

All about Leaderboards

The Leaderboards are competitions held over a monthly period for our regular online sessions. Every time you play, you are automatically entered on to the relevant Leaderboard. We currently operate the following Leaderboards:

- The **'Open' Leaderboard** for all of our regular events on Monday 1345, Tuesday 1345, Tuesday 1930, Thursday 1345, Friday 1345 and Saturday 1000,
- The **'Gentle' Leaderboard** for all of our regular Gentle Bridge events on Tuesday 1000 and Thursday 1000,
- The **'Pairs' Leaderboard** for the same events as for the Open Leaderboard but you are entered as a pair,
- The **'Danish' Leaderboard** for all of our regular events on Wednesday 1930,
- The **'IMPs' Leaderboard** for all of our regular events every Friday 1930

Your individual results are used, so that your scores with different partners are all counted together. The exception is the 'Pairs' Leaderboard, where your scores as a partnership are counted. If you play with different partners, then you will appear on the Pairs Leaderboard separately, once for each partnership.

The top 10 positions of the 'Open' Leaderboard are currently:

Position	Name	Average	1 Jan	2 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	5 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan	9 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	12 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	Played	Qualify
1	Ann McCulloch	65.28	32.32	47.96	49.69	50.82		62.50	64.74		67.78	62.09		66.11	52.19		10	4
2	John Botting	64.94	63.38	47.96	49.69	50.82		62.50	50.00		67.78	62.09		66.11	52.76		10	4
3	Penny Stanbury	60.85	58.33		47.22	44.28			49.36		61.67	57.35			46.17	66.05	8	4
4	Kate Neale	60.15		60.72	49.69	63.73		45.28		54.63	55.28	53.59		57.50		58.64	9	4
5=	Robert MacRae	59.04		60.94		60.29		56.11				58.82					4	4
5=	Sylvia Desert	59.04		60.94		60.29		56.11				58.82					4	4
7	Kristian Cole	58.43	53.79			53.27		51.67		66.05		60.62				40.43	6	4
8	David Killen	58.33	55.30		49.69	65.20		44.72	50.00		54.17	51.47		54.17	58.63		9	4
9	Ro Kaye	58.31	39.39	44.27	47.22				39.96	64.81	61.67	53.10			53.65	39.81	9	4

The top 10 positions of the 'Pairs' Leaderboard are currently:

Position	Name	Average	1 Jan	2 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	5 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan	9 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	12 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	Played	Qualify
1	Ann McCulloch & John Botting	66.94			47.96	49.69	50.82		62.50			67.78	62.09		66.11		7	2
2	Pauline Sanderson & Penelope Healy	62.06					50.82		39.17				58.01		66.11		4	2
3	Robert MacRae & Sylvia Desert	60.61			60.94		60.29		56.11				58.82				4	2
4	Carol Cowlshaw & Kate Neale	59.68			60.72	49.69					54.63	55.28				58.64	5	2
5	Andrew Shields & Marisa Percival	59.15					55.72						62.58				2	2
6	Kate Neale & Malcolm Green	58.66					63.73						53.59				2	2
7	Ann McCulloch & Leila Ocana Gil	58.46		32.32						64.74						52.19	3	2
8	John Botting & Kirsty Hutton	58.07	63.38						50.00							52.76	3	2
9	Lesley Mitchell & Roger Eaton	57.68					60.46									54.90	2	2
10	Malcolm Free & Simon Gowers	57.47		54.55			50.00		41.67				58.66			56.29	5	2

Your scores are averaged over the sessions that you play, and the Leaderboards show the current rankings. At the end of each month, whoever is top of the Leaderboard is announced as the winner, so we have 5 Leaderboard winners each month. If you want to see who has won in previous months, you can check the Honours Boards by [clicking here](#). The 'Open Leaderboard' has been won 8 times to date. Who will win in January I wonder?

BBO Open Leaderboard

May 2020	Steve Sasanow
June 2020	Andrew Shields
July 2020	Mary Jones
August 2020	Kristian Cole
September 2020	Kate Neale
October 2020	Frank Harsent
November 2020	Kristian Cole
December 2020	Kristian Cole

The **qualifying number** is the number of sessions you need to have played in by the end of the month, and only your top qualifying scores will count. The qualifying number is 8 for the Open Leaderboard, and 4 for the others (or fewer if there are fewer than 4 sessions in that month). These numbers may change slightly each month. This means that the more sessions you play, the greater chance you will have to win, as you will drop your lowest scores once you have played more than the qualifying number.

So that you can appear on the Leaderboards early in the month before you have played enough sessions, the qualifying number increases during the month. So, for example, for the Open Leaderboard, the qualifying number of 8 applies only at the end of the month, and before that, it increases from 1 at the start, all the way up 8 at the end. One week into the month, a quarter of the Open sessions will have been played, so the qualifying number is 2 (i.e. a quarter of 8). So, if you have played 4 sessions during that first week, your 2 worst scores will be dropped, and your average calculated from your 2 best scores. If you check the current Leaderboard, the dropped scores are shown in red with a line through them, and the current qualifying number is shown in the rightmost 'Qualify' column.

At the time of writing, the top of the Open Leaderboard looks like this:

Position	Name	Average	1 Jan	2 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	5 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan	9 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	12 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	Played	Qualify
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You can see that it is approximately half-way through the month, so the 'Qualify' number is 4. All players who have played in 4 or more sessions appear on the Leaderboard somewhere. At the time of writing, Ann is top, having played in 10 sessions with her best 4 scores averaged to give 65.28%, and her remaining 6 scores dropped. Similarly, Penny has played in 8 sessions, so her worst 4 scores have been dropped.

There are approximately 25 Open sessions each month, so that typically the qualifying number increases every 3 or 4 sessions held. At present, 14 Open sessions have been held out of the 26 for this month.

At the top of each Leaderboard, you will see some options:

Open Leaderboard (Jan)

1st January 2021 - 16th January 2021

Competition
Players
Events
Non Qualifiers

Those players who have not played in sufficient sessions to appear on the main 'Competition' page can be listed by clicking the 'Non Qualifiers' button. At present, this shows:

Non Qualifiers																		
Name	Average	1 Jan	2 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	5 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan	9 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	12 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	Played	Qualify	Note
Advanced Robot	0.00	58.33	66.25	49.69	65.20		62.50	55.98	66.05	55.56	60.62	69.44	59.17	58.63	53.40	13	0	Restricted
Alison Nicolson	45.24					45.24										1	1	Insufficient
Anne Swannell	53.01	41.92						64.10								2	2	Insufficient
Ashok Kwatra	60.19													60.19		1	1	Insufficient
Barbara Chadburn	50.52		59.90						43.52						48.15	3	3	Insufficient
Basic Bbo Bot A	0.00		59.90		65.20		62.22	56.20	43.52	55.56	56.37		55.56	54.43	48.15	10	0	Restricted
Basic Bbo Bot B	0.00				53.27		51.67	50.64		55.56	51.63		51.67	41.91	40.43	8	0	Restricted
Ben Wood	36.67											36.67				1	1	Insufficient

so that it is possible to check how many more sessions you need to play in to get back onto the Leaderboard. This list is in christian name alphabetical order. For example, Barbara has played in 3 sessions, so if she plays in one more, she will appear back on the Leaderboard. Note that the Leaderboard has been set up so that robots are not allowed to feature, although your scores with a robot partner will count (this may change in the future).

The other buttons for 'Players' and 'Events' list your scores in Player and Events order, so you can find results either by player or session. Click on them to see your results listed in different ways.

I hope that this explanation will help you to understand how the Leaderboards work. They are intended to stimulate competition and generate monthly online winners. I hope that you will enjoy them and that you are encouraged to improve your position on the Leaderboards during the month. Have fun!