

## NIBU Tournaments

The NIBU has arranged to run three online bridge events on Bridge Base Online each week for members.

On **Tuesdays Thursdays and Sundays from 7pm**. These events will be directed by Diane Greenwood. The host is vNIBU136.

On **Wednesdays from 2pm**. This event will feature different NIBU directors. The host is vNIBU128.

The entry fee for all events is \$2 per player.

### **For Players who are not familiar with Bridge Base Online (BBO)**

Use your browser to access [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com)

It costs nothing to register as a member. You can play various forms of bridge in pairs, teams or even as an individual with robots. Some relaxed modes of play are free, others carry a small charge. The charge is deducted automatically from your account.

### **To Purchase \$BBO:**

Click on **BBO\$** on the right at the top of the screen in order to deposit money in your account. You can pay by the usual methods and it's possible to auto-renew.

Alternatively follow this link

<https://www.bridgebase.com/purchase/pay.php> You can deposit as much as you like.

A suggested amount for new members could be \$10-\$20

### **To Register for an NIBU event:**

It's a good idea to go online at least 10 minutes before the competition starts.

Click on **'Virtual Clubs'** in 'Featured Areas'

Click on **'Other Countries'**

Click on **'Pending'** and look for the relevant **'Host'**

Follow the instructions – invite your partner/ wait to be invited (you may opt to pay for both players).

### **While Playing:**

It is customary to greet players at your table and give a basic summary of your system. You should also 'self-alert' and explain any conventional bids in the bidding box – only the opposition can see your explanation. Alternatively send a 'Private Message' to your opponents. You cannot talk to your partner at the table but you may talk to the 'Table' as a whole.

Each event will feature **18 boards with a time allowance of 7 minutes per board**. To save time, it is important that once declarer is certain of the outcome of the hand that they 'claim' the number of tricks they are certain to win.

If you accidentally 'misclick' the wrong card you may quickly ask for an 'Undo'.

However you cannot do this if you simply change your mind about the card you have just played!

All queries should be addressed to Ian Hamilton, Hon. Masterpoints

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