

# **Become a Better Defender**

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## ***Lesson Syllabus***

***Wednesday 1:00pm-2:50pm***

Material presentation and real time play of lesson hands during the 2 hour class.  
Live class, video and handout included with lesson. Replay lesson hands on Shark Bridge.

### **Lesson 1                      September 14, 2022                      Modern Notrump Lead Strategies**

This class will walk through the thought process in choosing the killing opening lead against notrump contracts. You will learn about defensive strategy along with which suit and which card to lead depending on the auction and your choices. All types of leads will be discussed including long-suit leads and sequence leads.

### **Lesson 2                      September 21, 2022                      Modern Suit Lead Strategies**

Join this fun-filled class on aggressive vs passive defenses as they affect suit contract opening leads. Short-suit leads, trump leads and which card to lead within the chosen suit will be explored.

### **Lesson 3                      September 28, 2022                      Third Hand Strategies**

We all know the sound bite "Third Hand High". The exceptions oftentimes make the difference between setting the contract or allowing declarer to make the contract. Dummy is the key...This class walks you through the goals and exceptions to 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand Play.

### **Lesson 4                      October 5, 2022                      Second Hand Strategies**

We have heard the saying "2nd Hand Low" but there are times when one should play high. What about cover an honor with an honor...does it matter how many honors are visible? Join the class and get answers to these questions and more.

### **Lesson 5                      October 12, 2022                      Attitude Signals**

Attitude signals are the primary signal when partner leads a suit. 3<sup>rd</sup> Hand uses this signal to guide the defense versus notrump and suit contracts. This is the first of three lessons on signaling and is the most important signal in any defense. One hour of material presentation, one hour of real time play of lesson hands. Live class, video and handout included with lesson.

### **Lesson 6                      October 19, 2022                      Count Signals**

You have attitude signals down when partner leads. What about when Declarer's leads? Well, then the signal is count. We can usually send the signal, but does partner know which signal you are sending? If not, bring them along! This class also explores returning partner's suit, inferences and the hold-up play.

### **Lesson 7                      November 2, 2022                      Suit Preference Signals**

Adding suit preference signals to your defense will turn so-so results into fabulous results! The four types of suit preference signals are discussed along with how to send and read these signals.

### **Lesson 8                      November 9, 2022                      Developing Defensive Tricks**

Having the tools doesn't mean your defense will soar. You also need to look at the big picture including taking sure tricks, promoting tricks, long-suit establishment, finesses and trumping declarer's winners.