

LOU HOBHOUSE BRIDGE – LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE

Tournaments with feedback on BBO:

Tuesdays 4.30pm – 18 hands – 2.5 hours

Thursdays 3.00pm – 12 hands – under two hours

£6 per tournament – registration on the day – payment by BACS

Can't do BBO?
Ring me and we'll sign
you up together, then
have a few hands to
practice.

RELAXED GAMES – FOR LEARNERS AT EVERY STAGE

- **Anyone welcome to play** – ask your parents, your children, someone's husband, someone's mistress, someone in Timbuctu. **Everyone playing must register with me once only** – with BBO name, real name, email, address & telephone number. You can only register for a game if you have already registered with me.
- **Feedback** – there will be a **Bob n Lou video** emailed out after the game with how we would have bid (argued) the hands, and what we would have led, and any interesting play that we notice. We might sometimes have guest contributors . . .
- The email will also contain a **snapshot of each hand** with our bidding and lead.
- **Zoom** – In the long term I hope to be able to put everyone playing into Zoom break-out rooms. This will require pre-registration so that you can join Zoom. I gather it's a slow process initially, but gets much faster. Practice makes perfect.
- **EBU membership** – yes – you become a member of the English Bridge Union – get the member magazine which I edit, qualify for masterpoints and a rating. Called the NGS, the National Grading System looks at every game and the standard of opposition. You start as a 2, and you can't go down (!), but you are not picked for England until you are an ace of spades. Your grade becomes available after 300 hands.
- **Partnership Desk** – You don't need a partner – you can 'register' as looking for a partner, and invite anyone else who is doing the same. We will try and guarantee you a game.
- **Cost** - £6 per game. Initial Lou Hobhouse Bridge registration of £10 includes first game. Payment by BACS. Details with registration.
- **Standard** – Would suggest from a 2, up to an 8 or 9 on the NGS. Wide range of improvers – you won't be too bad to play – if you are too good, you'll do well, but be kind.

Useful videos:

Registering on BBO - <https://youtu.be/QoXvJWQFkdI>

Entering a tournament with, or without, a partner - <https://youtu.be/UHUhUicGQl4>

Playing in a tournament - <https://youtu.be/wqNgO-nhrGM>

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Please note I am frequently teaching, so texts and emails are better