

HBC MENTOR PROGRAM

SPRING SUMMER SESSION 2019

The HBC Mentor Program is intended to provide the opportunity for advancing players (mentees) to improve their game by playing with and learning from more advanced players (mentors)



A new session of the Hartford Bridge Club Mentor Program will begin on June 10, 2019 and run through September 23, 2019.

If you are interested in participating as a **MENTOR**, please send an email to hbcmentor@gmail.com saying you would like to be a mentor (or are willing to be a mentor if needed). Let us know if you are a Life Master.

If you are interested in being a **MENTEE**, please email your answers to the **Mentee Questionnaire** below to hbcmentor@gmail.com. Or you can simply attach a completed questionnaire to your email. Note: Mentee emails must include a completed Mentee Questionnaire which is attached.

Submissions must be received by June 1, 2019.

Even if you have replied to a previous posting, you will need to reply to this posting to participate in this session of the program.

We have found that the time frames used for previous mentoring sessions have not worked for some of our members, such as those who live outside the state for extended periods. If the time frame for this session would not work for you, please let us know in the questionnaire, and we will try to accommodate your needs.

PLEASE NOTE

- 1. To qualify as a mentee, you must have no more than 500 masterpoints.**
- 2. The session will run for 12 weeks during the period from June 10, 2019, through September 23, 2019. Mentors and mentees together should set their 12-week schedule during that time span to accommodate vacations, etc.**
- 3. We will try to accommodate everyone who applies to be a mentee, but we may be limited by the number of mentors available.**

Please send any questions or comments to:

hbcmentor@gmail.com

Best regards,

Roger Pikor

MENTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:

Email:

Phone(s):

Please answer these questions to help the mentoring committee create the optimum pairings of mentors and mentees.

1. How many master points do you currently have? Are you a Life Master?
2. At which HBC game(s) do you most often play?
3. What do you hope to gain from the mentoring program?
(improved bidding, better declarer play, stronger defensive play, more effective slam bidding, additional bidding conventions)
4. Are you willing to play in an open (morning) game at HBC with your mentor?
5. Have you previously been a mentee in the HBC program? If so, when?
6. If the proposed time frame does not work for you, what 12 weeks (not necessarily consecutive) would work better for you?

Please note: Many mentors are not eligible to play in some or all of the limited-point games (i.e., the weekday afternoon games and the Tuesday evening 0-50 game). If you are unwilling to play in the morning games, that may limit our ability to match you with a suitable mentor.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The HBC Mentor Program offers guidance and direction to mentees and provides them an opportunity to obtain answers to their bridge questions.

Obligations of the Mentor

Meet with your mentee and agree on a convention card appropriate for the mentee.

Be available to provide advice in person at HBC or by email to answer your mentee's questions.

Play with your mentee at HBC at least three times. HBC will provide you up to two free games per month (per mentee). Free games are only allowed while playing with your mentee. Maximum number of free games per mentee is six.

Recognize that your mentee is also your partner and make comments, suggestions, etc., only at appropriate times.

Provide guidance in an appropriate manner, focusing on play of the hand, defense (leads, signals, etc.), and bidding. Reinforce the ACBL and HBC zero-tolerance culture. Recommend books in the HBC library.

Provide guidance appropriate for your mentee's skill level.

Obligations of the Mentee

It is the mentee's responsibility to initiate interactions.

When asking questions, be specific. For example, if your question is about a specific hand, have the hand record available or reference where the hand can be found on the HBC website.

Accept constructive criticism from your mentor. It is OK to discuss the issue and seek clarity, but don't argue.

Be reasonable in how often you contact your mentor. Be patient when interacting via email.

Remember that your mentor is donating his/her time. Take suggestions seriously and incorporate your mentor's advice into your game.