

Bridge 3 with Meagan Powell

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

B3 is a 12-week series focused on Basic Bridge 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

- * Blackwood and Gerber basics for Slam Bidding
- * Common Takeout Doubles
- * Big Overcall Takeout Doubles

- * Opener and Responder Bidding including
 - Rebidding longer than usual suits
 - Rebidding two-suited hands with Minimum/Medium points and Maximum points (JumpShifts)
 - Rebidding in 1NT and 2NT
 - Other Miscellaneous Rebidding topics

Note: Meagan covered these topics at the Low-Intermediate level during the summer and fall of 2020.

This series will cover these topics without all the complex nuance of those lessons.

This series is presenting these topics at their basic level for Advanced Beginners.

Anyone who wants a fundamental view of these topics is welcomed to attend

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

* Wednesdays from January 20 – April 7

* Morning Session: 10am – 11:30am Evening Session: 7pm – 8:30pm

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

For those of you who participated in Bridge 1 and Bridge 2, this works the same way.

* Series runs for 12 weeks.

There are 9 Wednesday Lectures / Shark Bridge sessions

There are 3 Wednesday BBO – Zoom “Lab” Games to reinforce specific topics.

* There is an optional Saturday “Lab” Game session on BBO with targeted hands.

Post-Game Zoom session immediately after Lab to review Bidding on the hands

Saturday BBO Lab Sessions run from Sat, January 23 – Sat, April 10

There will be no Saturday Lab Sessions on March 27 or April 3

* Cost is \$15 for Wednesday Lecture / Shark fee

Participants may pay week-to-week or may pay for all 9 Lecture/Shark sessions up front

\$ 7 for optional Saturday BBO Lab

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

Some of you have never played in Bridge Base Online (BBO) What is BBO?

BBO is the nickname for Bridge Base Online - an online Bridge software package that allows players to play in an authentic Duplicate Bridge environment.

We will use BBO for all Saturday Lab sessions and for the 3 Wednesday Lab sessions.

Advantages of using Bridge Base Online (BBO) for the Lab instead of Shark Bridge

- More authentic Duplicate Bridge environment, playing in a timed game with multiple Opponents just like in the brick-and-mortar world.
- Post-Game retrieval of playing boards. Players can review their bidding and play on any board.
Players can practice their bidding again - change their original bidding as practice.
Players can practice their play again - change their original play as practice
- Seeing your actual Duplicate score for an entire game session.
Allows participants to see how other players scored on the same boards.
Compare other player results to their own results.

**We will hold BBO navigation sessions on Wednesday, January 13.
There will be a 10-11am session and a 7-8pm session.
You will receive a Zoom link ahead of time.**

You must have two things to join us for the optional BBO sessions:

1. A free BBO ID

2. A free ACBL Member Number

*This is a guest membership with the American Contract Bridge League.
The membership is free for 4 months.*

Then you can decide if you want to keep the membership beyond the trial period.

**At our website, you can find how to sign up for both these items.
I have also sent you a separate email with instructions on how to find these instructions.**

Wednesday Lectures / Optional 'Lab' BBO Games

Saturday Optional 'Lab' BBO Games

The 12 weeks of Bridge 3 offer:

* 9 Wednesday Lecture sessions Morning: 10-11:30am Evening: 7-8:30pm

* 3 Wednesday BBO 'Lab' Games Morning: 10-11:30am Evening: 7-8:30pm

and

* 10 Saturday BBO 'Lab' Games Morning: 10am – 12 noon
*Game will run about between 60 - 70 minutes.
Optional 30-40 minute Zoom recap after game*

Lectures:

Participants choose a specific Wednesday session as their primary time for the 9 Lectures:

Group I: Morning 10am - 11:30am

Group II: Evening 7pm - 8:30pm ***Participants choose one time as their primary time***

** Players will receive a pre—Wednesday PDF with accompanying video link for pre-class video explanation of the topic.*

** Wednesday Lecture in Zoom – a shortened version of the pre-class video lecture*

** Wednesday Lecture segues into Shark Bridge to apply the topic information from the lecture*

Participants receive their Zoom link, video link, and pre-class PDF by Sunday evening, 8pm.

'Lab' BBO Games:

8 Boards, 8 Minutes per Board

Participants may also choose to play with us in BBO in special sessions we're calling 'Labs.'
Just like in high-school Chemistry, the group meets outside of Lecture time to practice what they have learned.

- All Labs are optional.
- All Labs take place in BBO and must be registered and paid through BBO
- All Labs have a play piece followed by an optional Zoom bidding recap piece

What is the Cost of B3?

Wednesday Lecture / Shark Session Fee (9 weeks)

\$15 per person per session or \$135 to pay for all 9 Lectures up front: Your choice

Players may pay each week for individual classes or for the entire series up front.

You may use a Credit Card or PayPal to pay for your Course Enrollment.

You will find our Enrollment page here:

Look for Zoom Lessons / Workshops across the screen.

You will find Meagan Powell Lessons at the far left of the Enrollment area.

Find Bridge 3 and follow the links

Optional Wednesday BBO Lab sessions (3 weeks)

\$7 per person per BBO Game

This fee is paid directly to BBO when registering for a specific Game

Optional Saturday BBO Lab sessions (weekly)

\$7 per person per BBO Game

This fee is paid directly to BBO when registering for a specific Game

A Note About Cost for the Bridge 1 and Bridge 2 players now joining us for Bridge 3

In Bridge 3, if you attend the Wednesday Lecture / Shark Session and the optional Saturday Lab sessions, your total fee will roughly equal the course fee you paid in Bridge 1 and Bridge 2.

It's just packaged differently.

In B3, you are playing for only 1 Shark session per week (there are no Shark Saturday sessions). Instead, you are paying the BBO game fee.

As always, Saturdays are an optional piece.

If you don't attend on Saturday, you don't pay for BBO.

Schedule of the Basic Bridge Challenge Topics Series

Pre-Week: Navigating Bridge Base Online (BBO)

Optional meeting on Wednesday, January 13

Morning Session: 10am – 11am

Evening Session: 7pm – 8:00pm

Attendees will be taken through several BBO screens to discuss how to use the features.

Attendees who already have their BBO IDs may join Meagan on Saturday, January 16 at 10am to practice in an optional BBO short game with post-game recap – cost \$7.

Week 1: Blackwood and Gerber: Slam Bidding

Wednesday, Jan 20

10am – 11:30am

7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Jan 23

10am – 12noon

Concepts include the 'why' we bid on the 6-level - Small Slam - in an auction, necessary requirements to explore a Small Slam, how to complete the auction at the 6-level OR get out on the 5-level (sometimes the 4-level).

Week 2: Takeout Doubles I vs Simple Overcalls

Wednesday, Jan 27

10am – 11:30am

7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Jan 30

10am – 12noon

Concepts include the differences between a Common Takeout Double and a Simple Overcall, how to bid the Common TK DBL, how Partner reacts to your Common TK DBL

Week 3: Takeout Doubles II vs Simple Overcalls

Wednesday, Feb 3

10am – 11:30am

7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Feb 6

10am – 12noon

Concepts include the differences between a Big Overcall Takeout Double and a Simple Overcall, the differences between a Big Overcall Takeout Double and a Common Takeout Double, how to bid the Big Overcall TK DBL, how Partner reacts to your Big Overcall TK DBL

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Week 4: Workshop week in BBO on Takeout Doubles I and Takeout Doubles II

Wednesday, Feb 10
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Feb 13
10am – 12noon

There is no lecture this week.

Players may choose to participate in BBO Workshop sessions on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

Players may play twice on Wednesday, but they will be charged by BBO both times.

The Workshop game will run about 1 hour, followed by another 30-40 minute post-Game bidding recap by Meagan in Zoom. A PDF of the hands will be provided after the game. The hands will be different in each BBO Workshop Game. The hands will focus on the Common Takeout Double and the Big Overcall Takeout Double.

Week 5: Responder Bidding Basics

Wednesday, Feb 17
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Feb 20
10am – 12noon

This class is intended to round out some rough edges in Responder basic bidding that were not covered in their entirety in Bridge 1 or Bridge 2.

Concepts include bidding Responder a new suit on the 1-level, Responder bidding a new suit on the 2-level, Responder bidding 1NT - 2NT - 3NT as a first response, Opener's basic reaction to these Responder bids.

Week 6: Opener Rebid I and Responder Rebid I: Basic Rebids and Reactions

Wednesday, Feb 24
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, Feb 27
10am – 12noon

Concepts include Responder bidding with Game-Going points opposite Partner's Major-Suit Opener, Opener rebidding with a 6+ card suit after Responder shows no interest, Partner's reaction to Rebid information.

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Week 7: Opener Rebid II: Opener Rebid of 1NT and 2NT

Wednesday, March 3
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, March 6
10am – 12noon

Concepts include Opener rebidding NT when no immediate Fit with Responder is found, including Responder bidding the 1NT first response – “Junk Drawer,” Responder rebidding 2NT as a 2nd response with a balanced / roughly balanced hand, and Responding rebidding 3NT with a balanced / roughly balanced hand

Week 8: Responder Rebid II: Responder Rebid of 1NT – 2NT – 3NT

Wednesday, March 10
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, March 13
10am – 12noon

Concepts include Responder rebidding NT when no immediate Fit with Opener is found, including Opener rebidding 1NT to show a “NT-Lite” balanced hand, Opener jumping in a rebid to 2NT to show a “NT-and-a-Half” balanced hand, and Opener rebidding 2NT without a jump.

Week 9: Workshop week in BBO on Opener and Responder Rebids: I and II

Wednesday, March 17
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, March 20
10am – 12noon

There is no lecture this week.

Players may choose to participate in BBO Workshop sessions on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

Players may play twice on Wednesday, but they will be charged by BBO both times.

The Workshop game will run about 1 hour, followed by another 30-40 minute post-Game bidding recap by Meagan in Zoom. A PDF of the hands will be provided after the game. The hands will be different in each BBO Workshop Game. The hands will focus on Opener and Responder rebidding a level of NT.

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Week 10: Opener Rebid III: Opener Rebidding a Two-Suited Hand and the JumpShift

Wednesday, March 24 **Saturday, March 27 – THERE IS NO SATURDAY BBO GAME**
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Concepts include Responder rebidding a 2nd suit when no immediate Fit with Responder can be found, including Opener rebidding 1S after Responder's 1H first response, Opener rebidding a lower-ranking 2nd suit with a Minimum / Medium point count, Opener rebidding a lower-ranking 2nd suit with a Maximum point count – the [JumpShift](#).

Week 11 Responder Rebid III: Responder Rebidding a Two-Suited Hand

Wednesday, March 31 **Saturday, April 3 - THERE IS NO SATURDAY BBO GAME**
10am – 11:30am
7pm – 8:30pm

Concepts include Responder rebidding a 2nd suit when no immediate Fit with either of Opener's 2 bids can be found. This is a rarer occurrence than Opener's two-suited hand.

Week 12: Workshop week in BBO on Opener and Responder Rebids: III – Bidding a 2nd suit

Wednesday, April 7 **Saturday, April 10**
10am – 11:30am 10am – 12noon
7pm – 8:30pm

There is no lecture this week.

Players may choose to participate in BBO Workshop sessions on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

Players may play twice on Wednesday, but they will be charged by BBO both times.

The Workshop game will run about 1 hour, followed by another 30-40 minute post-Game bidding recap by Meagan in Zoom. A PDF of the hands will be provided after the game. The hands will be different in each BBO Workshop Game. The hands will focus on Opener and Responder bidding a lower-ranking 2nd suit.