

Etobicoke Bridge Centre

Why you should learn to play bridge (at the EBC)

Would you like to learn the best card game in the world, and possibly the best non-physical game ever?

Here are some of the many reasons to take up this great game.

- It is a great brain-boosting activity. While bridge can be enjoyed by anyone from children to seniors, it is perfect for those in retirement, looking for a way to stimulate and challenge your mind. You will provide a workout for your skills of analysis, problem-solving, inference, logic, communication, math, memory, visualization and psychology, to name a few.
- Bridge is a great avenue for socializing. You meet lots of people, make new friends, and can play with one or many different people. Some EBC novices are already attending tournaments, typically on weekends. In addition to playing at our bridge club, many players get together at their homes for additional play.
- You can choose to play bridge intensely or casually, whatever your preference. Active players play and attend lessons at the EBC, play at homes, and some go to tournaments. Casual players might choose to play at home, and perhaps occasionally at a local bridge club like the EBC.
- It is relatively cheap to play. One afternoon of duplicate bridge at the EBC costs \$9.00. One can play at a bridge friend's home for free or perhaps a tray of butter tarts.
- Bridge is very engaging, and provides a great distraction from whatever problems might exist in your life. For 3 hours, you will focus on playing as best you can, having fun, nothing else.
- You are constantly learning. The complexity of the game is why it is such a great activity, challenges never stop coming. Every hand is a new adventure!
- Another appeal of bridge is that it is an easy game to learn the basics of, but a hard game to master, but you don't have to be an expert to enjoy it. You don't need a partner to learn bridge. You'll meet suitable partners as you learn.
- It satisfies any competitive drive you may have. You can compete at whatever level is appropriate for your skill level. Many enjoy earning Master points and achieving milestones, such as becoming a Life Master.
- You can play and enjoy bridge all of your life. Even after your physical leisure activities are limited or not available, bridge can be played for many additional years. You can go out to play bridge at clubs or tournaments. If, however, you are physically limited, or simply prefer the convenience, you can play at home, or on the computer or online.



- Famous bridge players include Warren Buffet and Bill Gates. With all their money, they choose to spend some of their leisure time playing bridge!!
- You can play duplicate bridge at one of 3500 bridge clubs all over the world. Travelling in Europe, how about dropping into a local bridge club in Paris or any major city in the world.

Why play at the Etobicoke Bridge Centre, versus elsewhere?

- Best snacks in the GTA, often home-made sandwiches, pastries
- Well-run game, two of our four directors are tournament-certified
- Annual weekend up north in the Fall
- Annual outdoor backyard game
- Hand records and Master points for every game
- Very pleasant room, very comfortable chairs



Very good teaching program, taught by a retired school teacher, Life Master, ACBL Certified teacher

The Etobicoke BC offers absolute beginner lessons once a year. The next one is starting September 2018. You can register for this 10-week course, Mondays 12:30 – 3:00 by calling Steve Overholt at 647.897.6179 or emailing etobicokebridge@gmail.com. Your first lesson is free. Also all information is at www.etobicokebridge.com. (Follow-up Level 2 course starts January - March 2018)

Add a wonderful, fun activity to your life, come and learn bridge, you won't regret it.

WHAT A GAME!!

Steve Overholt