

## Online Bridge Playing & Learning Tools

Some ten years ago, I retired. On the very first morning of retirement, I got a call from a friend asking if I wanted to play bridge with him. I knew very little about bridge but I went along with him and a whole new world opened up to me.

Ever since then, I have become a student of bridge and started playing at bridge clubs on a regular basis. All of the players became an extended family. I even became a Board member of SOMBA and have served the Board now for nearly eight years.

I was informed about an online bridge app, BBO (BridgeBase Online). I never could get interested in BBO as I loved playing with REAL people at REAL clubs.

Then we were struck with the Corona virus (COVID19) and all of the bridge clubs closed their games for the health and safety of their members. Now we had to think of innovative ways to pass our time.

I got a call from a friend and who reminded me about BBO. Reluctantly, I agreed to give it a try and to my surprise, I loved it! You can play bridge with your favorite partner, with a random partner or you can play with robots. You can play FREE or for a small entry fee. For a small fee, you can play with a human partner or with robots and get ACBL master points.

Here is a link that has a brief video that shows how to use this app

**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahu\\_wyTYGGw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahu_wyTYGGw)**

I particularly liked the learning part which focused on Declarer

Play. It is great for all skill levels.

Go to **bridgebase.com** and login (sign up is FREE)

1. Click Practice

2. Click Bridge Master

3. Choose your skill level (1) Beginner (2) Intermediate (3) Advanced ...etc

or

1. Click Solitaire

2. Click Just Play Bridge

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