

The Simsbury Bridge Club

Mike,

The Simsbury Bridge Club has returned from hiatus!

ACBL-sanctioned games are scheduled for every Wednesday evening at 6:30. They are always over by 10, and coffee, tea, and goodies are always available. You won't find a friendlier game anywhere. I played my first duplicate game there fifteen years ago, and I have been making the weekly thirty-minute drive to play there ever since.



The club actually has the room, which is in the basement of Eno Hall on Route 10, from 6:00 p.m. until 10. When Helen Pawlowski was running the game she provided (free) short lessons before each game. It was a tremendously popular feature that I have volunteered to revive if there is enough interest. My favorite topic has always been competitive bidding. Here are some of the topics that I would like to discuss:

- The framework for modern competitive bidding
- Partner bids a suit and RHO doubles
- Partner bids a suit and RHO overcalls
- Partner bids 1NT and RHO overcalls
- What does it take to overcall?
- What does it take to double for takeout?
- Balancing
- When should I pass partner's double?
- Responding to partner's overcall
- Two-suited overcalls
- Do we need a notrump defense? Two?
- When to interfere over 1NT
- OBAR BIDS.

I envision these as rather informal occasions. I will provide a handout and will organize the discussion, but questions and ideas from everyone will be welcome. If you like, you can bring your supper and munch while listening. **If you are interested in this, please reply to this email or contact me at Mike@Wavada.org.** I hope to start on Wednesday, 5/22.

In any case, please join us this Wednesday and whenever you can. If you need a partner, contact Ken Leopold at Kenneth.leopold@hhchealth.org.

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