

MAH JONGG LESSONS

What is Mah Jongg?

Mah Jongg is a fun rummy-like game played with tiles rather than cards. It originated in China and became popular in the United States at the beginning of the 20th century. Some people believe the game was played in secret by Chinese royalty to keep the knowledge to themselves and others believe it was invented by a Chinese General to entertain his troops during long months of battle. Either way, it is a game enjoyed by millions of people around the world.



Instructor: Shawn Martin

Shawn is an AMJIA certified Mah Jongg instructor, who discovered the game during a brief relocation to NYC. She took a class on a whim and fell in love with all aspects of the game, from the beautiful tiles, to the rich history of the game, to the strategy and luck involved in being the player at the table that is able to declare “MAH JONGG!” at the end of a round – but even more than that, she loved the new friends she made and the time spent around the table discussing life and strengthening friendships.

When Shawn returned to Atlanta, she was unable to find a group to play with, so she began by teaching friends around her dining room table, and this grew into teaching friends of friends, and to teaching at OLLI at Emory. Shawn’s goal in teaching is to mix in some history, trivia, and laughter with the rules of the game, with a goal of every student leaving class with a smile on their face and looking forward to the next meeting.

When Shawn isn't busy teaching or playing Mah Jongg, she is helping her real estate clients find their perfect home or designing kitchens and bathrooms. She is also an avid knitter and novice sewer, and addicted to most things Mid Century Modern. Shawn lives with her husband Jim, her puppy Lloyd, and 3 kitties, and loves visits from her 2 college age children.

Tuesday Group
4/6, 4/13, 4/20 & 4/27

Thursday Group
4/8, 4/15, 4/22 & 4/29

1:30pm

PHP Card Room

\$50/Member

Includes 4 lessons and
a presentation on the
history of Mah Jongg

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up by 3/29

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