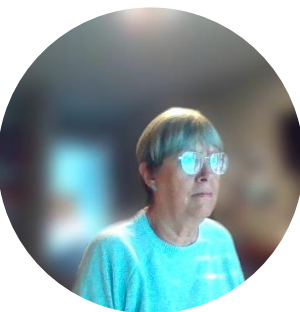




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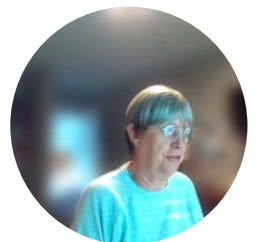
The American Bridge Teachers' Association

Anyone can be a member of the **ABTA**. We are a professional organization dedicated to improving the teaching of bridge.

Our motto is:

*“Help those who teach bridge to do it better,
More effectively, more knowledgeably, and more professionally”*

We have members from around the globe and some are professionals that do not teach bridge but are dedicated to improving the teaching of bridge.



The American Bridge Teachers' Association

- ♠ The ABTA meets annually just prior to the Summer NABC
- ♠ We have our own magazine "The ABTA Journal"
- ♠ We have a website
- ♠ We have dedicated bridge people who are there for support

Every venue is designed to help you with your ventures into teaching the beautiful game of bridge

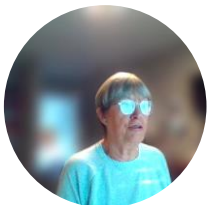
The ABTA:

Hosts guest speakers at our convention to show effective teaching methods.

We introduce bridge books and authors.

We discuss the latest bridge techniques for experienced and new players.

We keep you informed and up to date to be the best bridge teacher you can be!



The highest teaching credential is to be an **ABTA Master Teacher**

INITIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- ABTA member in good standing for 3 years
- Has taught for at least 100 hours for remuneration
- Attend at least one ABTA Convention

YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO:

- Send along a sample of materials you have created
- A list of favourite authors and texts you use
- A sample lesson



What benefit can you expect from being a **Master Teacher**?

A **Master Teacher** has the validation of being a Quality Teacher. Anyone hiring a bridge instructor will be able to trust the ability of a **Master Teacher**.

Being a **Master Teacher** will put you in the forefront when looking to be hired by cruising companies or resorts.

Students coming from classes held by **Master Teacher** tend to have a better grasp of the game of bridge and will play in your games.

Being a **Master Teacher** demonstrates to an employer or a client that you are committed to excellence in teaching.



Do you need to be an EXPERT Player to be a Master Teacher?

The short answer is NO!

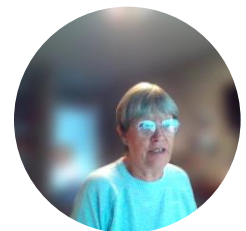
- But you do need to know your level of teaching and have the resources to find answers to questions you might not know.

The Pre-test:

- You may ask to have a “pre-test” to see if your basic bridge knowledge is at the level expected of a Master Teacher.

This can easily be done by sending an email to:

masterteacher@abta.com



What would a Master Teacher be expected to know?

Here is a sample question you may be asked at your interview:

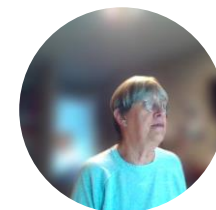
→ Describe South's hand as completely as possible & discuss any call that North may make next.

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
1♦	Double	pass	1♠
pass	1NT	pass	2♠

North doubles and corrects – this typically shows a hand slightly stronger than a simple NT overcall (18 – 19 *or more*).

South who would be the **CAPTAIN** of the hand, has shown a weak hand with 5 or more spades and a desire to stay at the low level.

At this point North has enough information to take over the **CAPTAINCY** and move toward game if they feel warranted to do so.



The Interview

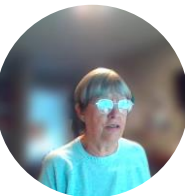
Once you have decided you would like to become a “***teacher of choice***” in your area you are ready to make the interview appointment.

You will be given a bridge problem, which you are asked to research and produce a presentation for the panel. You may use any method you are comfortable with (books, other teachers or players) to create a mini-lesson (10 minutes). You will have plenty of time to prepare your presentation.

At the interview you will come before a panel of esteemed bridge teachers and present yourself.

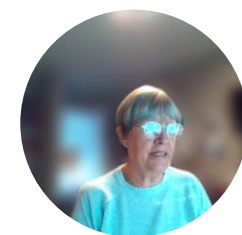
Bring along one of your favourite lessons and present it to the panel as though they were your students (about 15 minutes).

You will present the pre-assigned problem and then answer a series of ‘bridge teaching’ questions on bidding, play and defense.





- ♥ When presenting to the panel, they are not looking for EXPERT analysis or playing ability. The panel ensures that every **Master Teacher** has the ability to present bridge theory in a clear, understandable method.
- ♥ Your mannerisms count, your appearance and your methods are all considered as the panel makes their decision.
- ♥ Upon your success you will be presented with the official **ABTA Master Teacher** pin, and you will rank amongst the **TOP-rated** bridge teachers.
- ♥ Being a **MASTER TEACHER** is a designation that is **well earned**.





For more information, please visit our Web site:

www.abtahome.com

Please feel free to contact me, *Kathie Macnab*, if you have any questions:

masterteacher@abtahome.com



Thank you for your time.

