

CCBA Teacher Tracker

If you are interested in lessons, please use the provided email or phone number to contact the teacher for more information.

Phyllis Bartlett

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Phyllis Bartlett is an ACBL Certified Teacher and Duplicate Bridge Director and club owner. She has been actively teaching on the North Shore and in Chicago for the past 16 years and directing for the past 12 years. She is well versed in instructing beginners and advancing players in private and group lessons. Her enthusiasm for the game is seen in her teaching skills; her avocation became her vocation.

Mike Cochran

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Mike Cochran is an ABTA Master Teacher. He has been playing duplicate bridge for 16 years. Mike offers group and private bridge instruction. He has taught bridge for 10 years, including instruction on cruise ships; he recently completed his 34th cruise. Mike's instruction includes tournament coaching, bidding, declarer play, and defense. He likes to teach bridge fundamentals and believes that the important part is to have FUN.

Linda Corwin

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Linda teaches students with a range of experience from total beginners to those with some duplicate background. She is available for small or large groups of students. Linda resides in Highland Park.

Ryan Daniels

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Ryan has been playing and teaching bridge for 31 years, and he's one of the youngest bridge teachers you'll find at age 47. He is a Life Master who lives in Vernon Hills but is happy to travel to wherever a bridge teacher is needed. Ryan has been teaching online for the past 5 years; his students range in age from 8 to 80. Ryan has taught a wide variety of classes on bidding, competitive bidding, slam bidding, conventions, defense, and play of the hand. He has taught in large and small group settings, 1-on-1, and partnerships. Ryan focuses on the fun and beauty in the game and allows people to give themselves grace when they make a mistake because mistakes are the best way to learn. Ryan says "Remember the only reason to play bridge is to have fun! So, let's have fun!"

Ron Fogel

630-629-7911

Ron is an ACBL Accredited teacher and club owner. A resident of Lombard, he has taught for many years at College of DuPage, Triton Junior College, and the Wheaton Park District. Lessons cover bidding, play of the hand, defense, and duplicate.

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Craig Jacobson	congo43052@yahoo.com	847-345-0642
<p>Craig Jacobson has been playing duplicate bridge for 50 years and has achieved the rank of Sapphire Life Master. He currently teaches bridge at the Niles Senior Center and the Northbrook Leisure Center and may begin teaching a group at the Nielson Center in Northfield in the future. He also teaches a private group of more experienced players. Craig welcomes opportunities at park district facilities. He also does private or small group lessons.</p>		
Donald Joseph	dljoseph@gmail	847-338-3564 847-835-0979
<p>Donald has been teaching bridge for more than 14 years on 5 different cruise lines. He is a member of American Bridge Teachers Association, an ACBL Gold Life Master, and Certified Director. Donald was certified by Better Bridge (Audrey Grant) after spending two weeks watching her teach on a cruise. Donald uses the Better Bridge "cards on the table" methodology because it is both more effective and more fun, right from the outset. The goal is understanding of the game and enjoyment, not memorization of rules. Donald is open to teaching a multi-week course or a single-day, one-topic session. He has more than two years of in-home teaching for beginners and intermediates on Chicago's North Shore. He has been a BBO BIL (Beginner and Intermediate Lounge) mentor and now teaches virtually with students from anywhere with internet capability.</p>		
Ellen Kent	ellenkent18@gmail.com	310-990-3314
<p>A clinical psychologist, Ellen has taught bridge for more than forty years. In Chicago, she taught upwards of 72 students a week. Ellen has taught on numerous cruise ships and was a guest on Audrey Grant's PBS TV show; she has taught bridge worldwide. Ellen has served on ACBL and district committees in various roles. Ellen represented the U.S. in numerous World Championships, has won two national championships, with 12 second place finishes, and is an Emerald Life Master, certified director, accredited star teacher, and is in the <i>ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge</i>. Ellen is willing to teach beginners in her residence with flexible time and days, i.e. no online nor travel. Ellen's rate is for her time, not per person. Normally it takes four sessions to finish each book. The book used is available on Amazon: <i>Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction (The Official Better Bridge Series)</i>.</p>		

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Kalman Krause	kalkrause08@gmail.com	224-432-3673
<p>Kalman is an accredited Skokie teacher and club director. After 30 years of enjoyment playing the game. Kalman is pleased to be able now to give back to the game that he truly enjoys. Kalman is available to teach small groups (4 to 8 students) of beginners in the Chicago area. Kalman takes on small groups at home who want to further their knowledge of the game, those that haven't played for many years or simply those that want to upgrade their understanding of card play, defense, or modern methods of bidding.</p>		
Carolyn Oesterle	csoesterle@gmail.com	630-649-4245 630-469-9382
<p>Carolyn, of Glen Ellyn, is a Best Practices Certified ACBL instructor (March 2024). She teaches beginners, intermediate, and groups online. She has one year teaching experience with beginners and intermediate players. She has an NABC Master rating. Beginner class Fridays continue Oct 18 to Nov. 29, 2024, from 2-4 PM at Community Center, 415 W. 8th St. Hinsdale.</p>		
L. James Phillips	kibitzer@comcast.net	
<p>Jim is an ACBL Accredited Teacher and club director from Chicago teaching online. Youth, beginners, intermediate, advanced, and private. He is a Platinum Life Master (14,000+ Masterpoints), with dozens of Regional Tournament wins. Jim listed in the <i>Who's Who</i> section of <i>ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge</i>.</p>		
Frank Redman		847-432-6459
<p>Frank is a Sapphire Life Master and accredited ACBL teacher living in Highland Park. He has been teaching 15 years with 20 students. Frank can teach both in person and online but his preference is online. He follows basic teaching procedures relying on Barclay materials.</p>		
Ginny & Jeff Schuett	jgschuett2@comcast.net	847-940-7236
<p>Ginny & Jeff Schuett, of Riverwoods, Illinois, are Grand Life Masters with more than 11,000 masterpoints each and winners of two National Bridge Championships together in 2013 & 2014. In addition, Jeff won two other National Bridge Championships with another favorite partner, Kerry Smith. Ginny has been teaching bridge at all levels for over 40 years, and Jeff has been teaching bridge extensively since 2005, as well as directing local bridge games and playing professionally with clients in club games and tournaments. Ginny and Jeff have taught and directed extensively on cruise ships since 1997. The couple are both American Bridge Teacher Association Master Teachers and Jeff was named ABTA Master Point Press Teacher of the Year in 2015.</p>		

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Richard Strauss	Richardandjanie@gmail.com	847-275-0503
Richard has 40+ years of experience as bridge teacher and 50 years as serious player. He offers group or private lessons.		
Michelle M. Winand		847-828-6880 847-729-3762
Michelle is an ACBL Accredited teacher in Glenview. She will teach beginners, intermediate, advanced, and private.		