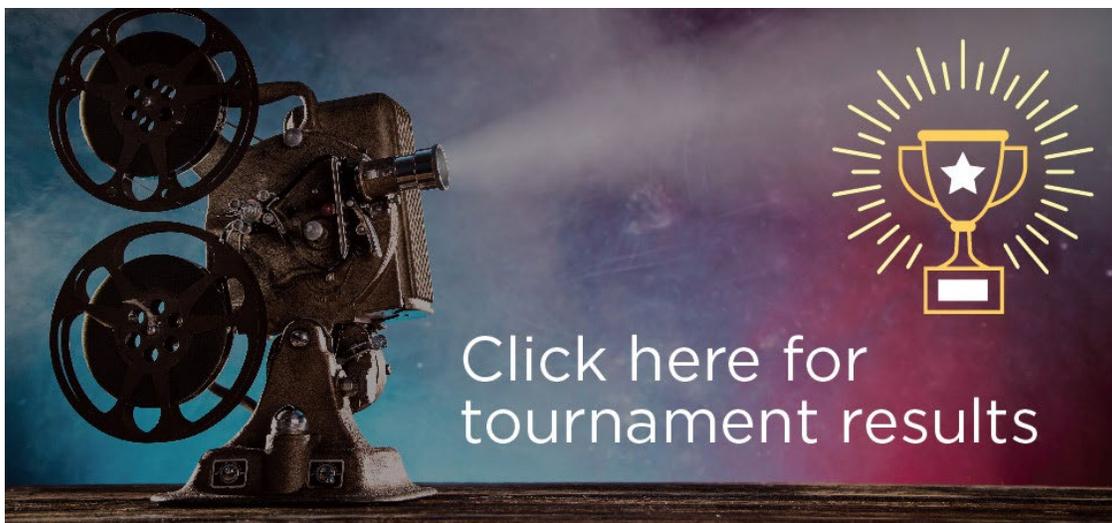




Thursday, Feb. 18

## Results from the Hollywood Magic Tournament



## Mini-Lessons for Intermediate/Newcomer Players

Looking for some bridge tips before the game? We'll be posting two video mini-lessons (30 minutes or less) from bridge celebrities every morning, Just click [here](#).



### Thursday

#### **Donna Compton**

My Favorite Play Technique

#### **Patty Tucker**

When To Bid Unusual Notrump

### Friday

#### **Barbara Seagram**

Taking Tricks with Tiny Cards

### Saturday

#### **Adam Parrish**

Declarer Play

### Sunday

#### **GS Jade Barrett**

Why We Bid

## Today's Speakers



**Donna Compton** is a world champion who has been playing competitive bridge since 1975. She is a WBF World Life Master and an ABTA Master Teacher. Donna is a member of the ACBL national Goodwill Committee and is a retired ACBL Tournament Director.



**Patty Tucker** is a leading bridge teacher and creator of the popular Learn Bridge In A Day? program. She was named Honorary Member of the Year in 2016 and inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019 for her contributions to bridge as a teacher. She is a Grand Life Master and an ABTA Master Bridge Teacher.

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## Daily Two-Session Events

Award Gold & Red Points - Must Play Both Sessions

**\$30 per player/18 boards per session • Top/Mid-Flight events are 20 boards**

### Early Bird Two-Session Event Schedule

**10:15 am & 1:45 pm ET • Golden Lights Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)**

**10:30 am & 2:00 pm ET • Back Lot Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)**

**10:45 am & 2:15 pm ET • Box Office Top-Flight Pairs (unlimited/4000)**

### Twilight Two-Session Event Schedule

**5:15 pm & 8:45 pm ET • Golden Age Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)**

**5:30 pm & 9:00 pm ET • Opening Credits Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)**

**5:45 pm & 9:15 pm • Director's Cut Top-Flight Pairs (unlimited/4000)**

## Daily Single-Session Events

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events

**\$15 per player, per session/18 boards per session**

**Award  
Red Points  
Only**

**10:15 am, 1:45 pm,  
5:15 pm & 8:45 pm ET • Popcorn 99er Pairs (100/50/20)**

**10:30 am, 2:00 pm,  
5:30 pm & 9:00 pm ET • Chocolate Raisin 499er pairs (500/300/200)**

## Daily Side Games

**Play in two sessions of the same series for a chance to win gold!**

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions

**\$15 per player, per session/18 boards per session**

**10:45 am ET • Art Director Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)**

**2:15 pm ET • Set Designer Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)**

**5:45 pm ET • Prop Manager Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)**

**9:15 pm ET • Stunt Double Side Game Series (unlimited/1500/500)**



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Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event. Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points



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## Online Bridge: Different Mechanics, Same Laws

By Robb Gordon, ACBL National Recorder

When we play online, we are still playing bridge. The Laws of Duplicate Bridge and ACBL Regulations still apply. But facing facts, some things are different. Here are a few:

1. Revoking and leading out of turn are impossible.
2. You must self-Alert.
3. Because you are Alerting only the opponents, and asking questions only of one or both opponents, partner does not "hear" your explanations or questions and that avenue of Unauthorized Information has been eliminated. This saves a lot of arguments and bad feelings.
4. Breaks in tempo are awkward. At the table, if somebody takes a lot of time, you can see that they (presumably) are thinking. In online bridge, it could mean that their tea kettle started whistling and they went to turn off the burner. Law 73E2:

If the Director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a question, remark, manner, tempo or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have been aware, at the time of the action, that it could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

This rule applies. When you spill coffee or are distracted by a phone call, it is incumbent on you to make sure the opponents know so they are not deceived by your inattention.

5. The ACBL has long had a rule that partnerships have

two identical convention cards with their names on them. The convention card rules apply to BBO as well, except you need have only one card. To make a convention card, log in. Click Account on the right tabbed menu and select the Convention Cards heading. It is pretty easy to recall a saved card or to complete and save a new one. Remember to load your card by completing the Use With Partner blank with your partner's BBO name.



6. The ACBL Convention Charts apply here. Make sure your convention is permitted in the game you are playing. For example, a 2♦ opening that shows a weak hand with length in one of the majors is an Open+ Chart convention and is not permitted in any event in the online regional.
7. It has come to our attention that some players have more than one BBO user ID. Please only use one ID when playing in ACBL games with human opponents. We are screening for this.
8. Because you are playing in an ACBL game against human opponents, we encourage you to make sure your profile displays your real name.

## Keep it Clean

Most of us are honest and want to play the game properly. When you play against an opponent you suspect is not playing in accordance with the Laws, or violating the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, please file a Player Memo. There is a version streamlined for online play reports available at [www.acbl.org/bbomemo/](http://www.acbl.org/bbomemo/). You may privately text your director as well, but making a public accusation is itself a violation of the CDR, so please report suspicious conduct in an actively ethical way!



*"I've volunteered to be one of the investigators when there is suspicion of Unauthorized Information during online play. There are a lot of factors to consider, not least of which is the suspected player's experience level.*

*Accusations of cheating are a serious matter. Anyone can do something strange on one deal; but when a pattern emerges, there is smoke. Where there is smoke, there is often fire. For charges to be filed, more than one investigator has to come to the same conclusion.*

*The game will be better and more popular if we all behave ethically.*

*Big Brother is watching you." - Larry Cohen*

## Entry Fees

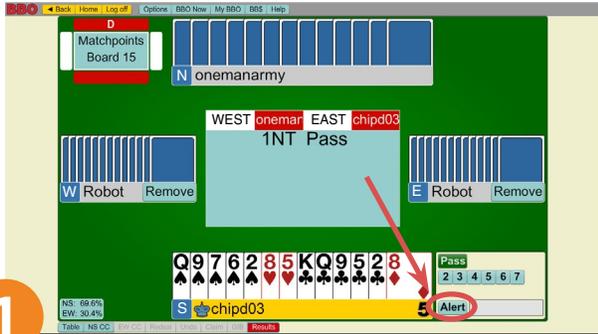
The entry fees for this online tournament are \$15 per player per session.





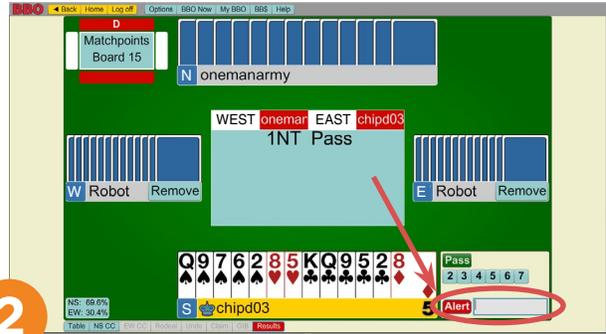
## BBO Help Desk – How to Alert your bids

In face-to-face bridge, you Alert your partner's bids. In online bridge, you Alert your own bids. Here's how to do that.



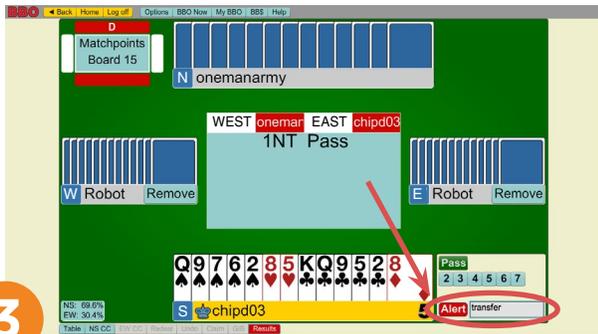
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It's your turn to bid, and you realize the call you're about to make requires an Alert. In this case, partner has opened 1NT and you want to transfer. Before doing anything else, click the Alert button.



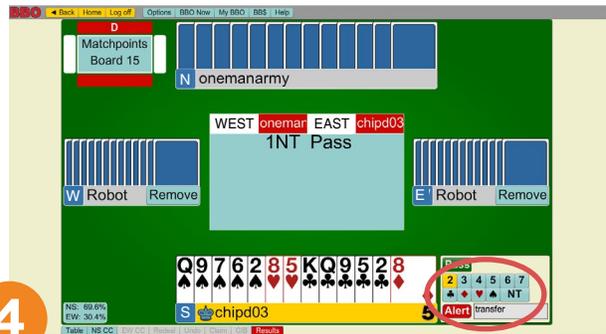
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The Alert button will turn red and a cursor will appear. Type an explanation for your call here. You can also fill in the explanation later by clicking on your bid after it appears in the auction diagram.



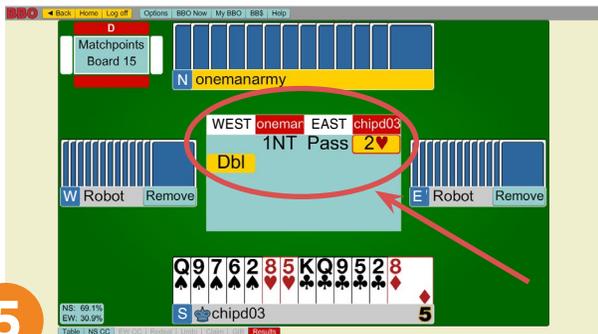
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After you have entered your Alert and explanation, you are ready to select your call. Once you bid, it's too late to Alert. Select the level of your bid.



4

Next, select the appropriate strain. In this case we bid 2♥ to transfer to spades. Note: Since January, you say "spades" rather than "transfer" to explain.



5

When you click the suit symbol, your bid appears in the auction diagram highlighted in yellow and outlined in red. The auction continues. Note that although partner Alerted his 1NT bid as 15-17, you don't see his Alert and he can't see yours.



6

During or after the auction, you can hover over any call highlighted in yellow to see the explanation. If there is a red outline but no yellow, you can click the bid to prompt the person who made the Alert to fill in the explanation.