

# Virtual Vacation Tournament

August 27-30  
Break Away to Bridge



## Welcome to the Virtual Vacation Tournament



We are pleased that you have joined us for the ACBL's third regionally rated event online. The first two such contests were enormously popular, and we hope that our members will continue to find these innovative tournaments a source of education and fun.

Please check out the online Daily Bulletins for the schedules of games and special speakers, tips on how to self-Alert and fill out your convention card, and guidance from the ACBL National Recorder on rules for ethical play online.

We invite you to give us your feedback on your experience so that we can make these events even more successful in the future.

Please play nice, play fair and have fun.

Joseph Jones  
Executive Director

## Mini-Lessons for Intermediate/Newcomer Players

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



### Thursday

**Donna Compton**  
Defend this Hand with Me

**Reese Koppel**  
Artful Aggression at  
Favorable Vulnerability

### Saturday

**Marjorie Michelin**  
Does Returning Partner's Suit  
Always Win the Postmortem?

**Barbara Seagram**  
My Kingdom for an Entry

### Friday

**Patty Tucker**  
Bidding Your Strength and Shape

**Robert Todd**  
Problem Opening Bids

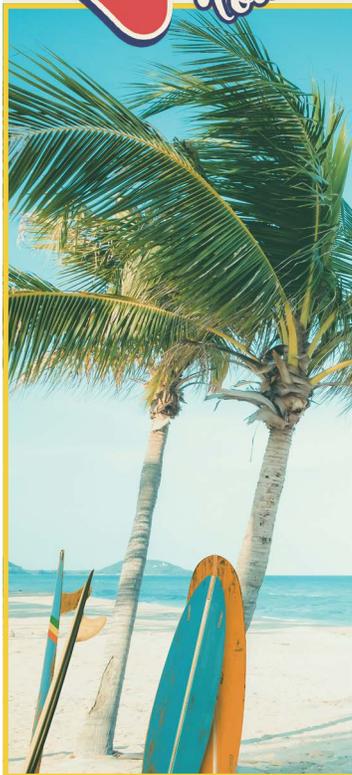
### Sunday

**GS Jade Barrett**  
Surviving the Tournament

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Thurs.-Sun., August 27-30, 2020

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Regionally Rated – All Times Eastern



## Daily Two-Session Events

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

### Early Bird Two-Session Event Schedule

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| <b>10:15 am &amp; 1:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Golden Sunshine Gold Rush Pairs</b> (750/400/200)<br>No player may have more than 750 masterpoints |
| <b>10:30 am &amp; 2:00 pm ET</b> | <b>Sandcastle Mid-Flight Pairs</b> (3000/1250)<br>No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints      |
| <b>10:45 am &amp; 2:15 pm ET</b> | <b>High Tide Top-Flight Pairs</b> (unlimited/4000)  |

### Twilight Two-Session Event Schedule

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| <b>5:15 pm &amp; 8:45 pm ET</b><br>Finished by 11:00 pm | <b>Golden Sands Super Gold Rush Pairs</b> (1250/750/300)<br>No player may have more than 1250 masterpoints |
| <b>5:30 pm &amp; 9:00 pm ET</b><br>Finished by 11:15 pm | <b>Seashell Mid-Flight Pairs</b> (3000/1750)<br>No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints             |
| <b>5:45 pm &amp; 9:15 pm ET</b><br>Finished by 11:30 pm | <b>Boardwalk Top-Flight Pairs</b> (unlimited/4000)   |



## Daily Single-Session Events

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events – **\$15 per player, per session**

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| <b>10:15 am, 1:45 pm,<br/>5:15 pm &amp; 8:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Ferris Wheel 99er Pairs</b> (100/50/20)<br>No player may have more than 100 masterpoints      |
| <b>10:30 am, 2:00 pm,<br/>5:30 pm &amp; 9:00 pm ET</b> | <b>Roller Coaster 499er pairs</b> (500/300/200)<br>No player may have more than 500 masterpoints |



## Daily Side Games

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions – **\$15 per player, per session**

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| <b>10:45 am ET</b> | <b>Campfire Side Game Series</b> (unlimited/1500/500)  |
| <b>2:15 pm ET</b>  | <b>S'mores Side Game Series</b> (unlimited/1500/500)   |
| <b>5:45 pm ET</b>  | <b>Firefly Side Game Series</b> (unlimited/1500/500)   |
| <b>9:15 pm ET</b>  | <b>Moonlight Side Game Series</b> (unlimited/1500/500) |



American Contract  
Bridge League

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

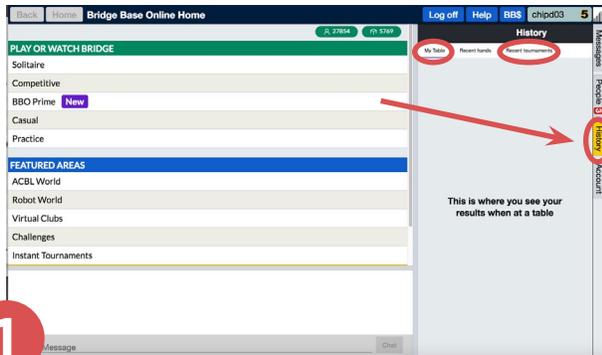
The entry fees for the Endless Summer Online Tournament are \$15 per player per session.





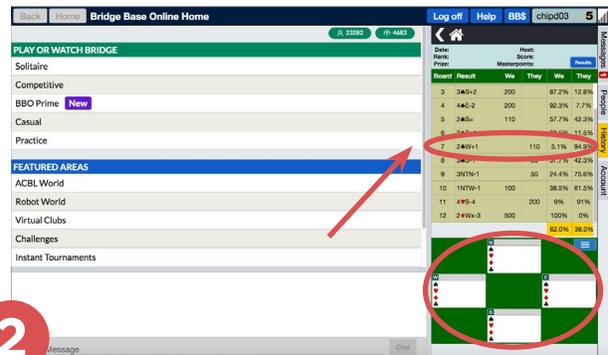
## BBO Help Desk - How to report a deal

When something happens in an online game that seems suspicious to you, you may want to report it. There are several options: You can call the director, you can file a player memo with the ACBL recorder, you can flag the deal for BBO to review, or you can simply save a deal for your own records.



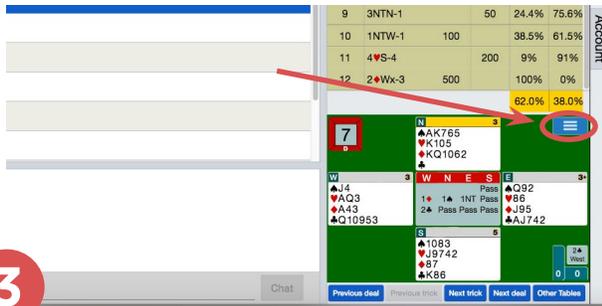
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During or after a game, you can find your played deals in the History tab. If it's during the game, go to My Table. If it's later, go to Recent tournaments and find the appropriate game.



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Once you are in the results of either the current game or the past game you are looking for, select the board you want to look at by clicking on that line. The deal will appear in the bottom of the right panel.



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Focusing on the bottom right corner of the screen, click the triple bar in this area to access the menu.



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From this menu, select Export. That will bring up another menu of export options.



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To flag the deal for BBO, click Send abuse report. A prompt will allow you to enter your comments about the deal. To save the deal for your records, click Save deal as. To file a player memo, click Handviewer link. You can copy and paste this link into an email, a text file or the player memo form at [acbl.org/bbomemo](http://acbl.org/bbomemo).



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If you want to call the director during a game, click the triple bar in the main section of the screen at top left. From the menu that appears, select Call Director. You can also use this menu to view your opponents' convention cards.