Mo-Kan Bridge Academy

What is it and how you can help!

As stated in our By-laws, Mo-Kan Bridge Academy is a corporation that is organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act. The purposes of "the corporation shall be (a) To use bridge as an educational tool for youth and adults. By teaching bridge through formal instruction and providing opportunities to play, the Corporation will teach discipline, motivate academic, professional and other achievement, foster positive social skills, and empower both youth and adults to succeed."

We have taken our purpose seriously since our founding in 2018. We have given summer classes for youth for three summers, our fourth summer of classes will be in 2023. We have given one fall session for youth in 2021 and a spring session in 2022. In 2023 we are offering a spring session again. These lessons have created some quite good youth bridge players. One of our youth completed the fall lessons and proceeded to take first place in the first club game he played in.

We offer a weekly duplicate game on Friday mornings, that is a shorter format, just 18 to 21 boards which gets us done by around 1 in the afternoon, just in time to enjoy lunch out with friends. During the summer and school holidays, we have a lot of youth players for this game but we are always looking for more players, both youth and adult!

We would very much like to expand these opportunities for both youth and adults. To do that we need to raise more money! Mo-Kan is a 501c(3) organization which in most instances will make any donations tax deductible, but please consult your tax advisor.

We have an anonymous **donor willing to match up to a total of \$1500 in donations** made between now and May 31, 2023. Please consider donating! We accept donations via stock, check, or cash. Contact our treasurer, for information on donating stock. Donations can be mailed to Mo-Kan Bridge Academy, PO BOX 232, Greenwood, MO 64034.

Please check out details about our games, lessons, and our organization in general by visiting our website at <u>http://mokanbridge.org/</u>.

Thanks for reading about us!

Sandi Witt, President Melinda Moylan, Vice-President Kathy Rolfe, Secretary-Treasurer