

LEEDS BRIDGE CLUB – VIRTUAL SESSIONS ON BRIDGE BASE ONLINE

INSTRUCTIONS

The virtual sessions are **three** times a week - **Mondays at 7.30 pm (Pairs and special events), Wednesdays at 7.30 pm (Stepping Stones) and Thursdays at 7.30 pm (Pairs).**

- 1 In order to play, you will need to buy some **\$BBO** in advance. This is easy to do on **BBO** itself – you will need a **credit** or **debit** card or you can pay using **'PayPal'**. Our sessions are **\$3** per player and **\$BBO** can be bought in multiples of **10** – that is, in **\$10, \$20**, etc.

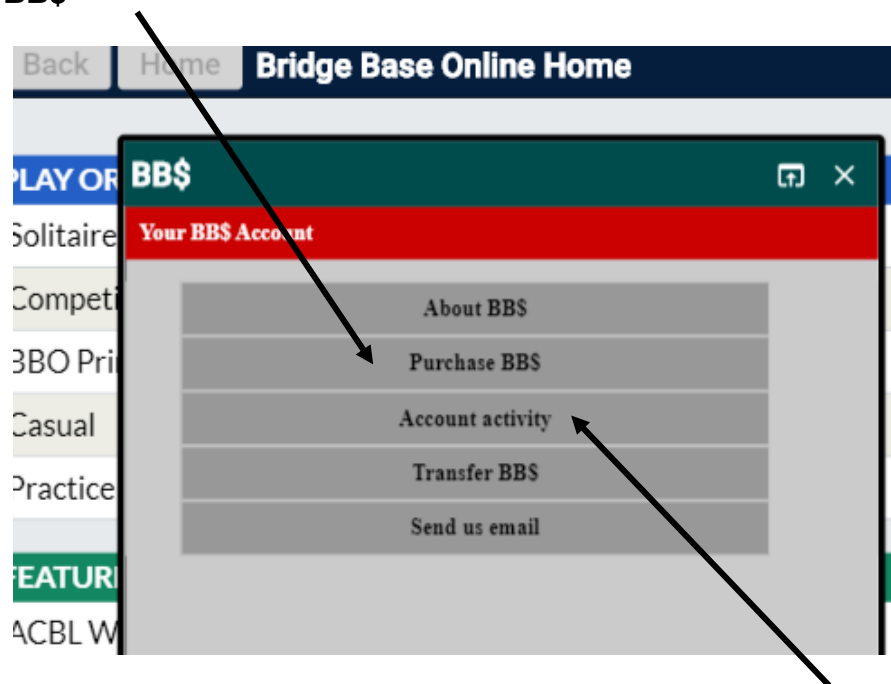
To make your purchase, log on to **BBO**

Click on the **BB\$** button at the **top left** of your screen.



You will get **'Your BB\$ Account'** screen.

Click **Purchase BB\$** and you will get the screen from which you can purchase your **BB\$**



Once you have bought your dollars, when you click on **'Account activity'**, you will be able to see your **\$BBO balance**. You can check how many of your dollars you have spent, when you spent them and on which specific tournaments you used them for.

- 2 If you do not have a partner, you can try to find one using our **'Partner Finder'** facility on **Pianola**. It is possible that you might also be able to find a partner, at the last minute, by registering on **BBO**.

- 3 If we know your username, which we will if you have played in one of our virtual club sessions before, played in our Swiss pairs or teams' events or added it to 'Pianola', we will be able to add your actual name to the results. If this is your first time playing in an online club event, please let **Sue Friedman** - chair@leedsbridgeclub.com - know your username well in advance, if possible. If you know your EBU number, you can also add that. If we do **not** have your username, you will still be able to register and play but your real name will not appear on the 'Pianola' results. If we do not have your EBU number, or you have not entered it when registering, you can also still play but it will be as a guest of the EBU and you will not be able to receive master points if you earn them in the event.
- 4 You have to register in advance for these sessions. The registration is between **5.30 pm** and **7.15 pm** for all of our evening games. To register, you and your partner need to log on to **BBO**, at the same time, and go to the '**Competitive**' section and then to '**All Tournaments**'. Make sure that it is showing the '**Pending**' tournaments. (It usually does this automatically when you go to the screen but it does need to be checked.) Where it says '**Search**', at the top of that page, put in **Leeds Bridge Club** and, as you start typing, our tournament should come up on the list. If you cannot find the '**Search**', scroll down the tournaments until you find the name of our club.
- 5 Click on the name of our club (**not** the number) and you should be taken to the sign-in page. Here you will see that you need to fill in your partner's username. You can also pay for your partner, if that is what you have agreed, so only one of you needs to buy the **\$BBO**. (If you are paying for yourself and your partner, **tick** the box that says '**I will pay for myself and my partner**').)
- 6 Click on '**Invite**' (or register) and an invite will be sent to your partner who must accept.
- 7 The first time that you register to play in one of our virtual events, a screen should come up asking for a number. This number is your **EBU** number. If you do not know it, just ignore this and the page will go away.
- 8 To check that you are registered for the event, return to the '**Tournaments**' page and click on our club again. You should then get a message saying that you are registered and who you are registered to play with.
- 9 Once you have registered, you can log off but make sure that you are logged on again by **7.20 pm**. You must go to the '**Competitive**' part of **BBO**. When the game is ready, you will be taken straight there. If you are not logged on in time you will miss the game as latecomers are not allowed.
- 10 We play **20/21 hands** on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** and **10/12 hands** on **Wednesdays**. Master points are awarded for the **Monday** and **Thursday** events. The results are put on the club's website and players will also be sent their results via '**Pianola**'.
- 11 The '**Tournament Director**' usually introduces himself, at the start of each tournament, and lets you know how to send him any questions. If you are playing for the first time and have not managed to give your username to Sue Friedman, in advance, please send a message to the '**Tournament Director**' to tell him your real name so that it can go in the results on our website.