

## North Devon Bridge Club (NDBC) Online FAQs

### Where & When?

The club operates in the Virtual Clubs area of Bridge Base Online, an American website known as BBO. Their web address is [www.bridgebase.com/v3/](http://www.bridgebase.com/v3/). Sessions will run on a Friday afternoon. A club or EBU TD will set up, run and direct the session.

### Who Can Play?

All Bridge players in Devon are welcome to play. You will need a BBO account and user name and you must register in advance with the NDBC (see below). If you don't have a BBO account, see below.

### How do I register?

In order to play in these sessions, you need to register in advance. Send your BBO user name, your EBU number (if you have one) and your telephone number to [simunns@gmail.com](mailto:simunns@gmail.com). This information will only be used for the purposes of setting up and running the sessions, including collecting payment and publishing results.

**By requesting to be added to the membership list you are agreeing to pay fees every two months in arrears** (see below).

Please use this email address if you have any further questions before signing up, or call Jacqui Munns on 07734 219859.

### What if I don't have a partner?

I am happy to try and match pairs if you let me know by the Monday that you need one. Alternatively, for a small fee payable on the BBO site, you can play with a robot (they play a standard American system and are very fast).

### What if I don't have an account with BBO?

If you do not have an account with BBO, all the information you need to join and play is available from the Barnstaple website at [www.bridgewebs.com/barnstaple](http://www.bridgewebs.com/barnstaple). If you would like more help getting on the site, or would like to practice in a friendly game first, mention this when you email. There are many players in Devon already playing regularly on BBO who would be happy to assist you in getting registered and play a few hands so you are up to speed before you play.

### How many boards?

We are currently playing 16 boards in a Howell movement with two boards per round. Each round is allocated 14 minutes so that the entire session lasts less than two hours. This seems to be the optimum amount of time to sit in front of a computer and most people manage to play within the time at least most of the time.

### How much is it to play?

The cost to all is £2 per session. This covers the BBO fee for hosting, the usual EBU 'Pay to Play' fee and a payment to the TD running the session. The session is run by the North Devon Section (NDS) and any profit will be used by the NDS to support and promote Bridge in North Devon.

### Will I get Master Points?

Yes, these are EBU run sessions with master points awarded. They will be registered in your MyEBU area as usual and will affect your NGS score.

### What if I am not a member of the EBU?

As these are EBU run sessions, some of the £2 subs goes to the EBU whether or not you are an EBU member. If you plan to play more than once, I will therefore assign you an EBU number by making you an honorary member of the Braunton Bridge Club. Should you continue to play regularly, you will get the benefits of being a member, see [www.ebu.co.uk/membership](http://www.ebu.co.uk/membership) for more information. If you really don't want to be a member, let me know when you sign up.

### How do I access the session?

Make sure you are already registered with the NDBC beforehand (see above). Log in to BBO at least ten minutes before the start of the session, and ideally a lot sooner the first time you play! Click on 'Competitive', then 'All Tournaments', and then use the search term 'North' for North Devon. When you find the session, click on it, follow the instructions to invite your partner then wait for the session to begin.

### Where can I see the results?

Results of sessions played on BBO are available to view in the History section along with the hands. In addition, results will be posted on the North Devon Section website – [www.bridgewebs.com/northdevon/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/northdevon/)

### How do I pay?

Players will be emailed every two months with details of what they owe for the previous two months. Please make payments by bank transfer to the NDS –

Name - DBA Northern Section

Lloyds account no. 00276955, sort code 30-94-52.

If you are not set up for phone or Internet banking, please mention this when signing up, cheques can be accepted.