

OLLI at DU Syllabus – Spring 2024

American Mah Jongg for those people who have NEVER played

Wednesday Afternoons In-Person; 8 weeks

Facilitator: Elaine Levy

BOOKS OR MATERIALS: current Maj Jongg card which will be provided

Materials Fee: \$20

WEEKLY TOPICS

WEEK 1 - MEET AND GREET CLASS MEMBERS. INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL CLASS MEMBERS TO EACH OTHER. CHOOSE SEATS, 4 AT EACH TABLE. SIT WITH FRIENDS WHO YOU CAME WITH IF YOU WANT. MAH JONGG SETS WILL BE AT EACH TABLE. LEARNING THE TILES. LOOK AT HANDOUT ON TILES EXPLANATIONS ON HOW TO BEGIN SETTING UP GAME FOR PLAY. BUILDING THE WALLS. EXPLANATION OF HANDOUTS AND CARD. HOMEWORK EXPLANATION. QUESTIONS.

WEEK 2 - QUESTIONS ABOUT HANDOUTS AND CARDS. DETAILS ABOUT CATEGORIES OF HANDS. MORE GAME DETAILS OF PLAY. HOW THE DEALING WORKS. TERMS OF THE GAME. HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED. CHOOSING A HAND. PLAY THE GAME.

WEEK 3 - QUESTIONS FROM CLASS. MORE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS. PLAY THE GAME WITH HELP OF ASSISTANTS.

WEEK 4 - PLAY GAMES. STILL LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FINE POINTS AND SOME RULES THAT ARE TRICKY AND EASILY FORGOTTEN WHEN NEW TO THE GAME. THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN THIS GAME IS TO PLAY IT.

WEEK 5 - MORE OF THE SAME. STILL LOTS OF QUESTIONS. FINE POINTS ON HOW TO WIN.

WEEK 6 - NEW HANDOUT OF MY "HINTS AND TRICKS" OF HOW TO PLAY AS STRATEGIC GAME, HOW TO PLAY A DEFENSIVE GAME, AND HOW TO PLAY A "SNEAKY" GAME. THIS WILL MAKE SENSE NOW. STILL LOTS OF QUESTIONS FROM THE CLASS.

WEEK 7 - PLAY THE GAME.

WEEK 8 - KEEP PLAYING. QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE TO BUY MAH JONGG SETS, CARDS, ETC.