



## Bridge 3: Challenge Topics in Year 1

June 2021 - August 2021

### Bridge 3 with Meagan Powell

Meagan Powell is offering a 12-week series on the Basic Bridge - Year 1 - Challenge Topics

These topics are all still considered part of Basic Bridge, but they have a little more depth. We wait until you've been playing Bridge for a few months before introducing you to these topics

Our 12-week series will cover the fundamentals of

- \* Reinforcement of Bridge 1 and Bridge 2 Basics as the groundwork for Bridge 3
- \* Responder First Bids without an Early Fit
- \* Opener Basic Rebids (2<sup>nd</sup> bid) without an Early Fit
- \* 2NT Openers and Responses
- \* 2C Openers and Responses
- \* Blackwood and Gerber – Slam Bidding
- \* Takeout Doubles – The Basics
- \* Differences between Simple Overcalls, Preemptive Overcalls, and Takeout Doubles



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#### The Nuts-and-Bolts Short Description of the Series:

\* Tuesdays from June 8 – August 24

\* Morning Session: 10am – 11:45am

Evening Session: 7pm – 8:45pm

NOTE: This is a slightly longer session time than Bridge 1 and Bridge 2

Bridge 3 Players need to build up their speed and endurance.

Meagan will then be available after each session in Zoom for any questions.

*Participants choose one session as their primary Lecture/ Shark time.*

\* Optional Saturday Lab Game starting in Bridge 3

12:30pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time

Actual Game Time

Optional 1:30 – 2:00pm Eastern Time

Zoom Recap of the bidding on each of the playing hands

- Play in Bridge Base Online (BBO) with hands specifically created by Meagan
- Play in a real Bridge format.
- Able to go into game after it is finished to rebid and replay your hands
- Earn Masterpoints from the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL)  
*Helpful to identify your level as a player.*
- Extra Fee for BBO Lab Games: BBO charges for their site

\* Cost

\$15 for Wednesday Lecture / Shark fee

*Participants may pay week-to-week or*

*may pay in two 6-week increments during the semester*

\$ 7 for optional Saturday BBO Lab

*Participants pay BBO fee directly to BBO at the start of the BBO Game Workshop*



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### Bridge 3 with Meagan Powell – SERIES I: 6 Weeks

#### Class 1 Tuesday, June 8

#### Review and Practice with 5-3 Fits, 4-4 Fits, and Simple Overcalls

*Players will receive a 2-page Review sheet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.  
Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*We will also discuss How to Get Ready for BBO Play Together*

#### Class 2 Tuesday, June 15

#### Responder's First Bid without an Early Fit

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on Responder's first bid in Opener's Minor Suit or in 1NT (Junk Drawer).*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.  
Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*We will also discuss How to Get Ready for BBO Play Together*

#### Class 3 Tuesday, June 22

#### Opener's Basic Rebid (2<sup>nd</sup> bid) without an Early Fit

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on Opener's 2<sup>nd</sup> bid when no Early Fit is found with Responder. Topics will include Opener Rebidding 1S, Opener Rebidding 1NT, and Opener Rebidding a 6+-card Opening Suit.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.  
Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*We will also discuss How to Get Ready for BBO Play Together*



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**Class 4**  
**Tuesday, June 29**      **Review and Practice with 1NT Openers and Responses:**  
**Natural, Stayman and Jacoby Transfer**

*Players will receive a 2-page Review sheet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.  
Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*We will also discuss How to Get Ready for BBO Play Together*

**NO CLASS**  
**Tuesday, July 6**      **We will take this week off**

**Class 5**  
**Tuesday, July 13**      **MegaHand Bidding:**  
**2NT Opener and Responses: Natural, Stayman, and Jacoby**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.  
This Class will focus on the MegaHand Opening when Opener is has a balanced hand and 20-21 hcp.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.  
Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*

**Class 6**  
**Tuesday, July 20**      **MegaHand Bidding: 2C Openers and Suit Rebids**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.  
This Class will focus on Opener's MegaHand Opening with more than 20 hcp.  
This lesson works with Suit rebidding after 2C Openers.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.  
Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*



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#### **Class 7** **Tuesday, July 27**

#### **MegaHand Bidding: 2C Openers and NT Rebids**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on Opener's MegaHand Opening with more than 20 hcp. This lesson works with NT rebidding after 2C Openers*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.*

*Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*

#### **Class 8** **Tuesday, Aug 3**

#### **Blackwood and Gerber: Slam Bidding**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on the requirements to bid on the 6-level in the auction: Slam!*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.*

*Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*



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#### **Class 9 Tuesday, Aug 3**

#### **MegaHand Bidding: Working with MegaHands**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on reinforcing the 2NT Opener, 2C Opener, and Slam Bidding.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.*

*Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*

#### **Class 10 Tuesday, Aug 10**

#### **Review and Practice with Preemptive Openers and Preemptive Overcalls**

*Players will receive a Review Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on Opening and Overcalling with Weak Preemptive hands.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.*

*Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*



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#### **Class 11 Tuesday, Aug 17**

#### **The Basics of the Takeout Double**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on how Opponents can use a Takeout Double in 2<sup>nd</sup> seat of the auction.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.*

*Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*

#### **Class 12 Tuesday, Aug 24**

#### **Review and Practice with Simple Overcalls, Preemptive Overcalls, and Takeout Doubles**

*Players will receive a Lecture Packet and some Practice Examples prior to Tuesday's Lesson.*

*This Class will focus on the differences between the types of Overcalls we have learned in Bridge 1, Bridge 2, and Bridge 3.*

*There will be a 30-minute Lecture with Q & A.*

*Then we will move into Shark to play hands to reinforce these topics.*

*There will be an optional Saturday BBO Game with targeted hands to reinforce this week's lesson.*