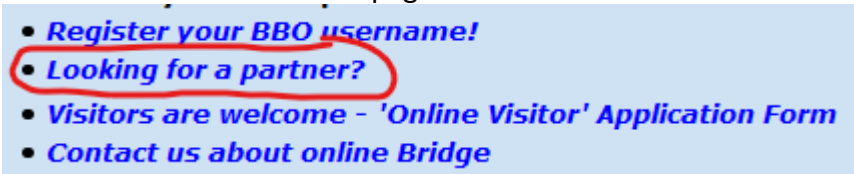


## I need a partner to play in a CBC competition on BBO

What are my options?

1. On the day. Find the CBC event you wish to play in (competitive/all tournaments/search- chelt). Instead of using 'Register' and putting a partner's name in the box, click on 'Partnership Desk' and then 'Add your name'. This will put your BBO name in the partnership desk and hopefully you will be seen by someone else wishing to find a partner. You can also check in the partnership box first – there may be someone already there who would be glad to play with you.
2. In advance. Use Pianola ([pianola.net](http://pianola.net)). There is a 'Partner Finder' facility which will send emails to any members you select from a simple dropdown list. If you can't log on to Pianola, or you would like help to use this facility, get in touch with Linda at [pianola@cheltenhambridgeclub.com](mailto:pianola@cheltenhambridgeclub.com). You will receive an invitation to register a user log in so you can access your account. Also, you will receive simple instructions to help you use the partnership facility.
3. In advance. An alternative service. Go to the CBC website. In the side bar click on sessions & calendar/calendar. Go to the day when you know you will need a partner and click on 'partner required'. Your name will be displayed. When you go to the calendar you may of course find someone already there looking for a partner. When you are fixed up don't forget to remove your request. There is also an option to send emails to selected club members to ask for a partner. There is a full guide on how to do this on the website front page here:  

  - [Register your BBO username!](#)
  - [Looking for a partner?](#)
  - [Visitors are welcome - 'Online Visitor' Application Form](#)
  - [Contact us about online Bridge](#)
4. If you cannot find a human partner, there is always the option of partnering a BBO robot. You will need to rent one when you register for the competition and it will cost you 1 BB\$.
5. If you are not wishing to play in a competition the beauty of BBO is that you can always find a game you can join or you can play solitaire – this can while away hours!

We have to use these electronic means of finding a partner. The more we use these facilities the more likely we will all find partners. It is not like playing bridge at the club when we have a friendly standby. But hopefully these days will return. Meanwhile good partnership hunting online!