

# Olicana Online Bridge Club

## How to Play in the Olicana Club Room in RealBridge

### Payment

You do not need to join RealBridge, so there are no RealBridge membership fees to pay.

Olicana sessions on RealBridge are free until the end of 2020; after that the charge is £1.50.

Olicana club members do not need to pay for the club event in advance. Olicana Bridge club will invoice you at the end of every month for all the events you have played in the Olicana club rooms in BCL, BBO and RealBridge. Please pay the invoice promptly by online bank payment or cheque.

### Format

The format of the event depends on the number of tables and the type of session. The director will decide at the start of the session. Until the end of 2020, all sessions will be "Taster" sessions and results will not be sent to EBU.

### Test Your Camera

RealBridge uses video and audio so you can see and hear people at your table. It is possible to play without these, but it's not as good and you end up typing a lot.

You can test your camera and microphone on the RealBridge website. To test your video and audio (camera and microphone), go to <https://play.realbridge.online/camera.html> and follow the instructions

Best to test these before your first session on RealBridge.

If you find the camera doesn't work, check if you have a Zoom session or something else that is using your camera. If so, close the Zoom session. A camera only works in one session.

### Read the Player Guide:

There is a guide to playing in RealBridge on the RealBridge website.

To read the Player Guide, go to <https://realbridge.online/>, click on tab: **How To ...**, then choose **Player Guide**

### Go to the Club Room

Email [tdatilkleybridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:tdatilkleybridgeclub@gmail.com) for the link to the Olicana session on RealBridge.

There is a new link every week which is sent out a day or so before the session.

This link will take you to a login page where you input your full name and ID number (EBU number).

The session key is prefilled ... don't change it.

If you choose High Contrast UI, the screen colours are slightly different ... some people prefer this.

If you have more than one camera, you can choose which one to use.

Same for if you have more than one microphone.

The login page shows a video preview at the bottom right and a sound bar with the microphone volume on the bottom. So you'll know these are working before you login.

Click login to get into the room.

Initially you are in the lobby and you will see one or more tables.

If your partner is sitting down, click on the seat opposite them. Then you have joined a table and you can see and hear the others at the table.

If partner is not already sitting down, choose a seat.

### Playing

The director sends messages to the room via chat ... look for messages in the chat box on the right; director's messages are enclosed with a spade symbol.

The director starts the session when it looks like everyone is ready. Then hands are dealt.

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## Screen and Sound Problems

If you have screen or sound problems,

- RealBridge Player Guide suggest the following
  - Redial ... restarts the audio and video connection. Use it if the connection fails or if your audio or video goes out of sync. This is the symbol to the right of your name with 2 curved arrows
  - Hide/unhide other players' videos ... use this if you have a poor connection. This is the "eye" symbol to the right of your name.

You could try turning your video off and on... this is the camera symbol to the left of your name

And try turning your audio off and on ... this is the microphone symbol to the left of your name.

if the wrong bid or card was played., click Undo which is the bottom right of the screen. If you can't undo ask the person to your right to undo.

If you are getting feedback from another device close by in your room (like another computer or a phone) you'll need to move away from that device.

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