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Welcome to the Cincinnati Bridge Association!

Card playing has a long history and is enjoyed by many cultures around the world. Many people equate bridge with poker or blackjack, but they are actually quite different. Someone once said, "Poker is a people game that involves cards, but Bridge is actually a card game played by people." For many of us, that captures much of our fascination with bridge - primarily a game of skill, but with a social dimension that keeps us coming back for more. The game traces back to the 18th century games like whist. Modern game of Contract Bridge was created in 1925 when Harold Vanderbilt redefined the rules of bridge to include game contracts, vulnerability and other scoring changes. These changes led to a boom in bridge play. Charles Goren became the face of modern bridge when bridge was featured in both Sports Illustrated and Time magazines in the 1950's and 1960's.

Why do people play bridge? Some of us play because we love puzzles and the mental challenges that the game presents. Some of us play because it is a relatively inexpensive form of entertainment. Some of us play because it is a social event - many friendships and longstanding relationships have been made at the bridge table. Some of us play because we crave competition or have the desire to learn something new.

There are known health benefits for playing bridge regularly. It helps you stay mentally sharp and can even slow down the aging process. Bridge improves your skills in logic, probability, deductive reasoning, inferential reasoning, decision making, strategy, language and gathering information. Research has shown that children who play bridge do better in class and on standardized tests than non-bridge playing students.

Duplicate bridge players have the opportunity to compete locally, nationally or globally as their time and talent allow. Can you think of another activity where you can pay a small fee and play against national champions, famous personalities like Bill Gates and Warren Buffett and stars from around the world?

The Cincinnati Bridge Association (CBA) is the largest duplicate bridge organization in Greater Cincinnati. The CBA operates a 5,400 sq. ft. bridge center in Evendale, OH with bridge games 6 days a week. Our web site is a rich source of information on playing bridge, classes for all levels, local newsletters and the location and time for duplicate games in the Greater Cincinnati area. We offer beginning bridge classes several times a year thru our affiliations with UC's OLLI program and thru the Jewish Community Center.



See you at the table!

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