

Evaluation of Unit 509 Lessons

BACKGROUND

A monthly one-hour lesson was provided by ACBL Unit 509 during July, August and September 2026. Each lesson covered a different topic related to playing contract bridge. The Unit 509 Board of Directors wanted to know how attendees responded to the lessons and to gather suggestions for future topics.

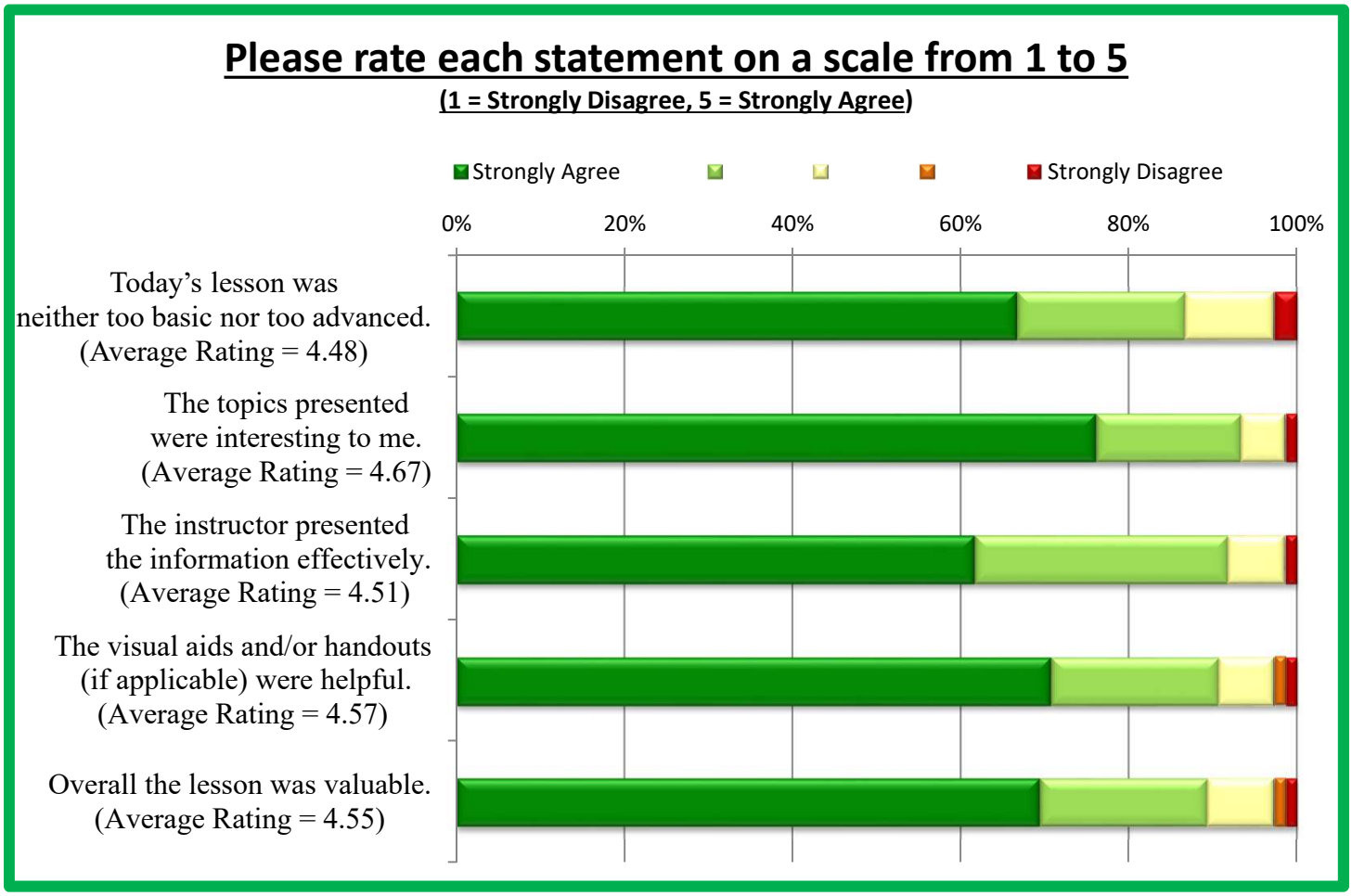
METHODOLOGY

A short evaluation form was distributed at the start of the lessons. The form is shown in this report's Appendix. Completed evaluation forms were collected to maintain anonymity and the responses were entered into an Excel spreadsheet. Qualitative analysis was done to identify themes from the free-form comments and suggestions. *ChatGPT* was used to conduct statistical analysis of the ratings scales.

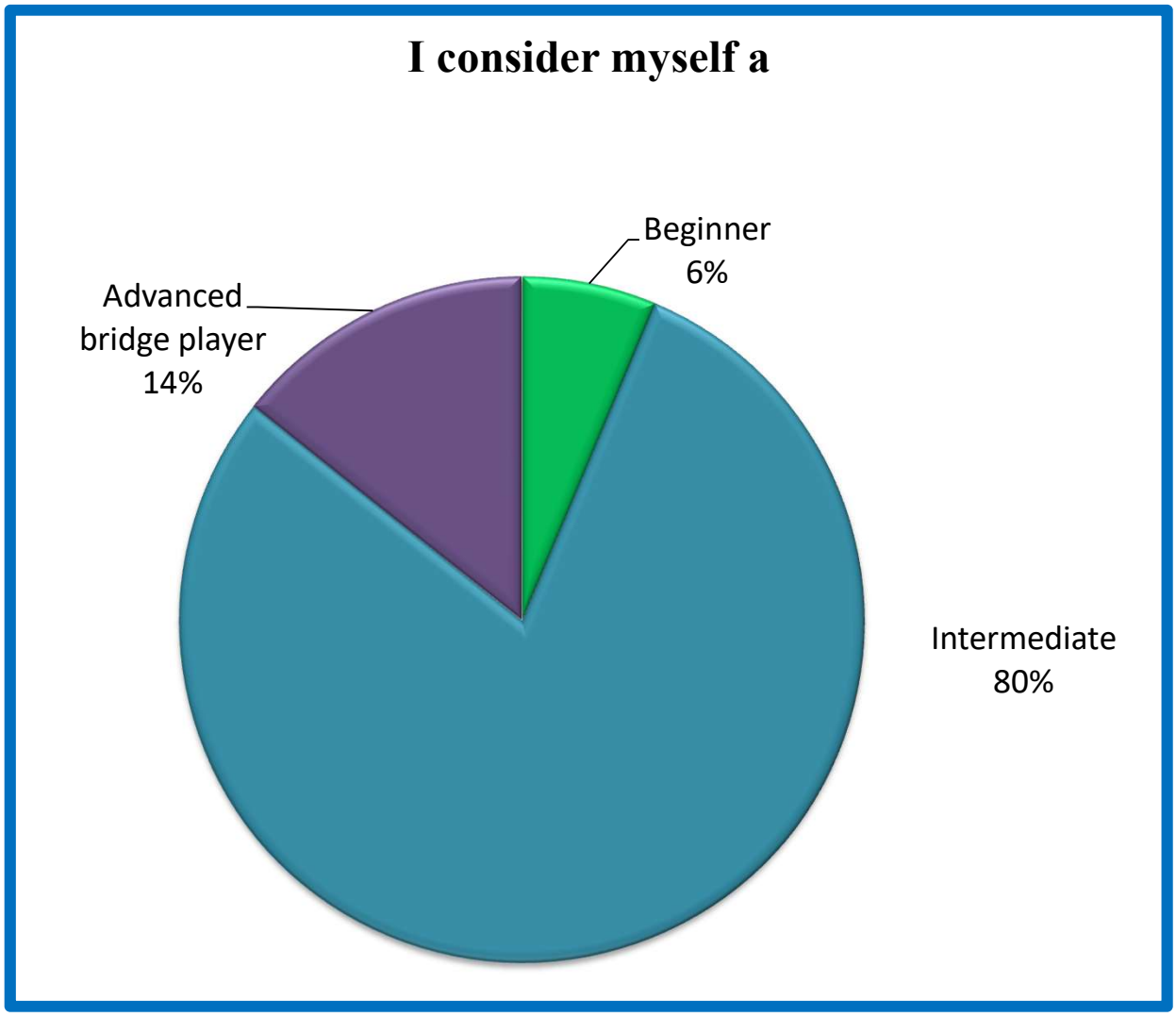
There were a total of 75 evaluations: 18 for the July lesson , 32 for August, and 25 for September. It should be noted that the analysis is based on 75 completed evaluations and does not represent the opinions of 75 unique individuals because some respondents attended more than one lesson.

RESULTS

The evaluations are **very favorable**. All five dimensions average between **4.48 and 4.67 out of 5**, with roughly 87 to 93% of respondents giving ratings of 4 or 5.



DIFFERENCES BY SELF-IDENTIFIED SKILL LEVEL



The survey provides no statistically significant evidence that evaluations differed by reported skill level. However, the very small Beginner and Advanced groups limit the ability of the survey to detect such differences.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE TOPICS

[Bidding Topics]

- **LEBENSOHL** (5) including "more Lebensohl because it's complex" and "All aspects of Lebensohl"
- **SLAM BIDDING** (3) including "slam with a void" and "review - bidding 1 over game"
- **PRACTICE BIDDING DIFFICULT HANDS** - (2)
- Cue bidding
- Defense against Precision
- Spiral
- Drury
- NMF *[New Minor Forcing]*
- Puppet Stayman
- Smolen

[Card Play Topics]

- **DEFENSE** - (2) including "using count as the defenders"
- Leads
- Squeezes

[Lesson Handouts]

- Edit the handout - too many mistakes
- Would have been helpful to have handout to follow along and make notes *[August]*
- Typo on page 2 - answer 11. Please use page numbers on handouts.

[General Comments]

- There is a need to discuss system with partner!
- Back to Basics. Maybe a beginner/intermediate class before regular lessons
- A bit of a challenge for me but that's a good thing.
- Too much audience noise
- We play Precision, but useful in defense.

[Kudos]

- **Thank you** (4)
- Tony is amazing
- *[Evelyn]* Very charming
- Tony is the best!
- We love him
- Evelyn always has a good sense of humor

APPENDIX – SURVEY INSTRUMENT

Unit 509 Bridge Lesson Evaluation

Please rate each statement on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree)

Today's lesson was neither too basic nor too advanced.

Strongly Disagree ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 Strongly Agree

The topics presented were interesting to me.

Strongly Disagree ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 Strongly Agree

The instructor presented the information effectively.

Strongly Disagree ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 Strongly Agree

The visual aids and/or handouts (if applicable) were helpful.

Strongly Disagree ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 Strongly Agree

Overall the lesson was valuable.

Strongly Disagree ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 Strongly Agree

I consider myself a: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced bridge player

Do you have any comments or ideas for future topics?