

Amelia Island Three-Day Individual Tournament - Free

Shortly your club is going to offer a new type of weekly game organized by our Club Manager, Ben Dickens, on the Bridge Base Online platform. The game is an individual three-day tournament in which you play ten boards with robots as your defensive opponents. There is no bidding, just declarer play with everyone playing the same contract. Your results will be compared to the other players in the tournament. You can play the ten hands at your convenience anytime Friday through Sunday. Ben will be providing expert analysis on most of the hands. So, you can enjoy this event as a competition or just as a fun teaching exercise to hone your declarer play.

BBO occasionally, and rarely, allows special private Day-Long or longer events. We have been provided the opportunity to have private tournaments organized by BBO. Ben Dickens (host name **inquiry1**) will administer these tournaments for us our members, plus friends of members every Friday beginning October 14th. Tournaments open at 1:05 AM, and run until 12:59 AM the following Monday.

Interesting fact: The 1 AM start and 1AM finish is because the BBO computers are located in the central time zone. Tournaments run for 1, 2, 3, or up to 7 days. We have selected 3 Days to finish play.

These events will be individual. Everyone who plays will always be South, and always be the declarer. There will be no bidding. The hands will be pre-dealt and pre-bid by four robots. The reason for only including declarer play is because some people are much more familiar with robot bidding than others. This format removes any competitive edge of those players.

Everyone playing the identical contract with the same opening lead, provides a useful (and anonymous) educational tool. After play the “correct” way to plan the play of the many of the hands will be prepared and shared by Ben. With that guide players can review hands and learn from their errors – or successes.

Why is it anonymous? The hands are not published on BBO and you only see your result on your traveler.

The travelers will look something like below. You will only see your actions and results.

Your Result	Board	Result	Frequency	Points	Score	Movie
Inquiry1	8	2SSx-1	12	-100	94.61%	Your Movie
	8	2SSx-2	86	-300	46.57%	Sample Movie
	8	2SSx-3	5	-500	1.96%	Sample Mov

Of course, there will be a results list each week showing the event rank of all players (whose is first, etc.). The field for this individual event will primarily be players from the Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club and some Jacksonville friends. It should be a casual, friendly event where you can discuss hands with other club members even if you are not motivated to read the technical reviews of the hands.

A couple of Pros and Cons about the event (some pros might be cons depending upon your view).

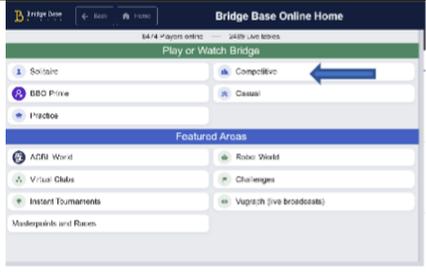
Pro	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absolutely free ○ Only 10 boards 😊 ○ Play each board as fast or slow you like ○ Start, stop, as often as you like 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No ACBL masterpoints no matter how well you do ● Only 10 boards (By board request) 😞 ● No reminder if you forgot to play ● Only provisional results after you finish until about 1:15 AM on Monday by BBO mail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event will be scored by IMPs, no bidding. Premium is on making contract rather than overtricks. Practice for team event tournaments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Event will always be IMPs, no match-points, no bidding

- Choose which weeks you decide to play and when (day and time you play)
- Fun and challenging
- Potential discussion forum for interesting hands.
- Your friends and family can join us, just give Ben their BBO nickname

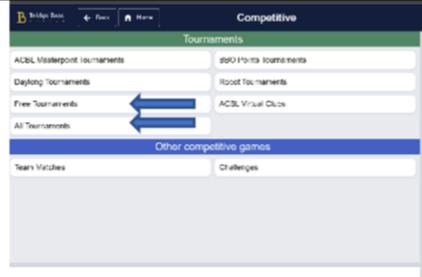
How to find the event on BBO.

You will need to click **Competitive** in the BBO main screen: then click "**Free**" or "**all tournaments**"; then scroll down under **pending** to find the one hosted by **inquiry1** and entitled "**Amelia Island + Friends**". It will only be visible on Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays.

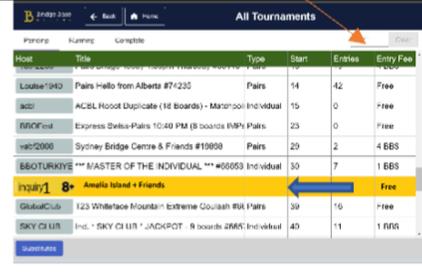
Step 1 pick "competitive"



Step 2 pick "all" or "free"



Step 3 scroll to find highlighted row or search for inquiry1



Ben would appreciate any feedback after you have tried the event.