

Introduction to Bridge I Course Outline

This course is suitable for people who have never played bridge before. No knowledge of cards or card games is required.

Dates and Time: January 5 to February 9, 2026, 6 weeks, Monday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00

Cost: \$60 (Includes a copy of Bridge Basics 1 An Introduction by Audrey Grant)

Location: Gateway Church (Former Alexaner Ried School) 128 Mary St, Arnprior, Ont

Week 1) Introduction to the Game of Bridge

- Deck of cards
- Contract Bridge
- Play of tricks
- Rubber Bridge vs. Duplicate Bridge
- Bridge hands dealing
 - Rubber bridge
 - Duplicate Bridge
- Hand Play
 - Rubber bridge
 - Duplicate Bridge

Week 2) Card Play

- Goals of Declarers and Defenders
- How to play NT contracts as declarer
 - Counting winners
 - Trick development
- How to play suit contracts as declarer
 - Counting losers
 - Trump management
- Defensive play
 - Opening leads
 - Defensive guidelines

Week 3) Introduction to Bidding

- Language of Bidding
- Natural vs. Conventional Bids
- Conventions
- Hand evaluation
- Bidding Ladder

Week 4) NT Opening Bids and Responses

- NT Hands
- NT HCP Ranges
- Responses to 1NT Opening Bids
- Where and How High
- Types of Bids
- Declarer Play of NT Contracts (Review)

Week 5) Opening 1 of a Major Suit

- Requirements to open 1 of a Major (♠ or ♥) suit
- Responses to 1 of a Major opening bid
 - Dummy points
- Openers rebid
- Declarer Play – Suit (Review)

Week 6) Opening 1 of a Minor Suit

- Requirements to open 1 of a Minor (♦ or ♣) suit
- Responses to 1 of a Minor opening bid
- Openers rebid