

Marvelous Mondays - 3Q 2024

11:30 – 12:30

Suggested donation, \$5. Pays for copying; residual to club.

Monday – October 7	Hands from the Trenches	Steven
Monday – October 14	Lebensohl over Weak 2s	Bob H
Monday – October 21	Bidbetterbidbetterbidbetter	Gayle
Monday – October 28	Improving Your Defense (1 of 5)	Kay
Monday – November 4	Improving Your Defense (2 of 5)	Kay
Monday – November 11	Hands from the Trenches	Steven
Monday – November 18	Improving Your Defense (3 of 5)	Kay
Monday – November 25	Improving Your Defense (4 of 5)	Kay
Monday – December 2	Bidbetterbidbetterbidbetter	Gayle
Monday – December 9	Two-suited Bids	Bob H
Monday – December 16	Improving Your Defense (5 of 5)	Kay
Monday – December 23	Hands from the Trenches	Steven
Monday – December 30	Bidbetterbidbetterbidbetter	Gayle

Hands from the Trenches: Steven will take hands played at NWTBC that required more than a little thought to arrive at the right solution. All three parts of the game – bidding, declaring, defending -- may come into the discussion. We'll publicize the date and the board number of each hand before each class. Keep your results; and if you played these, note how you did, what you might have done. He'll make you a better player by always focusing on the theme: How to THINK ABOUT a bridge hand. And make no mistake: When you think the right thoughts, you win more!

Bidbetterbidbetterbidbetter: Gayle loves to teach bidding. Over and over, we note that players have the first two or three bids down...then they're lost in the trenches. Recently at the Club, we could tell from the final contract that only one pair (including the A side) knew how to bid a basic hand pattern. *Crazy!*, I said. You CANNOT win if you don't arrive at the right contract! I promise I'll make this fun.

Improving Your Defense: Kay will teach 5 lessons on Defense – widely assumed to be the hardest part of the game. There are basic premises – which card you lead, which card you play, which suit you attack, which suit you don't attack. She'll help you get there. And EVERYTHING about defense underscores this fact: IT'S A PARTNERSHIP GAME.

Bob Hertzog will teach two classes – both covering convention that will help you handle competitive auctions. Our popular Director of Education *always* helps you improve your game.