BRIDGE MENTORING

at Newtown Bridge Club

A friendly place for bridge!

The purpose of Bridge Mentoring at Newtown Bridge Club is to encourage aspiring bridge players by guiding their growth in all aspects of the game. Both the mentor and mentee accept certain responsibilities when participating in this program and both the mentor and mentee should benefit from the relationship.

Mentor and mentee should allow sufficient time before the game to fill out a convention card. Experienced mentors recommend the partnerships start with basic agreements and proceed to more sophisticated conventions and systems as the partnership matures. After the game, mentors and mentees should plan to spend a reasonable amount of time discussing the problems that came up during the game and analyzing the hands as a learning tool.

As in any game, partnerships should refrain from discussing hands until the round is finished and avoid conversations that other players might overhear during the game.

Have a Mentor

Benefits

- Coaching and advice
- Growing confidence
- Increased success
- More social interaction with experienced players

Responsibilities

- Be willing to take action on the information provided by your mentor
- Respect your mentor's time
- As you advance, pass on the gift of mentoring by taking on a mentee of your own

Be a Mentor

Benefits

- Keeps you sharp
- Shares your love for the game
- Enables you to give back to the bridge community
- Free play opportunities for mentors in a qualifying partnership

Responsibilities

- Share your time and knowledge generously
- Commit to play with your mentee at least once a month for 3 months

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Registration Form

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Name(s): _____

Games I can play *(circle all that apply)*:

12:30 Mon 12:30 Tue 7:00 Tue 10:00 Wed 12:30 Thu

Please check: ☐ I'd like to have a mentor ☐ I'd like to be a mentor

Return completed form to Susan Fronapfel, Linda Dale Mulholland or a game director.

- Mentors and mentees are: committed to playing together at least once a month for 3 months
  Newtown Bridge Club members
  ACBL members
- Mentees have fewer than 200 masterpoints.
- Mentors are at least 3 ranks above their mentee's masterpoint level.*
- Mentors may have more than one mentee at a time.
- Participants will be assigned a partnership by the club's mentoring coordinator.
- Alternately, participants may arrange their own mentoring partnership with the approval of the club's mentoring coordinator.

**Participation in the CBA (Connecticut Bridge Association) Mentoring Program requires ACBL membership, mentors have Life Master rank and at least 500 masterpoints and the mentor/mentee be a new partnership. Mentors will play free once a month (CBA pays half and the club matches CBA's contribution) for up to 6 months in an approved registered partnership.*