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ACBL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, April 22

## Results from the Stay at Home, Play at Home Tournament



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tournament results

## 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

**Barbara Seagram**

Fourth-Suit Forcing

### Friday

**Patty Tucker**

The Holdup Play

### Saturday

**Adam Parrish**

New Minor Forcing

**Marjorie Michelin**

Opening Leads

### Sunday

**GS Jade Barrett**

Moving Up in the Bridge World

## 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.



**Barbara Seagram** is the co-author of 26 bridge books, including "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know." She was also named #40 on the list of top 52 personalities that have most influenced the game. She owns and runs a school of bridge in Toronto.

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### Daily Two-Session Events

Award Gold & Red Points – Must Play Both Sessions • **\$30 per player**

#### Early Bird Two-Session Event Schedule

- 10:15 am & 1:45 pm ET • **Gold-Stripe Pajamas Gold Rush Pairs** (750/400/200) 18 boards per session
- 10:30 am & 2:00 pm ET • **Sweatpants Mid-Flight Pairs** (3000/1250) 20 boards per session
- 10:45 am & 2:15 pm ET • **Bunny Slippers Top-Flight Pairs** (unlimited/4000) 20 boards per session

#### Afternoon Two-Session Event Schedule

- 1:45 pm & 5:15 pm ET • **Toe Socks Top-Flight Pairs** (unlimited/4000) 20 boards per session
- 2:00 pm & 5:30 pm ET • **Golden Hoodie Gold Rush Pairs** (750/400/200) 18 boards per session
- 2:15 pm & 5:45 pm ET • **Yoga Pants Mid-Flight Pairs** (3000/1250) 20 boards per session

#### Twilight Two-Session Event Schedule

- 5:15 pm & 8:45 pm ET • **Gold Blanket Gold Rush Pairs** (750/400/200) 18 boards per session  
Finished by 11:00 pm
- 5:30 pm & 9:00 pm ET • **Throw Pillow Open Pairs** (unlimited/2500/1250) 20 boards per session

### 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 ET • **Comfy 99er Pairs** (100/50/20)

10:30 am, 2:00 pm,  
5:30 pm & 8:45 pm ET • **Cozy 499er pairs** (500/300/200)

### Daily Side Games

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions

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

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

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

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

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

9:00 pm ET • **Chaise Lounge 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

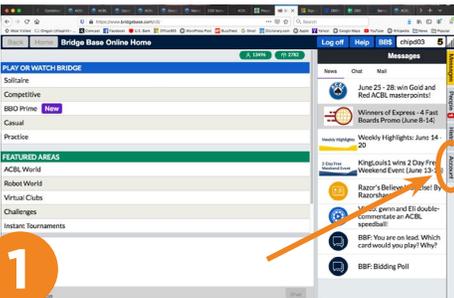
The entry fees for this online tournament are \$15 per player per session.



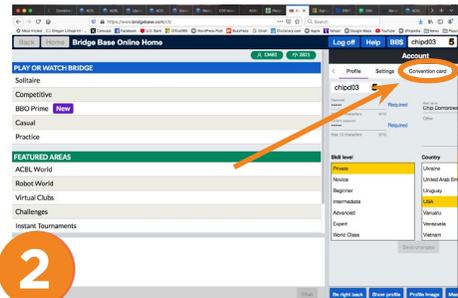


## BBO Help Desk - Convention Cards

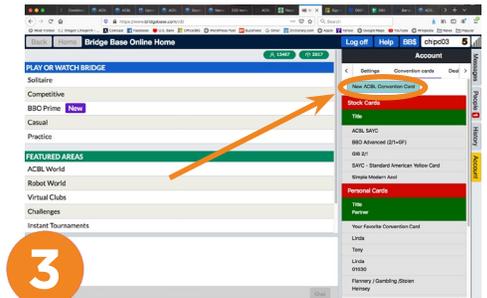
Convention cards disclose your partnership's agreements to the opponents in accordance with the rules of bridge. The ACBL requires that you and your partner make a completed convention card available. Your full names - first and last - should appear at the top. When you sit down to play or register for a tournament with a partner, BBO will see if your partnership has a convention card on file by looking at your list of Personal Cards for your partner's username. If it is there, you will be notified and the appropriate card is loaded once play starts. If your opponents follow this procedure, you'll be able to view their cards as well.



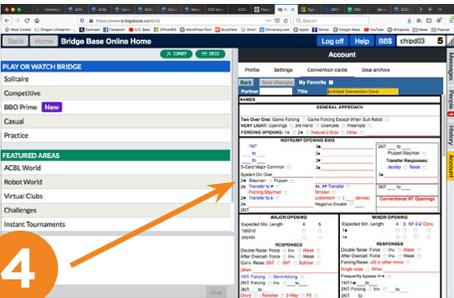
1 After logging in, click on the Account tab along the right edge. Your profile will open as shown at right.



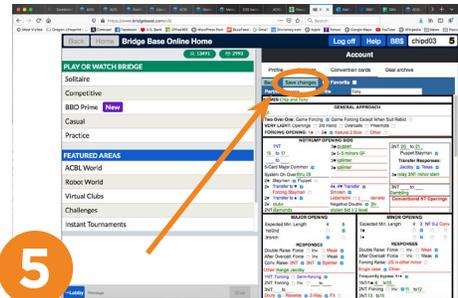
2 Click on Convention cards. The Convention cards section will open.



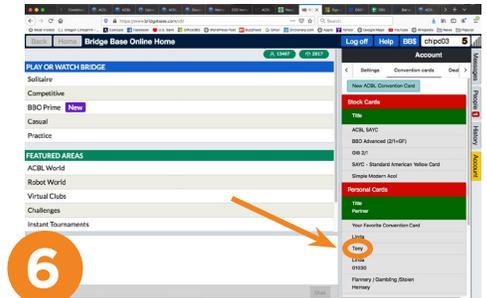
3 To fill out a new card, click on New ACBL Convention Card. If you don't want to start from a blank card, you can also select one of the Stock Cards.



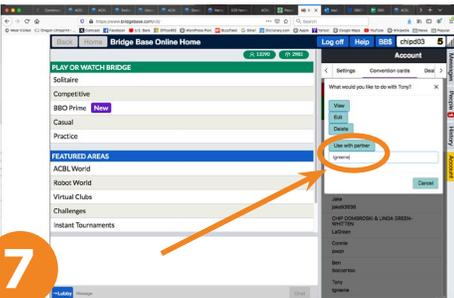
4 A blank convention card will appear. Widen the window by dragging the divider to the left. Click each blank line to place your cursor, then enter the appropriate information.



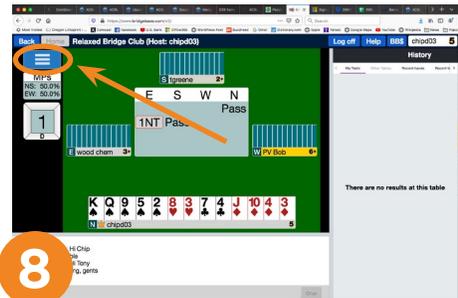
5 Continue filling in the card until it is complete. When the card is complete, click the "Save changes" button at top left.



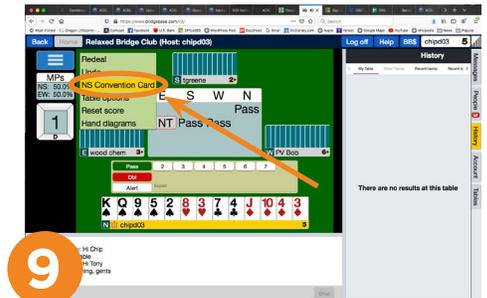
6 To view or edit a card after it is filled out, select it from the list of Personal Cards at the bottom of the Convention cards section.



7 A prompt will ask you what you want to do with the card. Select view or edit as appropriate. In order for the card to be visible to your opponents, you must designate a partner. Enter your partner's BBO name as shown and click "Use with partner."



8 When you want to view an opponent's convention card during a game, start by clicking on the three bars.



9 If the opponents have loaded their convention card, it will appear as a choice in this menu. Select NS Convention Card or EW Convention Card. The card will pop up in another window.