Center**  
**4782 Pacific Coast Highway**  
**Long Beach, CA 90804**  
**562-498-8113**

We are conveniently located in a mini-mall on Pacific Coast Highway  
behind Big 5 Sporting Goods with ample free parking; wheelchair accessible

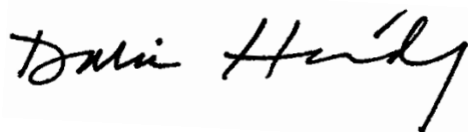
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**[www.longbeachbridge.com](http://www.longbeachbridge.com)**  
click on "class information"

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Bridge Brigade at the Long Beach Bridge Center. We are a 501(c)(3) educational charity serving the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. We currently serve over 150 students of all backgrounds and ages each session, with class offerings designed for those new to the game of bridge and those looking to brush up on their skills. We are committed to promoting the great game of bridge by providing accessible, low-cost, and quality classes. Our emphasis is on enjoyment of the game through making new friends and experiencing more success in your card play. We continually update our class offerings to reflect trends in the bridge world and use textbooks and resource materials from the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and other sources.

I wish you all the best in pursuing your bridge goals.

Sincerely,



Dalia Hernandez  
President, Bridge Brigade



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## HOW TO REGISTER

Walk-ins Are Welcome

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Register for classes at [longbeachbridge.com](http://longbeachbridge.com) or by emailing [akiba1708@yahoo.com](mailto:akiba1708@yahoo.com) or phoning 714-624-3455.

OR

Register for classes through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University Long Beach. (Available only for classes that meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings.)

## CLASS FEES

\$70 for 10 classes or \$10/class.

OLLI classes (Monday and Wednesday mornings only): OLLI charges an annual membership fee of \$40 per year, or a reduced fee of \$20 per year if you join halfway through the year. Once you are a member, each class is \$10 for an 8-week session.

\$5 per session for instructor-supervised play.

Long Beach Bridge Brigade is a 501(c)(3) Educational Charity. Please consider donating by mailing a check made out to Bridge Brigade to the Long Beach Bridge Center. You can also register Bridge Brigade as your charity at [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com). Amazon will donate a small portion of every purchase you make to Bridge Brigade.



## CLASS OFFERINGS

### For the Beginning Player

Students new to the game should take the following 4 classes their first year: Bridge 1, Bridge 2, Play of the Hand, and Defense. Students are encouraged to repeat Play of the Hand and Defense to acquire mastery of the concepts covered.

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**Bridge 1 – each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating the topic covered; instructor handouts plus the free ACBL book *Bidding*.**

- Week 1: Opening a major
- Week 2: Opening a minor
- Week 3: Opening no trump and Stayman
- Week 4: Opening no trump and transfers
- Week 5: Review of opening bids
- Week 6: 2 over 1 and 1 no trump forcing
- Week 7: 1 no trump forcing
- Week 8: Review

#### **Opportunities for Play After Taking Bridge 1**

During the 4-6 weeks between class sessions, instructor-supervised play is available during the time your class normally met, as well as at other scheduled times (see **Playing Times** handout for the current session). Check with instructor to see whether master points will be awarded.

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**Bridge 2 – each lesson includes the play of 8 hands illustrating the topic covered; instructor handouts plus the free ACBL book *Bidding*.**

- Week 1: Review opening bids and overcalls
- Week 2: Takeout double
- Week 3: Negative double
- Week 4: Review and competitive bidding
- Week 5: Defensive leads and carding
- Week 6: Pre-empts
- Week 7: 2-club openers and slams
- Week 8: Review

## **Opportunities for Play After Taking Bridge 2**

During the 4-6 weeks between class sessions, instructor-supervised play is available during the time your class normally met, as well as at other scheduled times (see **Playing Times** handout for the current session). Check with instructor to see whether master points will be awarded.

Students who have completed Bridge 2 are ready to play for master points in the Newcomer games and the Non Life Master games.

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**Play of the Hand – each lesson includes 8 hands illustrating the topic covered; textbook: *Play of the Hand* by the ACBL.**

- Week 1: Making a plan
- Week 2: Developing Tricks – Promotion and length
- Week 3: Developing Tricks – The finesse
- Week 4: Eliminating Losers – Ruffing and discarding
- Week 5: Watching out for entries
- Week 6: Watching out for the opponents
- Week 7: Managing the trump suit
- Week 8: Putting it all together

## **Opportunities for Play After Taking Play of the Hand**

During the 4-6 weeks between class sessions, instructor-supervised play is available during the time your class normally met, as well as at other scheduled times (see **Playing Times** handout for the current session). Check with instructor to see whether master points will be awarded.

Students who have completed Play of the Hand are ready to play for master points in the Newcomer games and the Non Life Master games.

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**Defense – each lesson includes 8 hands illustrating the topic covered; textbook: *Defense* by the ACBL**

- Week 1: Opening leads against no trump contracts
- Week 2: Opening leads against suit contracts
- Week 3: Third-hand play
- Week 4: Second-hand play
- Week 5: Defensive signals
- Week 6: Developing defensive tricks
- Week 7: Interfering with declarer
- Week 8: Making a plan

## Opportunities for Play After Taking Defense

During the 4-6 weeks between class sessions, instructor-supervised play is available during the time your class normally met, as well as at other scheduled times (see **Playing Times** handout for the current session). Check with instructor to see whether master points will be awarded.

Students who have completed Defense are ready to play for master points in the Newcomer games and the Non Life Master (NLM) games. The LBBC also offers games designated as “299er” and “499er” for players with fewer than the number of points listed.

### For the Intermediate Player

The following classes are available for second-year students and those who already know how to play bridge. Brush up on your skills if you haven't played in a while and/or meet new people to play with. Students taking these classes are ready to play in the Non Life Master and Open games.

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#### Bridge 3 – instructor handouts

- Week 1: New minor forcing
- Week 2: 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing
- Week 3: Cue bid limit raises
- Week 4: Help suit game tries
- Week 5: Jacoby 2NT
- Week 6: Michaels and unusual NT
- Week 7: Interfering with NT
- Week 8: Roman key card and Gerber

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**Card Play for Intermediate/Advanced – 3 distinct groups of 8 topics each that rotate from session to session: Card Play 001, Card Play 002, and Card Play 003. Instructor handouts by permission from Eddie Kantar. Check Class Schedule for current rotation.**

#### Card Play 001

- Week 1: Counting the hand
- Week 2: Establishing a long suit
- Week 3: Placing opponent's honors
- Week 4: Discarding
- Week 5: Signaling at suit contracts
- Week 6: Counting declarer's tricks
- Week 7: Deception by declarer
- Week 8: to finesse or not to finesse

### Card Play 002

- Week 1: Opening leads vs suits
- Week 2: Leads vs no trump
- Week 3: Third hand play
- Week 4: More finessing
- Week 5: Entries
- Week 6: Strip end play
- Week 7: Loser on loser
- Week 8: Avoidance play

### Card Play 003

- Week 1: Ducking at suit contracts
- Week 2: Handling 4<sup>th</sup> round losers
- Week 3: Simple squeezes
- Week 4: More defense vs no trump
- Week 5: The first trick
- Week 6: Common sense defense
- Week 7: No trump defense
- Week 8: Dummy recognition

## Drop-In Classes

These classes are offered year-round by various instructors and do not follow the standard 8-week schedule.

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### **Conventions – George Welsh**

Offered Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., \$3 per class; handout of 9 class topics available at start of series. Learn to fill out the convention card and learn the convention. Followed by beginner game from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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### **Topic of the week – Sean Lui**

Offered Monday evening at 6 p.m., free. Topics available a week ahead of time from Sean via email. Followed by 0-1,000 game from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., \$10 card fee, 16 boards.

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### **Private classes**

Offered for groups of 4-8 students, fees and hours arranged by agreement with individual instructors.

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### **Inter-Session Classes**

Look for additional short classes, one or two class meetings, offered between sessions.

