

An introduction to BBO

The screen shot below is what it looks like when you first log on. It is worth exploring the tabs down the right side. Click on it once and it shows the info. Click on it again and it goes away.

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base Online Home page. The top navigation bar includes 'Back', 'Home', 'Bridge Base Online Home', 'Log off', 'Help', 'BB\$', and 'njmrichard'. Below the navigation bar, there are two buttons: '37574' and '7279'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' and 'FEATURED AREAS'. The 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' section lists 'Solitaire', 'Competitive', 'BBO Prime', 'Casual', and 'Practice'. The 'FEATURED AREAS' section lists 'ACBL World', 'Robot World', 'Virtual Clubs', 'Challenges', 'Instant Tournaments', and 'Vugraph (live broadcasts) (2)'. On the right side, there is a 'Messages' panel with tabs for 'News', 'Chat', and 'Mail'. The 'Messages' panel shows several messages, including 'Weekly Free Instant Tournament temporarily disabled', 'Weekly Highlights: April 5-11', 'Video: gwnn plays with Julius Linde', 'April 13-19: WBF Women's Online Spring Festival', 'ACBL SYC Pairs Tournaments', 'Last day for contest: What do you see from your window?', 'Calysesil wins 2 Day Free Weekend Event', 'BBF: Distribute processing to players', and 'BBF: BBO (Structure and Form)'. A vertical sidebar on the far right contains tabs for 'Messages 2', 'People', 'History', and 'Account'. At the bottom, there is a 'Lobby' button and a 'Message' input field.

People is useful if you set up friends there by adding their BBO name. The little box at the bottom 'Add Friend' lets you do that. You can then see who is logged on.

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base Online Home page with the 'People' tab selected. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' and 'FEATURED AREAS'. The 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' section lists 'Solitaire', 'Competitive', 'BBO Prime', 'Casual', and 'Practice'. The 'FEATURED AREAS' section lists 'ACBL World', 'Robot World', 'Virtual Clubs', 'Challenges', 'Instant Tournaments', and 'Vugraph (live broadcasts)'. On the right side, there is a 'People (49478)' panel with tabs for 'Friends (2)', 'Hosts (8)', 'Stars (407)', 'Search', and 'Ignores'. The 'People' panel shows two friends: 'mboyack' (Online) and 'cfboyack' (Playing Table (mboyack)). A vertical sidebar on the far right contains tabs for 'Messages', 'People 2', 'History', and 'Account'. At the bottom, there is a 'Lobby' button, a 'Message' input field, and an 'Add' button next to 'kathybeebe'. A 'Show Offline' toggle is also visible.

History shows details of the events you have played in. The one in the screen shot was the results of the event I just played in with George!

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base Online Home interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Back', 'Home', 'Bridge Base Online Home', 'Log off', 'Help', 'BB\$', and 'njmrichard'. The main content area is divided into 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' and 'FEATURED AREAS'. The 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' section lists various game modes: Solitaire, Competitive, BBO Prime, Casual, Practice, and Vugraph (live broadcasts) (4). The 'FEATURED AREAS' section lists: ACBL World, Robot World, Virtual CLubs, Challenges, Instant Tournaments, and Vugraph (live broadcasts) (4).

On the right side, there is a detailed view of a match titled '#3455 EBU matchpointed pair'. The match details include:

- Date: 2020-04-09 09:29
- Host: EBU
- Rank: 7
- Score: 47.09%
- Prize: 0.00 BB\$
- Masterpoints: 0.00

 A table shows the results for 12 boards:

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
4	3NTN-	000		34.0%	43.4%
5	1NTN-2		200	11.6%	88.4%
6	3♥W-1	100		59.3%	40.7%
7	4♠W=		620	34.9%	65.1%
8	4♥E+3		510	72.1%	27.9%
9	3♣N-1		50	59.3%	40.7%
10	2♥W-2	200		72.1%	27.9%
11	2NTW-1	50		59.3%	40.7%
12	2♥E=		110	19.8%	80.2%
				47.1%	52.9%

 Below the table, there is a hand display for a deal with a 10♦ contract. The hands are:

- N: georgefoot (2+): ♠AJ73, ♥K102, ♦A32, ♣A103
- W: joanhootma (2+): ♠10942, ♥QJ943, ♦1085, ♣8
- E: Jivo2: ♠K65, ♥A85, ♦Q4, ♣KJ752
- S: njmrichard: ♠Q8, ♥76, ♦KJ976, ♣Q964

 The bottom of the screen shows a 'Lobby' button, a 'Message' input field, and a 'Chat' button.

Account lets you add some information in 'other' about your system. When playing a match you can click on your opponents name and see that information. You can also add a convention card but probably not important.

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base Online Home interface with the 'Account' page selected. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area is divided into 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' and 'FEATURED AREAS'. The 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' section lists various game modes: Solitaire, Competitive, BBO Prime, Casual, Practice, and Vugraph (live broadcasts) (4). The 'FEATURED AREAS' section lists: ACBL World, Robot World, Virtual Clubs, Challenges, Instant Tournaments, and Vugraph (live broadcasts) (4).

On the right side, there is a detailed view of the user's account for 'njmrichard'. The account details include:

- Profile: njmrichard
- Settings: Password (Required), Real name (Nigel Richardson), Other (12-14 NT, 4 card majors, Multi - Weak major, Strong minor or 21-22, Inverted minor raises, Transfers)
- Skill level: Private, Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, **Advanced**, Expert, World Class
- Country: Gabon, Germany, Georgia, **Great Britain**, Greece, Grenada, Guadeloupe

 A 'Save changes' button is visible below the account details. The bottom of the screen shows a 'Lobby' button, a 'Message' input field, and a 'Chat' button.

When playing you alert your own bids and give a description. The opposition can see this but not your partner. So there is no announcing. For an opening 1NT you would first click alert, type 12-14, then make your bid. The screen shot below is an example of what it looks like when it is your turn to bid.

The screenshot shows a Bridge bidding interface for a table named "Teamgame Table 2 - #3313 Teams EBU Lockdown league". The player "W njmrichard" is at the bottom, with a hand of: ♠ Q 8, ♠ 8, ♥ J 9 7, ♣ J 10 9 6 5 4, ♦ 9 2. The bidding sequence is shown in a central box: N (kiat) has bid 1♠, E (kathybeebe) has passed, S (rodmit) has bid 2♠, and W (njmrichard) has bid 1♦. The interface includes a bidding board with "Pass", "Dbl", and "Alert" buttons, and a chat window at the bottom with messages from "kiat".

Other notes

When one sits at a real table one usually tells/reminds the opposition what your basic system is. Similarly on BBO while you are waiting for the table to be set up you can note your basic system on the msg line at the bottom of the screen. Then when the table is set you can select "opposition" or "table" and send this msg by clicking on "chat".

During the bidding one can ask for an explanation of a bid by clicking on the bid.