

Preface

This work is a compilation of lessons given at the Chicago Duplicate Bridge club in 2017-2018. The lessons are about different aspects in bridge, including card play, partnership bidding, useful conventions, hand evaluation, competitive auction tactics, and matchpoint thinking. Many of the lessons discuss basic **topics**—“A strong building needs a solid foundation,” as my first bridge teacher told me—but the content is not at a basic **level**. Each lesson is introduced by “Gino’s Comments,” which provide an introduction to the topic at hand. Read these comments twice: before and again after each lesson. Rather than stop and define each bridge term (many of which will already be familiar), I have compiled a glossary of terms at the end of the book.

In my lessons, I emphasize **thinking** bridge rather than **memorizing**. My teaching philosophy and my love for the game mandate this approach. I also believe in the importance of learning through examples, which you will find throughout this book. A careful study of these examples is crucial to the process of improving your bridge. Learning how to think bridge is not easy, but it is essential. If you are an intermediate or advanced player who wishes to play better bridge and learn how bridge experts think, this book is for you. Onward now to better bridge!

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