

Alerting and announcing on Real Bridge

Since we are going to be running half of our Tuesday sessions on Real Bridge in the New Year we need to define our procedures.

- 1) Pairs must send a basic description of their bidding and carding systems via the chat facility at the start of each round. The following would be sufficient
 - a. Benji acol, 12-14 NT, 4 card majors, HELD, McKenny discards
 - b. 5 card majors, 15-17 NT, 1C may be 2, Reverse attitude, Italian discards

The easiest way of doing this is to type your summary into the chat box on the first round and send it. You can then highlight and copy the message in the chat display and paste it in the chat box for each subsequent round.

- 2) We will continue the BBO system of self-alerting. All alertable or announceable bids must be explained by the player that made them. There is a space on the bidding box to explain the bid. What you write there can be seen by the opponents but not your partner. If you forget to do it or want to add anything you can click on the bid and a box in which you can explain the bid will appear. Everything should be explained, including NT ranges and weak 2s. Give point ranges, not just weak or strong.
- 3) As the bidders partner please say nothing and do nothing. Particularly do not alert or explain your partner's bids. A lot of Unauthorised Information can be transferred across the table in Real Bridge as in face-to-face bridge by puzzled looks, audible gasps, mistaken explanations etc.