

## TENTATIVE OUTLINE for “ADVANCED DEFENSE”, Sept. 16 - Nov. 18

- I. Review of Opening Leads – Against Suits and No Trump; Active vs Passive; When & When Not to Lead a Singleton; Leads vs Slams, etc.
- II. Review of Third-Hand Play – Rule of Eleven; Ducking; Overtaking; Unblocking. Review of Leads After Trick One – To Return Partner’s Suit, or Not? Lead a New Suit or Play the Waiting Game?
- III. Defensive Tactics – Leading from Precarious Suit Combinations; Leading a Trump; Attacking Dummy’s Entries; Hold-Up Play; Reading the Location of High Cards and the Distribution; Unusual Plays to Put Partner on Lead; Killing Declarer’s Discards.
- IV. Review of Second-Hand Play – When to “break the rules”; When to unblock.
- V. Signals, in depth – Attitude (Signaling with honor cards & when not to signal); Count (In all positions and in the trump suit); Suit Preference Signals (In all positions: When you lead; when partner leads; & when declarer leads),
- VI. PRACTICE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED WITH PREPARED HANDS.
- VII. Defensive Trump Tricks – Giving & Getting a Ruff; Trump Promotion Plays; When Not to Ruff & When Not to Overruff; Forcing Declarer to Ruff.
- VIII. Discarding & Deception – Accurate Discarding; Discarding to Help Partner; Deceiving the Opponents.
- IX. 15 Conventional Leads and Signals – Includes all of the most highly used conventions
- X. PRACTICE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED WITH PREPARED HANDS.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, in the 6:00 to 7:00 pm time slot. We will meet in the RBC Education Room, and we will cover a LOT of material. You will be given handouts each week for recording notes and working exercises. It will be challenging but fun and the course should improve your defensive techniques immensely. Hope you will join us!