

One of the differences between face-to-face bridge and online games is that there is no way to have a half table with a sit-out at the online games. All of the tables must be full tables, so if an odd number of pairs registered for a game, those empty seats must be filled. While many clubs do not have the resources for dealing with those empty seats and let them be filled by the game directors begging people to play in the game, people who might or might not be within the master point limits of the game, or filled by BBO's robots, our club takes pride in keeping the robots out of our games as much as possible with our outstanding sub program; for the I/N games it is coordinated by Michael Linkins, and for the Open games it is coordinated by Susan Domsalla. The great part of our sub program is that subs play for free!

The way it works is that the sub pair logs on to BBO at least 15 minutes before game time and stands by to see if they are needed; if an odd number of pairs is registered at game time, the game director invites the subs to join the game, at no charge. If not needed, the subs can play in another game. The subs perform a much-appreciated service. Mike and Susan are always looking for more players to fill this valuable role. Feel free to reach out to Mike on BBO at [mlinkins@swbell.net](#) or by email at [mlinkins@swbell.net](mailto:mlinkins@swbell.net); Susan can be reached at [sdomsall@msn.com](mailto:sdomsall@msn.com)