

EBC Online Lessons

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This note describes the online lessons that I am currently offering to EBC players/learners and their guests. Bridge Base Online is a terrific site and a great alternative to bridge at the club, and I strongly urge all of you to play bridge on it. Refer to my BBO online user guide, which is linked on the EBC home page.

My user name is ovohya.

Table lessons (for 4 and any kibitzers)

- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 and 10:00 Fri
- I host a table and we typically play random hands
 - Players can request a “topic” lesson; well in advance
- I provide ongoing commentary of the bidding and play via Zoom audio
- Email me to book a session; as a single, a pair or a table of 4
- Instructions to participate are found at the end of my BBO Online User Guide, linked on the EBC site
- Anyone may kibitz these tables at any time, just be sure to email me 2 hrs before start time, so I can add you to the zoom link email group
- I will move between the BBO game table (players play the hand) and the Zoom screen, which I will use to analyze the hand after. Players just need to be able to switch back and forth.

Monday “Topic” lessons

- Every Monday from 1:30 to 3:30
- All those in the learning email group will get an email containing the link to a zoom session invitation, click this link at 1:25
- On a rare occasion, we will be also playing a few hands on BBO.
 - If so, this will be indicated in the zoom invite email. I will play all four hands.
 - Everyone else attends BBO table as kibitzers, any number allowed. Log on to BBO at 1:25, then go to “People” tab and click the “ovohya” table; click Join
- These lessons are ideally suited for those in the 299er or 750 games (adv. Novice/intermediate players). However, others are welcome to attend
- Once we get started, please keep yourself on mute, and unmute only to ask a question or make a comment. With a large group, any background noise can be disruptive. To unmute yourself, press ALT+A. When you are done, press ALT+A to re-mute. Our numbers are not so large that I have to manage questions, just jump in with any.
- IF you wish to invite a non-EBCer, please have them email me with an introduction, and their BBO name
- Every lesson is recorded and posted on the “Zoom Bridge Lessons Menu” for your review or if you could not make a session.

Thursday Level 2 lesson

- **** Note we are now using this Thursday morning slot to get some playing experience**
 - We meet on zoom at 9:00 to get registered and form partnerships for the 9:20 0-5 BBO game
 - Pairs play the 9:20 BBO 0-5 (Masterpoint) game till just before 11:00
 - From 11:00 to about 11:50, I go over requested hands from the game just played

- We are also planning to play a 2nd time each week, 0-5 game Mondays at 1:20.
 - Participants can join my 1:00 zoom mtg for assistance and a partner
 - There will not be any hand analysis after this game
- Every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 (these lessons are on hold as we play as described above)
- Predominantly for the current Level 2 class, but others of similar skill level, such as the 0-20 players, are welcome
- Prepared beginner hands are used
- As above, zoom is always used and rarely BBO may be used (this will be indicated in email invite)
 - If on BBO, all will kibitz; any number allowed. Log on to BBO at 9:55, then go to “People” tab and click the “ovohya” table; click Join
- These lessons are recorded and posted on the “Zoom Bridge Lessons menu”

This covid time is a great time to do some self-study to improve your game. You should all be aware of my Learning Materials, which provide a substantial amount of custom-designed notes and quizzes with answers, with a strong emphasis on helping newer players. I am also posting quite a few of the lessons I am doing online.

As always, email or phone me with any questions or need for assistance

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