



### Planet Bridge

Martha Ehrenfeld, Coach & Board Member, Planet Bridge

August 2024

Contact Martha: [martha@planet-bridge.org](mailto:martha@planet-bridge.org)

### Planet Bridge Needs You to Recruit New Players!



Planet Bridge is a donation-based online program that teaches the principles of bridge to new players. Founded by Deborah Drysdale, a member of San Francisco Unit 506 and Amaresh Deshpande, who lives in India, Planet Bridge offers a 24-week spiral curriculum that welcomes new adult players three times a year. It has a new cycle of lessons starting in on September 3.

Planet Bridge's mission is to grow the game by introducing new players in a supportive and playful manner, an onramp to bridge. Using logic puzzles and mini bridge games, the coaches introduce mechanics and basic concepts. Their community of coaches are committed to creating a relaxed, friendly, and inclusive atmosphere.

Each session of Planet Bridge starts with a Zoom welcome. On the first day of a new cycle, more seasoned players type a waterfall of advice in the Zoom chat. "Have fun, it is only a game, this is my third time through, bid boldly, have a cocktail, mistakes are part of learning."

All coaches are volunteers except Marcus, our "Zoom Butler" and Shark Bridge wiz. As one Planet Bridge coach remarked, "Teaching the newbies has been great, it has made me a better player too. Most of all, we want our students to feel part of the Planet Bridge community and have fun while learning."

Planet Bridge is proud to announce that one of our coaches, Phil Abrahamson, was awarded the 2024 American Bridge Teachers Association's Teacher of the Year. Phil's PowerPoint presentations are clear and simple: he makes you laugh with his funny cultural references. Phil tells great stories of growing up in a Bridge family and often shares how he and his wife can survive huge miscommunication at the table. All coaches at Planet Bridge love to celebrate mistakes, theirs included!

Please talk up Planet Bridge to your friends who are Bridge curious. Help us to introduce them to the game that we all love.

- No prior experience necessary
- Make new friends or bring a friend and learn together
- All US time zones can join
- Rusty players welcomed too
- New cycle starts Tuesday September 3rd at 4pm Pacific/ 7pm Eastern

Planet Bridge is donation-based. We ask students to donate monthly and hosted our first online gala in May.

To find out more information please check out our website or contact us @

[www.planet-bridge.org](http://www.planet-bridge.org)

[Connect@planet-bridge.org](mailto:Connect@planet-bridge.org)