



Online Lessons with Marty Bergen

Longtime teacher and author, Marty Bergen, is beginning a series of lessons on the internet.

The format will be informative, easy-to-understand and entertaining (as in his books).

The lesson is totally appropriate for both intermediate and advanced players.

The First Lesson is
What to Do After a Preempt

Marty will provide detailed information on the following topics:

- After partner's weak 2-bid, to bid or not to bid**
- What you need to respond to partner's 3-level preempt**
- How to proceed when your RHO opens a weak 2-bid**
- The best strategy against an opponent's 3-level preempt**

Five hands from the lesson can be seen on Marty's website: www.martybergen.com

Because everyone's schedule is different, Marty will present this lesson twice. Signing up entitles you to attend either or both sessions!

The lessons will take place on:

Thursday, July 16, 9:30 PM (Eastern US time), AND
Sunday, July 19, 2:00 PM (Eastern US time).

Each lesson will last about 90 minutes.

Here's an example of what I will be doing at the lesson:

With both vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9432
♥ A8
♦ K102
♣ A842

Partner	RHO	You
3 ♦	pass	?

What's your call?

The answer can be found at the bottom of the next page.

All technical issues will be handled by computer expert Howard Schutzman. Howard Schutzman is also a prominent online bridge teacher.

In addition to the lesson, all participants will receive:

- Hand records for the 25 example hands; which will be emailed beforehand.
- A written record of all questions asked at the two lessons plus Marty's detailed answers will be emailed to everyone on July 21.

The special price for this lesson is only \$25. To secure your spot, all you need is your credit card.

Click on the following link: www.bridgesights.com/hondobridge/mbclasspreempts.php

Once you do, just follow the well-explained instructions on the page.

The classes will be given in a chat room on the popular FREE online bridge site, Bridge Base Online. (BBO). Access to BBO is easily available for everyone.

If you don't currently belong to BBO, instructions to join the site are provided on the page.

With questions, email: hschutzman@alum.mit.edu or mbergen@mindspring.com

Two additional bonuses. All who sign up will receive:

1. An additional \$5 discount on their first order placed with Marty for more than \$20 (between 7/1/09 and 12/31/09).
2. A very special discount on Marty's two new booklets:

Modern Doubles and 2/1 Game Forcing

Answer to question:

Bid 3NT. You are a big favorite to make 3NT -- even if partner has a frisky vulnerable preempt such as:

♠ 76
♥ 9
♦ AJ98654
♣ 753

You will only go down if:

- A. They lead a spade; AND
- B. An opponent has 5+ spades; AND
- C. Spades are not blocked.

By the way, even if all of the above does occur, your small minus score is still a lot better than watching them score 620 in their laydown 4 Hearts.