

Mentor/Mentee Program

Here are the details of the program. Mentors will spend 15 minutes with their mentee before the game to go over a convention card and answer questions of their mentee. After the game, the mentor will spend 20 - 30 minutes going over problem hands. This program will be limited to mentees with less than 500 Masterpoints. Mentors cannot be an established partner of their mentee. Mentors are limited to three sessions with any given mentee. Mentors may have multiple mentees. In order to make the program available to the most players possible, mentees will be limited to three games. Most mentor/mentee pairs will play in the OPEN game, but it is possible for a highly accomplished 499er to mentor a beginner in a 499 game.

If you are available to be an online mentor on any given game, send a BBO text message to VACB267476 or bethstlou. If you want to mentor face to face, contact Beth at the Center 314-569-1430. Likewise, if you are a mentee and need a mentor, send a BBO text message to VACB267476 or bethstlou or call Beth at the Center. You must do this twenty minutes before game time to fulfill the pre-game requirement of the Mentor/Mentee program.

Consider playing in the weekday afternoon game at 1:30 on bbo, as it is smaller and may be less stressful, or in one of the lesser masterpoint games at the Center.

Both players will pay for their own game fees. The mentors will be reimbursed \$14 to cover their entry fee and provide a free play if playing online, or be given free plays if mentoring at the Center. If you arrange your own Mentor/Mentee bbo partnership, message VACB267476 or bethstlou via BBO after you register so we can log in the transaction and transfer \$14 to the mentor after the game starts.

Please provide feedback to Beth or Janet regarding your experience with this program.

Walk-around-bridge is available at the Virtual Bridge Center.. A group of four players meets with an overseer who has a teaching table on BBO. The overseer can watch you play random deals and make constructive comments to enhance your game. You can ask questions and make comments. The session lasts for 90 minutes and the charge is only \$10 per player. Hopefully everyone leaves with a heightened sense of bridge. The financial arrangements are between you and the instructor. They may use Paypal, Venmo, or a check in the mail. Send an e-mail to janetvontz@gmail.com if you are interested in this program. Or contact one of the instructors:

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The CHAT game is underway. CHATSTERS meet Monday mornings for the 10AM face to face game at the Center. Debb has a mini-lesson before the game. You play 12-15 boards, and Masterpoints are awarded to the winners. Tell your friends. The Masterpoint limit is 99. Email questions to rastapoodle@att.net