

February at BAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Bring a new friend to BAND and you both play free!</i></p>	<p>1 12:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes 6:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes Potluck Dinner</p>	<p>2 12:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>3 12:30 Triple Points Prs Chili Day! 6:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 NSSD</p>	<p>4 12:30 Learn-N-Play 12:30 NSSD 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>5 12:30 Triple Points Prs 4:30 Free Kid's Class 6:30 Triple Points PIZZA SWISS</p>	<p>6 Pastries-N-Fruit Day! 10:00 Learn-N-Play 10:00 NSSD 1:00 International Fund Game 1/2 Red Pts</p>
<p>7 1:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 No Game Enjoy the Superbowl!</p>	<p>8 12:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes 6:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes</p>	<p>9 12:30 NSS Plus+ Soup-N-Sandwich Day! 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>10 12:30 Triple Points Prs 6:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 NSSD</p>	<p>11 12:30 Learn-N-Play 12:30 NSSD 6:30 Triple Points Prs Brownies & Picture Night</p>	<p>12 12:30 Triple Points Prs 4:30 Free Kid's Class 6:30 Triple Points PIZZA SWISS</p>	<p>13 Pastries-N-Fruit Day! 10:00 Learn-N-Play 10:00 NSSD 1:00 Triple Points Prs</p>
<p>14 1:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 Triple Points Prs Club Championship "Trophies & Pictures" Valentine's Party!</p>	<p>15 12:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes Deviled Egg Day! 6:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes</p>	<p>16 12:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>17 12:30 Triple Points Prs 6:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 NSSD Fruit-N-Cheese & Predict Your Score!</p>	<p>18 12:30 Learn-N-Play 12:30 NSSD 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>19 12:30 Triple Points Prs 4:30 Free Kid's Class 6:30 Triple Points PIZZA SWISS "8 Is Enough" Special</p>	<p>20 Pastries-N-Fruit Day! 10:00 Learn-N-Play 10:00 NSSD 1:00 Triple Points Prs</p>
<p>21 1:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>22 12:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes 6:30 Triple Points Prs Raffle Ticket Prizes</p>	<p>23 12:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 Triple Points Prs Pasta Night!</p>	<p>24 12:30 Triple Points Prs 6:30 NSS Plus+ 6:30 NSSD</p>	<p>25 12:30 Learn-N-Play 12:30 NSSD 6:30 Triple Points Croissant Day!</p>	<p>26 12:30 Triple Points Prs 4:30 Free Kid's Class 6:30 Triple Points PIZZA SWISS</p>	<p>27 Pastries-N-Fruit Day! 10:00 Learn-N-Play 10:00 NSSD 1:00 Triple Points Prs</p>
<p>28 1:30 NSS Plus+ Sweet Treats! 6:30 Triple Points Prs</p>	<p>Triple Points Duplicate 24-26 Boards Hand Records Refreshments & Fun Every Session!</p>	<p>NSS Plus+ Duplicate Supervised 18-21 Boards Average Masterpoints Triple Points! Mini Lesson 20 Minutes Prior to Game</p>	<p>2010 Team Challenge Everyone is on a team! Check the website for your team assignment. Your team needs you! Start playing today...</p>	<p>Friday Night Pizza Swiss Triple Points! Weekly teams game. Teammates arranged. Join us this week!</p>	<p>NSS Duplicate Supervised Play Ask Questions & Use Notes * 12-16 Boards Mini Lesson 20 Minutes Prior to Game</p>	<p>Learn-N-Play Supervised Group Ask Questions & Use Notes * 12 Boards Mini Lesson 20 Minutes Prior to Game</p>
<p><i>Learn with Experts... Play with Your Friends! bridgeacademy@mindspring.com</i></p>		<p>Online Reservations & Partnerships at www.bridgeacademyofnorthdallas.com Click on "Reservations & Online Partnerships"</p>			<p>Bridge Academy of North Dallas 12250 Inwood Rd. Suite 8 Dallas, TX 75244 Tel. 972.960.6700 * Fax. 214.373.0370</p>	

February Top Tips

After partner opens the bidding and second hand overcalls 1NT to show the strength of an opening one notrump bid, double for penalty if you have 8 or more high card points. Bidding a suit denies the strength to double.

You hold: ♠ 10x ♥ KJxx ♦ AJxxx ♣ J10

North	East	South (you)	West
1S	1NT	?	

Double. You have them outgunned. You should be able to defeat 1NT easily. If you bid 2D, you are showing fewer than 8 HCP with at least five diamonds, usually six.

When signaling encouragement with equal spot cards, signal with the higher or highest equal.

With A987, signal encouragement with the 9 (which denies the 10). If you lazily signal with the 8, you are denying the 9! Some partners actually watch stuff like that.

When leading from the dummy to take a finesse with a number of equal honors in your hand, finesse with the higher or highest equal.

Say you have the AQJ10 in your hand and xx in the dummy. When you lead low from dummy and second hand plays low, play the queen. You give away too much information if you play the 10. If the 10 loses to the king, second hand will know you still have the QJ. If the queen loses to the king, second hand won't know you have the J10. He may suspect, but he doesn't know. If the 10 wins, and second hand has the king, he knows you still have the QJ. If the queen wins, second hand doesn't know you have the J10. Did you follow that? Read it again!

Special Events

Mini Lessons

30 minutes before all Play-N-Learn, NSSD, & NSS Plus games. Great handouts included!

Picture Day & Night

The winners of Strata A, B and C will have their pictures placed in the Winner's Circle at **BAND** and on the Website.

Club Championship Pairs

The winners of Strata A, B and C will receive trophies and have their pictures placed on in the Winner's Circle at **BAND** and on the website.

Pot Luck Dinners

During the 6:30pm games, **BAND** provides the meat and you bring all of those delicious side dishes. See Calendar for dates.

Thursday Lucky Score Jackpot Series

The pot starts with \$25 and each player puts in fifty cents per game. The person that hits that day's "Lucky Score," chosen by the computer, takes home the pot. Otherwise, the money rolls over to the next game. Participation is optional.

Predict Your Score

Designated games throughout October are "Predict Your Score" events. At the end of round one, you write what your percentage will be at the end of the game. If you are within .25 of your guess, you win a free play for a future game at **BAND**.

Sweet Treats, Deviled Eggs, Cheese-N-Fruit, Chili & Pasta

BAND will provide sweet treats, deviled eggs-N-tuna salads, Cheese-N-Fruit, Chili and Pasta. See Calendar for dates.

Bridge Bingo

30 minutes prior to all games. Easy chance to win a free play for a future game.

Pastries-N-Fruit

Every Saturday morning, **BAND** will provide pastries and fruit for the 10:00 games.

Duplicate Bridge Etiquette

MANNERS ARE IMPORTANT Greet your opponents at the beginning of the round and smile! At the end of the round, they are still your friends...

SILENCE IS GOLDEN Conversation stops when you remove your hand from the board.

THINK BEFORE YOU TOUCH Once you have decided on a bid in your mind, then use your hand to choose the bid from the box.

Don't let your fingers do your thinking!

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE Once the auction is complete, make your opening lead and table the dummy before you write the contract in your private score.

Remember to lead face down!

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CURRENT ROUND...STAYS IN THE CURRENT ROUND Once the round is finished, you may then discuss hands from the current round. Refrain from discussion between hands. Hands from previous rounds should never be discussed in front of the new opponents.

YOUR MOTHER'S RULE If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!