

☀️ Orlando Regional 2027 – Speaker Series



Thursday January 7 • 9:15–9:40

Eli Jolley – ACBL-Certified Teacher & Bridge Professional

Topic: *Building Hypotheticals*

Eli explores the technique of giving declarers a “hypothetical count”: a rough shape at Trick 1 that helps defenders identify weaknesses, anticipate declarer’s plan, and find ways to stop them.

A lifelong learner and champion of “hard fun,” Eli became the first Youth North American Bridge Champion at 18 and now holds the rank of Sapphire Life Master. Since 2016, he has coached players of all levels, emphasizing passion, attitude, and technique as the pillars of progress.

His mantra: “*Do what you can do. Don’t do what you can’t do.*” Bridge, he reminds us, is a journey of discovery, an opportunity to uncover and communicate the story within each hand.

Learn more at elijolleybridge.com.

Friday, January 8 • 9:15–9:40



AJ Stephani – Bridge Educator with a Passion for Purposeful Play

Topic: *The Ten Commandments of Hand Evaluation*

Following a distinguished career in bridge governance, AJ has returned to his first love: teaching. Now retired from administrative roles, he devotes his time to helping players deepen their understanding of the game through a wide range of online classes.

AJ's philosophy centers on the *why* behind each bid and play, encouraging students to think critically and build lasting strategic insight. His principle-driven approach resonates with learners at all levels, making him a trusted guide for those seeking clarity, confidence, and connection at the bridge table.

Saturday, January 9 • 9:15–9:40



Corey Krantz – Platinum Life Master & Celebrated Bridge Educator

Topic: *Three Attributes of a Slam*

Corey Krantz brings a rare blend of competitive excellence and teaching brilliance to the bridge world. A Platinum Life Master with multiple top-ten finishes at the North American Bridge Championships, Corey competes regularly at national and international levels, earning respect for both his skill and sportsmanship.

Originally from Philadelphia, Corey holds a Master of Science in Finance from Drexel University. After a successful business career, he followed his passion for bridge, co-owning the Bridge Club of Center City before relocating to southeastern Florida to teach and play full time.

Now one of the most sought-after instructors in the country, Corey's dynamic style, infused with humor, clarity, and deep expertise which makes him a favorite among players of all levels. He also lectures at the American Bridge Teachers' Association convention, helping fellow educators refine their craft.

Learn more at zenbridge.pro.