

# AGILE BRIDGE BULLETIN

Winter 2018

MONDAY

12:15pm 299r Game  
(11:55am lecture)

TUESDAY

12:15pm 499r Game  
(11:30am Lecture, lunch)

THURSDAY

12:15pm Basics II & Game

FRIDAY

10:00am 499r & novice

Immanuel Lutheran Church 706 Knob Hill Ave. Redondo Beach through Tues., Jan. 16  
Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club 2515 Valley Dr., starting Thurs., Jan. 18

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Now that you have become comfortable in our new digs at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, it is time to move. The Church will remodel the Hall we play in. A/C, insulation and heating will make this a far more comfortable place for bridge. To make way for the remodel, we will move after our Tuesday, Jan. 16 game. Starting Thurs., Jan. 18, all our games and classes will be held at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club. Plans are to return to Immanuel Lutheran April 15.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

Agile Bridge Club is open over Christmas, except Mon. Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 (RB)

Los Angeles Regional – Dec. 26 – 31, North Glendale Hilton

North American Pairs District Final – Sun., Jan. 14, 10:00AM San Marino Senior Center

Agile BC Returns to Hermosa Kiwanis Club – after Tues., Jan. 16 game (RB/HB)

**Bridge Basics Level II** – starts Thurs., **Jan. 18**, 12:15PM (HB)

Top Scorer Contest – Fri., Jan. 19, 10:00AM (HB)

Club Membership Game – Mon., Jan 22, 12:15PM (HB)

Club Membership **Swiss Teams** – Mon. Jan. 22, 6:30PM (HB)

Inca Adventure Cruise: Valparaiso to Ft. Lauderdale – March 18 - April 2, 2018

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## WHY LEARN BRIDGE BASICS?

Jeff will entertain you as he recites poems, tickles your funny bone and wings a ballad. Basics are 90% of bridge bidding. Learn the core: take out doubles, Jacoby transfers, rebids, weak 2s, rock crushers & Blackwood. No partner required. Lessons start Thurs. Jan. 18, 12:15 – 2:30PM at the **Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club** 2515 Valley Drive. For more information or reservations, contact teacher Jeff Grotenhuis at (310) 600-4275, [jeffgro@gmail.com](mailto:jeffgro@gmail.com).

BASICS LEVEL II LESSONS START – Thurs., Jan. 18, 12:15 – 2:30PM

## SPECIAL GAMES

On Sunday, January 14, a record number of Agile players will compete in San Marino in the highly prestigious North American Pairs District Final for the right to play in Philadelphia! After our Club move in mid January, get ready for a Top Scorer Contest, Club Membership Game and Swiss Teams. Adventurous? Join us on our 16-day cruise to So. America & the Panama Canal in March.

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American Contract  
Bridge League

## A WINNING HAND

Dealer: N  
Both Vul.  
P – P – 1N  
P 3N  
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♠ 1042  
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♦ Q764  
♣ AQ10765  
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♠ 865  
♥ KQJ85  
♦ AK  
♣ K84

Bidding: South Opens 1NT with a strong 5 card major; this is modern bridge. Partner jumps to 3NT with 8 HCP, but lovely clubs – partner must have hearts. :-)  
Opening lead: opponents 1<sup>st</sup> error: low diamond despite strong 4 card spade suit.

Plan: Count winners: 9 losers: 5; no go suit: spades. Transportation problems? The hearts are alluring. I *just* have to knock out the Ace... If I give up the lead, opponents will take four spades and the ♥A.

Play: Take 9 quick tricks. Chance for an Overtrick? Cash ♦AK, then run clubs fast & *watch* (our short term memory lasts only 2 minutes). Running a long suit is the easiest way to squeeze our opponents. We play clubs first & then ♦Q. Why? Don't tell the opponents we are now out of diamonds. West feels the squeeze. He correctly discards two hearts, but he guards his ♦J9 and he thus discards winning spades! We play our ♦Q east discards his third spade! :-) Next play is crucial. We eschew the ♦7 & lead a losing spade. East takes the king and then makes a wrong guess. He plays his ♥A & then ♥9 into our ♥K, handing us an overtrick and the top board!