

Nemes, Mr. 1700 in 5K final

The squads captained by Charles Nemes and Eric Gettleman (Mr. 1700 and Friends) square off in today's final of the 0-5000 Knockout Teams.

In the semifinal round, **Nemes** (Charles Nemes, Edward Maier, Rick Schoenfield and David Bogolub) defeated Edward Helpert's team, 105-75. **Helpert** played with Ron Vickery, William Lindgren and Henry Nelson. The Nemes team is the defending champion of this event, having won it in the Spring NAOBC.

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Micro final: Apollo, Dahlberg

Teams Apollo and Dahlberg will meet in the final of the NAOBC 0-1500 Knockout.

The semifinal matches were remarkably similar in their scoring pattern. **Apollo** (Brian Zhang, Eric Xiao, Serena Guo, Wanwan Ren, Guanghao Xiao, Jeff Xiao), originally the No. 8 seed, defeated **Drabek** (Yan Drabek, Barry Laflam, Bob Leitch, James Kronholm). Apollo led throughout, putting up big numbers in the second and fourth quarters.

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Few surprises in Premier KO

Again, the top seeds in the Premier Knockout performed as top seeds usually do.

Defending champions **Levine** (Mike Levine, Eddie Wold, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness) had an early night after No. 16 **Amoils**, down 50 at the half and 113 after three quarters, withdrew. So did No. 3 **Moss** (Roger Lee, Sylvia Moss, Michal Nowosadzki, Jacek Kalita, Sjoert Brink, Sebastiaan Drijver), who forced an early exit for **Ferguson** (Bruce Ferguson, Brenda Keller, Julie Nadel, Joris van Lankveld, Berend Van Den Bos) when they took an 89-IMP lead after three quarters.

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Ramos, Towner lead IMP Pairs

John Ramos of Los Angeles CA and **Mitch Towner** of Tucson AZ topped the qualifying round of the Open IMP Pairs, scoring 91.05 IMPs in Wednesday's opening round. They will enjoy a 24-IMP carryover in today's two-session final.

In second are **Mike Passell** of Plano TX and **Steve Zolotow** of Las Vegas NV, with a carryover of 21.99 IMPs. In third are **Paul Markarian** of Lancaster CA and **Jeffrey Goldsmith** of Tujunga CA with an 18.08-IMP carrover.

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Schedule

See full schedule at acbl.org/naobc.

	Premier KO Open/Limited	IMP Pairs Open	Three-Day Pairs All flights
Thursday, July 22	Quarterfinals/Finals	Final sessions	
Friday, July 23	Semifinals	Two-Day Pairs	Qualifying sessions
Saturday, July 24	Final	Qualifying sessions	Semifinal sessions
Sunday, July 25		Final sessions	Final sessions

▶ NAOBC Premier KO Round of 16 scores

1	Levine	34	82	155	155	2	Nickell	61	89	120	127
16	Amoils	28	32	42	w/d	15	(18) Manhattan	0	26	50	79
8	Gupta	25	60	94	113	7	Tulin	18	38	81	126
9	Donner	22	50	99	120	10	(23) Kolesnik	17	61	84	89
5	Lebowitz	25	68	88	133	6	Spector	18	70	98	101
12	Hill	23	37	80	107	11	Lewis	36	48	72	131
13	Riphey	22	58	71	100	14	(19) Ferguson	6	22	47	w/d
4	Rosenthal	31	35	101	123	3	Moss	34	74	136	136

▶ NAOBC 0-5000 KO semifinal scores

1	Nemes	12	49	80	105	2	(15) Mr. 1700 & Friends	60	67	116	116
4	Helpert	5	32	51	75	3	(11) Shella's Pals	17	39	48	w/d

▶ NAOBC 0-1500 KO semifinal scores

1	(8) Apollo	38	93	122	156	2	Dahlberg	31	61	89	127
4	(5) Drabek	29	47	79	81	3	(6) Suitable Friends	12	30	64	71

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In the other bracket, **Mr. 1700 and Friends** eliminated Shelley Burns's team (**Shell's Pals**), 116-48 in three quarters of play. Mr. 1700's roster is Paul Holmes, David Venetianer, Richard Franklin, A.J. Stephani and Isaac Stephani. The roster for Shell's Pals was Shelley Burns, Kelvin Raywood, Lisa Mita and Edward Alcott.

Franklin confessed to being the eponymous Mr. 1700, saying he got the nickname from an opponent who didn't like Franklin calling the director about a break in tempo during an online match last year. In the face of time-

stamped evidence, the offender sought to deflect the charge by attacking Franklin's credibility, bringing up that he had gone down six doubled and vulnerable in the wake of a mishap involving exclusion keycard Blackwood and calling him "Mr. 1700." Since then, Franklin's friends have not let the joke die.

"My teammates had a new nickname for me, that I decided to just own rather than fighting the inevitable," Franklin said. "If my bridge friends have any say in burying me, it will no doubt be engraved on my tombstone."

▶ NAOBC Premier KO - round of 32 pairings

- 1 Mike Levine, Pinckney MI; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Beach FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater FL; Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness, Monaco
- 8 (9) Gary Donner, Bluffton SC; Cecilia Rimstedt, Sweden; Per-Ola Cullin, Sweden; Marion Michielsen, Sweden; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Joe Grue, New York NY
- 5 Laurence Lebowitz, Boston MA; Adam Grossack - Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Agustin Madala, Argentina; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Dennis Bilde, Denmark
- 4 Andrew Rosenthal - Chris Willenken - Jan Jansma, New York NY; Aaron Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Boye Brogeland - Espen Lindqvist, Norway
- 9/16 Warren Spector, Chilmark MA; Gavin Wolpert - Kevin Bathurst - Vincent Demuy, Palm Beach Gardens FL; John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Greenville SC
- 9/16 Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Zia Mahmood, England; Simon De Wijs, Netherlands; Daniel Korbel, Las Vegas NV; David Gold, England; Bauke Muller, Netherlands
- 9/16 Joyce Hill, St. Augustine FL; Kevin Dwyer, Tampa FL; Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL; Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt, Sweden
- 9/16 Mike Rippey, Orinda CA; Kamil Nowak, Poland; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Egypt; Piotr Nawrocki, Poland; Piotr Wiankowski, Poland
- 2 Nick Nickell, New York NY; Steve Weinstein, Cedar Grove NJ; Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL; Eric Greco, Northville MI; Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV
- 7 Stan Tulin, Boca Raton FL; Louk Verhees Jr., Netherlands; David Bakhshi, England; Alon Birman - Dror Padon, Israel; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Netherlands
- 6 (11) Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA
- 3 Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Roger Lee, Las Vegas NV; Michal Nowosadzki, Poland; Jacek Kalita, Poland; Sjoert Brink - Sebastiaan Drijver, Geneva Switzerland
- 9/16 Leslie Amoils - Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Finn Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON; Tom Hanlon, Dublin Ireland
- 9/16 Manhattan: Allen Kahn - Jeffrey Rothstein - David Gurvich - Michael Radin - Ira Herman, New York NY; Michael Lipkin, Brooklyn NY
- 9/16 Bruce Ferguson - Brenda Keller, Las Vegas NV; Julie Nadel, Santa Barbara CA; Joris van Lankveld, Netherlands; Berend Van Den Bos, Netherlands
- 9/16 Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Bob Etter - Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA

▶ NAOBC 0-5000 KO - final pairing

- 1 Charles Nemes, Longboat Key FL; Edward Maier, Sarasota FL; Rick Schoenfield, Westchester IL; David Bogolub, Deerfield IL
- 2 (15) Mr. 1700 and Friends: Eric Gettleman, Ellicott City MD; Paul Holmes, Wadsworth OH; David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA; Richard Franklin, New Canaan CT; AJ Stephani - Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH
- 3/4 Edward Helpert - William Lindgren, Tucson AZ; Ronald Vickery, Oro Valley AZ; Henry Nelson, Zelenople PA
- 3/4 Shelley Burns, North Vancouver BC; Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC; Lisa Mita, Berwyn PA; Edward Alcott, Naples FL

▶ NAOBC 0-1500 KO - final pairing

- 1 (8) Apollo: Brian Zhang - Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Eric Xiao - Guanghao Xiao - Jeff Xiao, Shrewsbury MA; Wanwan Ren, Sunnyvale CA
- 2 James Dahlberg, Arlington VA; Alan Munro, Vienna VA; Colin Schloss, Falls Church VA; Nick Migliacci, Las Vegas NV
- 3/4 Yan Drabek, Florence MA; Barry Laflam, Southampton MA; Robert Leitch, Amherst MA; James Kronholm, Blandford MA
- 3/4 Suitable Friends: Tom Paul - Bill Whitehouse - Gayle Booth - Janet Johnson, Loudon TN; Brenda Kelly, Knoxville TN

Qualifiers in the NAOBC IMP Pairs

	Carryover			
1	John Ramos – Mitch Towner	24.00	33 Jason Ji – Shihong You	4.95
2	Mike Passell – Steve Zolotow	21.99	34 Harry Tudor – Lee Rautenberg	4.86
3	Paul Markarian – Jeffrey Goldsmith	18.08	35 Billy Miller – H. Jay Sloofman	4.77
4	Howard Miller – Richard DePaulo	17.93	36 Louis Sachar – Stephen Wood	4.55
5	Joachim Haffer – Philip Markey	17.45	37 James Rasmussen – Parul Jain	4.19
6	Mark Lair – Michael Lair	16.18	38 Levi Katriel – Ethan Derman	3.81
7	Gloria Bart – Les Bart	16.00	39 Morrie Kleinplatz – Kelley Hwang	3.77
8	Mark Itabashi – Brian Gilbert	15.99	40 Ken Gee – Hannah Moon	3.64
9	Lin-Huan Chen – Ding-Hwa Hsieh	15.61	41 Nancy Katz – Migry Zur Campanile	3.37
10	Rick Binder – Alan Watson	15.16	42 Robert Gardner – Dick Bruno	3.34
11	Peter Cheung – Marusa Gold	14.40	43 Stephen McConnell – Ilan Wolff	3.10
12	David Yang – Jonathan Weinstein	13.73	44 David Zhang – Fan Yang	2.93
13	Leonardo Cima – Ettore Bianchi	13.46	45 Xun Zhang – Kun He	2.89
14	Jack Zhao – Tod Moses	11.92	46 Karen Allison – William Boynton	2.79
15	Marjorie Michelin – Ellis Feigenbaum	11.91	47 Jean Ludwig – Glenn Eisenstein	2.73
16	Fred Stewart – Steve Beatty	11.77	48 Eric Laurant – Nicolas Hammond	2.48
17	Louis-Amaury Beauchet – Tracey Bauer	11.57	49 Jim Foster – Bryan Howard	2.43
18	Steve Robinson – Peter Boyd	10.57	50 John Jefferson – Joanne Merry	2.40
19	Neil Silverman – Linda Epstein	9.80	51 Georgia Botta – David Marker	2.34
20	Guohui Zhang – Dongsheng Wu	9.56	52 Craig Gardner – George Jacobs	2.23
21	Ron Gerard – Richard Oshlag	8.38	53 Roger Bates – Steven Love	2.16
22	Jennifer Richter – Brady Richter	8.09	54 GS Jade Barrett – Anne Beurivage	1.98
23	Tim Verbeek – Marcel Verhaegen	7.80	55 Shigang Liang – Michael Wang	1.86
24	Barry Spector – Randy Thompson	7.53	56 Aaron Jones – Jeff Roman	1.66
25	Matthias Felmy – Alexander Smirnov	7.31	57 Robert Hopkins Jr. – Brad Theurer	1.39
26	Merril Hirsh – Monique Smith	7.26	58 Boris Baran – Pierre Daigneault	1.31
27	Craig Allen – Stephen Donahue	7.25	59 Kenneth Kranyak – Greg Michaels	1.16
28	Uresh Vahalia – Daniel Boye	7.02	60 Ming Sheng – Richard Chan	1.04
29	Peter J. Boyd-Bowman – E.R. ‘Bud’ McKinney	6.97	61 Bruce Cuthbertson – Hal Montgomery	0.95
30	Anne S. Kao – David Binney	6.84	62 Bernard Yomtov – Mark Jones	0.67
31	Walter Schafer Jr. – Srinivas Kachibhatla	5.66	63 Buddhadeb Biswas – Stuart Goodgold	0.12
32	Nick Bykov – Leszek Rabiega	5.55	64 David Meyer – Walter Bell	0.00

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Apollo was leading 93–47 at halftime. Drabek got their best results in the third quarter, taking 3 IMPs of the lead. But then Apollo finished with a 34–2 fourth quarter, winning 156–81.

In the other match, **Dahlberg** (James Dahlberg, Alan Munro, Colin Schloss, Nick Migliacci) eliminated **Suitable Friends** (Thomas Paul, William Whitehouse, Gayle Booth, Brenda Kelly, Janet Johnson), also leading

after each quarter. Dahlberg similarly took a big halftime lead – 61–30 – and lost a bit of ground in the third quarter and then closed with a 38–7 fourth quarter, finishing 127–71.

In the Spring NAOBC 0–1500 KO, the same Dahlberg team reached the quarterfinals. Two members of the Apollo team played in the final, but the other four members of the team were not in the event.

Lu-Zangri win 5K IMP Pairs

Yongjun Lu of Nepean ON and Robert Zangri of Centerville OH won the regional 0–5000 IMP Pairs, scoring 79.38 IMPs.

In second with 62.19 IMPs are Robert Sprick of Orlando FL and Cabot Jaffee Jr. of Maitland FL.

California duo wins 1500 IMP Pairs

Dan Higgins and Bejai Higin of Poway CA scored 54.91 IMPs in the regional 0–1500 IMP Pairs to win the two-session event.

In second with 40.78 IMPs are Debbie Faigen of Los Angeles CA and Francis Gupta of Princeton NJ.

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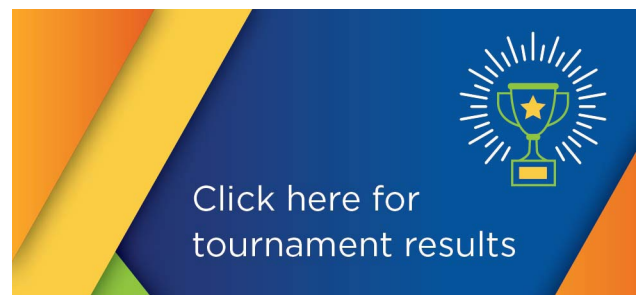
After shutting out No. 18 **Manhattan** (Allen Kahn, Jeffrey Rothstein, Michael Lipkin, David Gurvich, Michael Radin, Ira Herman) in the first quarter 61–0, No. 2 seed **Nickell** (Nick Nickell, Steve Weinstein, Robert Levin, Ralph Katz, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson) went on to win by 48.

No. 13 **Rippey** (Mike Rippey, Kamil Nowak, Tarek Sadek, Walid Elahmady, Piotr Nawrocki, Piotr Wiankowski) enjoyed a halftime lead against No. 4 **Rosenthal** (Andrew Rosenthal, Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Jan Jansma, Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist) before losing by 23.

There was one notable upset, in a dramatic fashion No. 11 **Lewis** (Paul Lewis, Linda Lewis, Ron Smith, Billy Cohen, Bart Bramley, Kit Woolsey) defeated No. 6 **Spector** (Warren Spector, Gavin Wolpert, John Hurd, Kevin Bathurst, John Kranyak, Vincent Demuy). Up by 18 after the first quarter, Lewis found themselves down by 22 at the half and down 26 after three quarters. Then, Lewis held Spector to a mere 3 IMPs in the fourth

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One hundred twenty-four pairs entered the event. The top 64 pairs qualified for the final, and the bottom 60 pairs are automatically entered into today's regional open IMP pairs.



See results from all of Wednesday's events, including the regional pairs events

quarter while scoring 59 to come back to win 131–101.

The matches drew tighter as the bracket did. The **Lebowitz** (Laurence Lebowitz, Adam Grossack, Agustin Madala, Michael Rosenberg, Dennis Bilde, Zachary Grossack) – **Hill** (Kevin Dwyer, Joyce Hill, Shan Huang, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt) match saw a 2-IMP disparity in the first quarter, then Lebowitz went on a 43–14 run to take a 31-IMP lead at the half. But by the end of the third quarter, the Lebowitz lead was only 8 IMPs. They hung on in the fourth quarter to win 133–107.

Tulin – Kolesnik and **Gupta – Donner** both had close first quarters and swingy second quarters. After three quarters, their matches were again very close. Tulin was down 3 IMPs after three but had a big fourth quarter to win by 37 IMPs. Donner was up by 5 IMPs after three and held on to win by 7.

In today's quarterfinal matches, Levine meets Donner, Nickell faces Tulin, Moss plays Lewis and Rosenthal squares off against Lebowitz.

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/. 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

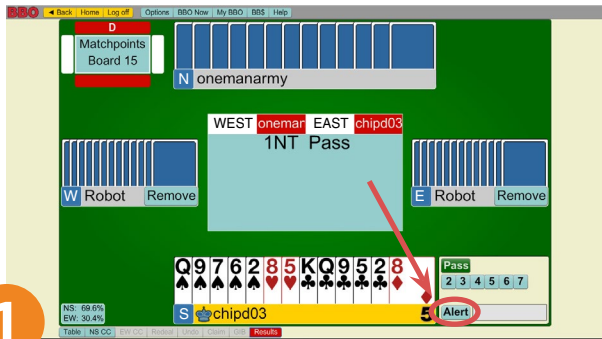
Entry Fees

Per player per session:
GNTs: Free
NAOBC+ events: \$20
NAOBC events: \$17
Regional events: \$15



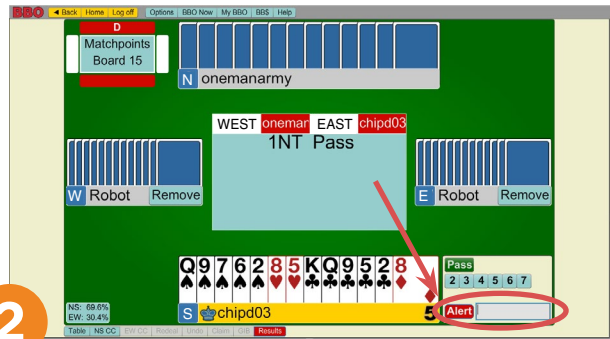
BBO Help Desk - How to Alert your bids

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.



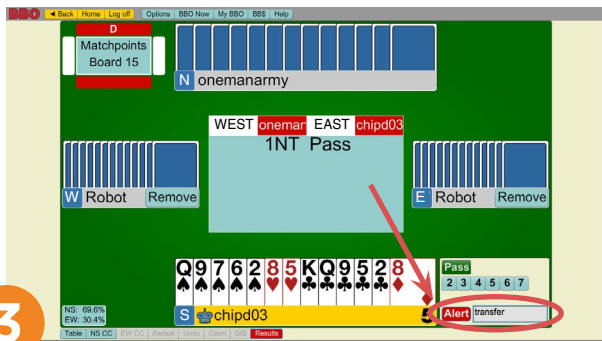
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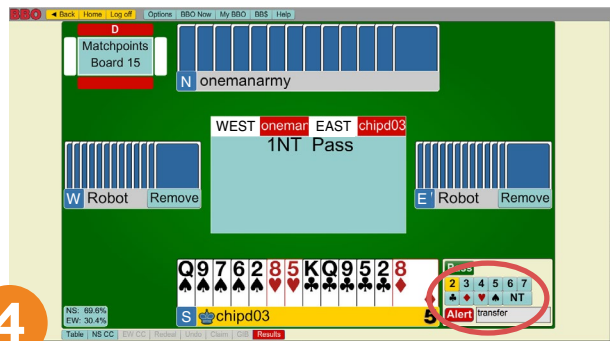
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The Alert button will turn red and a cursor will appear. Type an explanation for your call here. You can also fill in the explanation later by clicking on your bid after it appears in the auction diagram.



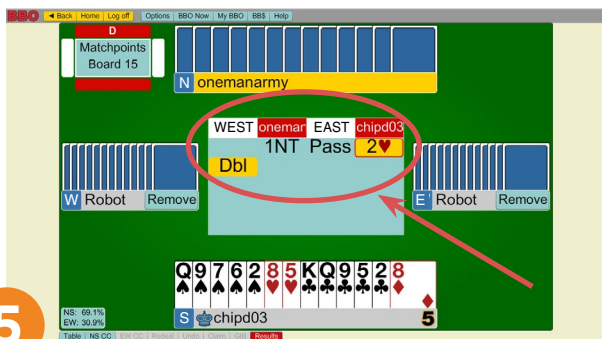
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After you have entered your Alert and explanation, you are ready to select your call. Once you bid, it's too late to Alert. Select the level of your bid.



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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.



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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.



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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.