

## BBO FIRST STEPS

There are some first steps you can do on your own, they are:

1. Get a BBO username if you don't have one already and share your BBO username with me
2. Familiarise yourself with BBO by watching some other people play Bridge on BBO
3. If you're feeling confident try playing a few hands, if not then wait and I will set up a familiarisation session
4. If you want to read further try this: <https://berwickbridgeclub.co.uk/bbo>

You need a username to enter the world of Bridge Base Online

If you don't have a username this is how you get one:

- Go to <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>
- Click on 'Become a Member Free'
- You can choose your own username and password
- then enter your own email address
- Click 'I agree to the terms of Service'

### If you are unfamiliar with BBO I suggest you Watch a Few Boards First

If you're not that experienced with BBO I suggest you start by watching a few boards before playing yourself

- To do this click on 'Casual' under 'Play or Watch Bridge' on the Home Page
- Then click on 'Take me to an interesting table' under 'Help Me Find A Game - Watch'
- Note that as the bidding and play proceed the username of the player whose turn it lights up
- While you are watching click on the History Tab on the right.
- You will be able to see the score on the table you are watching for the last few boards.
- For each board if you click on 'other tables' you can see what other tables did on each board
- When you highlight a board / table combination it will appear under the list.
- The Auction will be shown in the middle of the table and you can see the play unfold card by card by clicking repeatedly on 'Next Trick'

### Once you become familiar with BBO I suggest you try playing a Few Boards

Go back to the Home Page and click on 'Casual'

If you have a partner click on 'I have a partner. Take us to a table' under 'Help me find a game - Play'  
Your name will light up when it is your turn to bid or play.

Click on the 'bidding box' to bid, or on the card you want to play to play

If you don't have a partner and can play either Acol or Standard American variants click on 'take me to the first seat available'

If you don't have a partner and only play Acol then you may find it better to click on 'All Private & Public Clubs' under 'find your own game'

The select Acol Players Bridge Club and double click on it

You can sit! or kibitz a table. If you want to play then look at Open Tables , or you can start a table