

# **THE ABA MINIBRIDGE INITIATIVE**

The ABA Minibridge Initiative is a strategy for getting bridge players by playing Minibridge first. It has been proven that bridge players who go this route grasp bridge faster. The ABA will put forth an intensive effort to identify spades, whist players willing to play minibridge. What is Minibridge? Minibridge is a simplified form of bridge. A competent Minibridge player is more than halfway to becoming a competent bridge player. It is a simplified form of bridge which is competitive, stimulating and fun. It can be quickly learned and enjoyed by everyone. There is no auction, so the complicated bidding and bidding conventions to learn. When it comes to play, everything is almost exactly as in bridge. A minibridge player can learn how to make declarer and defender plans and counting your points. Target minibridge allows a player to become familiar with how many combined points are necessary to bid at a specific level.

If you are a bridge player, you are a minibridge teacher. No certification is necessary. All you have to do is locate potential players. If they play whist, spades or pinochle, they can learn minibridge in ten minutes. You can find them in your family, inner circle of friends, fraternity or sorority, church, lodge, workplace, reunions, senior citizens centers or recreation centers, PTA and other community groups. The pamphlets will explain the game to them.

Put your contact information on the back before printing them out. They can be mailed, emailed, passed out or displayed in places of interest. Thanks to Freddie Jones and Bill Turner for helping with this information.

Ask your bridge club to invite them to play minibridge during their club games if space is available. You will know who is ready to start learning the bidding. Some will take classes (the recommended route) other will utilize online bridge learning sites. The ones learning bridge online should have some type of supervised play experience.

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