

Etobicoke Bridge Centre

The next Absolute Beginner (**ONLINE**) course
will start on September 15, 2020 @ 2:00

Would you like to learn the best card game in the world, and possibly the best non-physical game ever? Here are some of the many reasons to take up this great game.

- It is a great brain-boosting activity. While bridge can be enjoyed by anyone from children to seniors, it is perfect for those in retirement, looking for a way to stimulate and challenge your mind. You will provide a workout for your skills of analysis, problem-solving, inference, logic, communication, math, memory, visualization and psychology, to name a few.



- Bridge is a great avenue for socializing. You meet lots of people, make new friends, and can play with one or many different people. Some EBC novices are already attending tournaments. In addition to playing at our bridge club, many players get together at their homes for additional play.
- You can choose to play bridge intensely or casually, whatever your preference. Active players play and attend lessons at the EBC, play at homes, and some go to tournaments. Casual players might choose to play at home, and perhaps occasionally at a local bridge club like the EBC.
- It is relatively cheap to play. One afternoon of duplicate bridge at the EBC costs \$9.00. One can play at a bridge friend's home for free or perhaps a tray of butter tarts.
- Bridge is very engaging, and provides a great distraction from whatever problems might exist in your life. For 3 hours, you will focus on playing as best you can, having fun, nothing else.
- You are constantly learning. The complexity of the game is why it is such a great activity, challenges never stop coming. Every hand is a new adventure!
- Another appeal of bridge is that it is an easy game to learn the basics of, but a hard game to master. However, you don't have to be an expert to enjoy it. You don't need a partner to learn bridge. You'll meet suitable partners as you learn.
- It satisfies any competitive drive you may have. You can compete at whatever level is appropriate for your skill level. Many enjoy earning Master points and achieving milestones, such as becoming a Life Master.

- You can play and enjoy bridge all of your life. Even after your physical leisure activities are limited or not available, bridge can be played for many additional years. You can go out to play bridge at clubs or tournaments. If, however, you are physically limited, or simply prefer the convenience, you can play at home, or on the computer.
- Famous bridge players include Warren Buffet and Bill Gates. With all their money, they choose to spend some of their leisure time playing bridge!! Bill Gates actually has donated a significant amount to youth bridge training.
- You can play duplicate bridge at one of 3500 bridge clubs all over the world. Travelling in Europe, how about dropping into a local bridge club in Paris or any major city in the world.
- You can play ONLINE any time. You can play on your own against robots or with other people. Bridge Base Online is the premier site, and offers many options for casual or competitive play.

Why learn/play at the Etobicoke Bridge Centre, versus elsewhere?



Very good teaching program: lead teacher is a retired school teacher, Silver Life Master, ACBL -certified teacher, **Unit 166 2015 Teacher-of-the-Year and 2020 Kate Buckman Award recipient** and Unit 166 Novice/Intermediate Chair

“I have enjoyed the lessons so far. You are a wonderfully patient teacher”

“Thanks for a clear, interesting and fun introduction to a great game, and for all the follow-up you provide.”

“This class is the best way to learn bridge...Steve makes the game make sense”

“First of all I want to say how much I am enjoying your lessons. Each week I find more things fall into place. I also love meeting the other players and playing with different people.”

The Etobicoke Bridge Centre offers absolute beginner lessons once a year. You can register for this 10-week course, Tuesdays 2:00-4:15 by emailing Steve Overholt at etobicokebridge@gmail.com or calling 647.897.6179. Your first lesson is free. Add a wonderful, fun activity to your life, come and learn bridge, you won't regret it.

This course will be taught totally online due to the bridge club being physically closed (see the course poster for computing details)

WHAT A GAME!!

Steve Overholt

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