

## *Lessons and Classes*

*Six-weeks of FREE Lessons with John Kissinger ...* John will present six lectures on successive Monday mornings beginning February 6. Lectures will begin at 11:15 am and last about 40 minutes. The first two are intended to improve your bidding accuracy, and the next four should help your competitive bidding.

1. **Adjustments to Goren Point Count.** Goren's 4-3-2-1 point count method was and is a good aid in evaluating the strength of your hand, but extensive computer analysis (by Evan Bailey), naturally not available to Goren, extended and improved the original method. Class describes John's fairly simple adjustments to Goren that incorporate what he sees as most important of Evan's findings in accurately evaluating the strength of your hand.
2. **Puppet Stayman.** Knowing opener's strength within a narrow range on relatively balanced hands is more important than immediately knowing he has a 5-card major when he has NT values. Describes how to use the system and compares the advantages and disadvantages of Puppet vs. standard methods.
3. **NT Bidding With Interference.** Discusses 2-level bids as well as the use and benefits of 3-level transfers in competition.
4. **Suction Defense to NT and Strong 1C/2C Opening Bids.** Describes how to use the bids and how to defend.
5. **2NT Forcing in Competition (Leibensohl Forever).** Describes how to differentiate between sound and not-invitational hands when bidding at the 3-level in competition.
6. **Bailey Weak 2-Bids.** Not preemptive but, rather, a light opening bid, or advance balancing bid. Describes how to use these bids and explains why they are effective.

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*Covering the Convention Card with Jane Dober ...* If you are ready to move past Easy Bridge, please join my class on Thursday mornings. This is a perfect class for advanced beginner and intermediate players. The class fee is \$10.00 per class. Come for one class or the entire series.

February 2—No class

February 9---Pre-emptive opening 2 bids, Showing a feature or Playing Ogust.

February 16---Defense against opening 2's

February 23---Pre-emptive 3 & 4 openings

In March the class will cover: Everything you need to know about opening 1NT and responses by partner. The class offers: exercise sheets, pre-dealt hands to play, lots of class interaction, and question & answer time. To learn more, call Jane Dober at 481-0330 or e-mail [j.dober@cox.net](mailto:j.dober@cox.net).

*Play of the Hand with Larry Globus ...* Larry Globus continues his Tuesday night class at 6:30 PM. The class fee is \$10 per class. The class has started off with a lot of fun and insights by the students enrolled. Any interested players are welcome to attend. Play of the Hand covers: playing suit combinations, interfering with opponent's communications, dealing with entry issues, trump control problems, cross ruffing the hand, dummy reversals, using clues from bidding and opening lead, playing the percentages, counting, advanced plays, deception, matchpoint vs team game strategies, and defensive play and carding. Please contact Larry at [larryglobus@cox.net](mailto:larryglobus@cox.net) for additional information.

**Saturday Morning Mini-Class with Ginnie Blitzman...** A mini-lesson is offered most Saturday mornings with Ginnie Blitzman. **Note: There will be no lesson on February 11<sup>th</sup>.** This free class explores all aspects of bridge and offers practice hands and situations. The lesson begins at 11:45 AM, prior to the Saturday game.

### **Easybridge With Sally Pelmear**

#### **Easybridge I - Wednesday Mornings**

**9:30 – 11:45 AM ...No Partner Required**

February 1 – Smart Overcalling ...AND the First Game.  
February 8 – Double Trouble for the Opponents.  
February 15 – Notrump Bidding ...Transferring Ownership.  
February 22 – Notrump Bidding ...Staying Put.  
February 29 – Heavyweight Jumping and Jabbing.

#### **Easybridge III+ - Monday Evenings**

**7:00 – 9:30 PM ...No Partner Required**

February 6 – Leading partner in the right direction.  
February 13 – Leading declarer in the wrong direction.  
February 20 – Did you listen to the bidding? Really?  
February 27 – Practice Makes Perfect!

The Tuesday Series on Competitive Bidding is full.

For more information on the above classes, call Sally Pelmear at 949-855-8953 or e-mail: [sallypelmear@cox.net](mailto:sallypelmear@cox.net) or Dae Leckie at [daeleckie@gmail.com](mailto:daeleckie@gmail.com).

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