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World Bridge Federation

Fédération Africaine de Bridge

1st WBF/ABF NBO Officers' Seminar
Cape Town, South Africa

Online Bridge

- Current state of online bridge
- Robot development
- Robot online play
- ✓ **NEW!** WBF new championship category, e-robot
Play for world ranking and titles

Online Bridge

- Practice with a partner
- Teach individuals or groups
- Practice by yourself with Robot solitaire games
- Set up team matches
- For fun, practice and competition
- Play anytime of the day, stay on as long as you want
- Greater player experience
- Inexpensive to players, much of it is free

Online Competition: individual, Pairs, Teams

- Flexibility to hold all types of formats and movements:
Swiss Pairs and Individual; barometer scoring
- Speed of play increases:
scores are entered automatically; no physical movement;
slow play is easily monitored and corrected
- Eliminates Director issues: self alerting removes many
infractions (MI); no scoring errors; timing is recorded
- Niceties: play is recorded and archived

Robot Play

- Robot play: Solitaire - don't need a partner or opponents!
- Tournaments – humans all have same 'bot partner & opponents
- Robot play is becoming a favorite pastime of online players

Online Bridge Play

The language of Online Bridge

WBF Women's Online Club; (soon to come) Robot tournaments

International Online Clubs:

BridgeBase Online USA (American Contract Bridge League)

Okbridge USA (ACBL)

BridgeClubLive UK

Swan Games Sweden

OurGame.com China

StepBridge The Netherlands (Netherland Bridge Bond)

StepBridge Australia (Australian Bridge Federation)

Online Bridge Play

- NBO sanctioned play;
Special Events (College, Women's Festival, Exhibition)
- Robot Play: Solitaire Games on Computer/Tablet/iPhone
- Youth Online Activities: Youth games on BBO
- Interclub: SABF Interclub Teams - Season 13, 2017

[Schedule](#) [Results](#)

SABF BBO INTERCLUB LEAGUE

FIXTURE LIST - SEASON 13

Commencement date: 16 Mar 2017

NB: If you cannot play on the scheduled Match Date, please arrange a mutually suitable date with the opposition's captain!

Match	Day	Match Date	Table 1		Table 2		Table 3		Table 4		Table 5		Table 6		Table 7	
			Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Thu	16 Mar 2017	HBW	WAND	IMP	TRUM	JBC	PE	KRBT	BBC	KNY	PE7	LNK	PECBC	KRBM	
2	Thu	30 Mar 2017	IMP	HBW		JBC	WAND	KBRT	TRUM	KNY	PE	LNK	BBC	KRBM	PE7	PECBC
3	Thu	06 Apr 2017	HBW	KNY	KRBT	IMP	LNK	JBC	KRBM	WAND	PECBC	TRUM	PE7	PE	BBC	
4	Thu	20 Apr 2017	PECBC	HBW	IMP	KRBM	JBC	PE7	KRBT	KNY	TRUM	PE	LNK		WAND	BBC
5	Thu	04 May 2017	HBW	PE	BBC	IMP	TRUM	JBC	PECBC	KRBT	KRBM	KNY		WAND	PE7	LNK
6	Thu	25 May 2017	JBC	HBW	IMP	WAND	KRBT	PE	KNY	BBC	LNK	TRUM	KRBM	PECBC		PE7
7	Thu	08 Jun 2017	HBW	LNK		IMP	JBC	KRBT	WAND	KNY	PE	KRBM	BBC	PECBC	TRUM	PE7
8	Thu	22 Jun 2017	HBW	PE7	IMP	KNY	JBC	KRBM	KRBT	LNK	PECBC	WAND	BBC	PE	TRUM	
9	Thu	13 Jul 2017	TRUM	HBW	PECBC	IMP	BBC	JBC	PE7	KRBT		KNY	KRBM	LNK	WAND	PE
10	Thu	27 Jul 2017	HBW		IMP	PE	JBC	WAND	KRBT	TRUM	KNY	PECBC	LNK	BBC	KRBM	PE7
11	Thu	10 Aug 2017	KRBM	HBW	JBC	IMP	PE	KNY	WAND	LNK	TRUM	KRBM		PECBC	BBC	PE7
12	Thu	24 Aug 2017	HBW	KRBM	IMP	LNK	JBC	KNY	KRBT		PECBC	PE	PE7	WAND	TRUM	BBC
13	Thu	14 Sep 2017	BBC	HBW	PE7	IMP	PECBC	JBC	KRBM	KRBT	LNK	KNY	---	PE	WAND	TRUM

TmNo	Club	Code
1	HILLBROW	HBW
2	IMPALA	IMP
3	JBC	JBC
4	KEURBOOM TH	KRBM
5	KNYSNA	KNY

TmNo	Club	Code
6	THE LINKS	LINK
7	KEURBOOM MON	KRBM
8	PE CONTRACT BC	PECBC
9	PE007	PE7
10	BEREA BC	BBC

TmNo	Club	Code
11	PORT ELIZABETH	PE
12	TRUMPS	TRUM
13	WAMDERERS	WAND
14		

Robot Online Play

Recreational robot games

- BridgeBase Online
- FunBridge
- BridgeNow
- others

Bridge Base Online

www.BridgeBase.com

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base Online website. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the BBO logo and links for VUGRAPH SCHEDULE, HAND RECORDS, and MASTERPOINTS. The main banner features a stylized background with playing card symbols (heart, spade, diamond) and the text 'Bridge Base Online' and 'Casual Games. ACBL Tournaments. Solitaire.' Below this is a red 'LOGIN / REGISTER' button with a 'Full-screen' checkbox. A yellow section titled 'More game choices – all free to play' contains three cards: 'Just play bridge' (infinite stream of hands, leaderboard), 'Bridge 4' (sets of 4 deals, leaderboard), and 'Video Bridge' (Bridge Video Poker style, not real money). The bottom section, 'More stuff', includes links for 'Learn' (e-books), 'Forums' (community discussion groups), and 'Educational Software' (sister site selling CDs).

BBO VUGRAPH SCHEDULE HAND RECORDS MASTERPOINTS


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Casual Games. ACBL Tournaments. Solitaire.


LOGIN / REGISTER

☒ Full-screen

More game choices – all free to play

**Just play bridge**
An infinite stream of hands
Leaderboard



**Bridge 4**
Sets of 4 deals
Leaderboard

**Video Bridge**
Bridge Video Poker style
Not real money

More stuff


Learn

Use these (Windows) e-books to learn how to play

-  Learn to play bridge - basics
-  Learn to play bridge - beyond the basics


Forums

Community discussion groups

-  BBO Forums

Educational Software

Our sister site sells educational CDs.

-  Bridge Base Inc.

Start New Team Match

Identification

Title

Description

Team 1

Team 2

Form of scoring

☒ IMPs

☐ Board-A-Match

☐ Total points

Number of Boards

8

Options

☒ Allow kibitzers

☒ Allow kibitzers to chat with players

☒ Allow undo requests

☒ Barometer scoring

Deal source

☒ Use random deals

☐ Use saved deals

Select folder

Reserve seats (optional)

Team 1

N

W

E

S

Team 2

N

W

E

S

Create Team Match

Close

BridgeBase Online


Arrange team matches

Live broadcast on BBO

Bridge-Now.com

Wbridge5 robot

Bridge Now! Play My Results Rankings

 Alvin Levy

Bridge Now!

Play **duplicate bridge** on the web, anytime, anywhere, on a friendly and modern interface.
Learn, improve and have fun by comparing your results with your friends and other members.
No partner necessary: you play with a **world champion** robot.

► Play a Game Now!

About Us

Bridge Now! was created by Christophe Levesque, Noëlle Delahaye and Camellia Pham, in partnership with Yves Costel. We are bridge players with a passion for the internet and technology, who decided to take matters in their own hands and build the best site to play bridge online.

Features

Play with WBridge5, a bridge robot that won the computer bridge world championship many times. During the bidding phase, hints help you interpret bids. After a game is over, you can compare yourself to the other players and see your ranking.

Participate

Bridge Now! is being actively developed and improved with new features rolling out every week. We welcome any feedback and if you want participate and help us make this site the best one to play bridge online, contact us!

Contact Us »

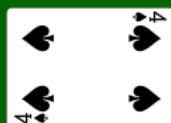
Playing: North

Dealer West
Vulnerable All
Contract 4♥
Declarer South

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1 NT
-	2♣	-	2♥
-	4♥	-	-
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Tricks

N-S 0
 E-W 0



Fun Bridge: Play on Computer, Tablet, and Smartphone

[Home page](#)[Download ▾](#)[Help ▾](#)[Tournaments ▾](#)[Blog](#)[Shop ▾](#)[Log in](#)

Funbridge in a few words

Funbridge allows you to play bridge deals on smartphones, tablets (iPhone, iPad, Android) and computers (Mac and Windows PC), and compare yourself with hundreds of other players on the same deals. Compare your bids and card play with many other players, rank yourself and make rapid progress.

[Find out more](#)

EVERYONE TO HIS PACE

You play wherever and whenever you like
You can interrupt a game to resume it later
Available 24/24



EVERYONE TO HIS TOURNAMENT

Daily tournaments (more than 1,000 players every day)
Practice tournaments
Series tournaments allowing you to compare yourself with players of your level



AND MUCH MORE...

Series ranking
Watch again/replay a deal
Access to bidding and card play details

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NEW WBF e-Robot Category

Robot play is becoming a favorite pastime of online players

- WBF championship categories:
Open, Senior, Women, Mixed
and e-Robot
- Master Point system, rankings, titles to be awarded
- Online promotional activities to follow

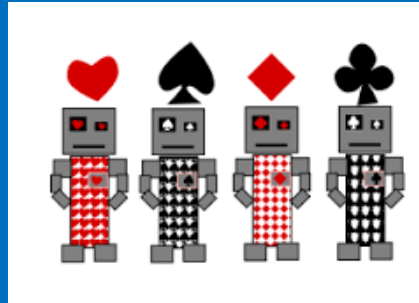
WBF Robot tournaments

- Daylong tournaments, Imps and Matchpoints games
- Play 18-boards over a 24-hour period
- Play against a large field
- 'cheat' proof
- Inexpensive
- Revenue sharing with zonal organizations and NBOs

Suggested Future Internet Activities

- ✓ The ABF might considering online zonal team matches
- ✓ Youngsters and newcomers can be encouraged to play bridge with online play, supervised play, and robot games
- ✓ Play in Robot World Competition

Bridge Robot Development



[Wikipedia – Computer Bridge](#)

Robot Development

- Chess (board games): Complete information
- Bridge: Incomplete information
based on probability and game theory
No AI...yet. Double dummy simulations, plus much more
- Development: 1990s; 1st World Robot Championship, 1997;
21st annual championship at 2017 World Championships, Lyon



World Computer-Bridge Championship

21st World Computer-Bridge Championship, August 19-24, 2017 at the WBF 43rd World Bridge Teams Championship, Lyon, France

[Wbridge5 wins 2016 gold medal](#)

[Some slam deals from semifinals](#)

[2016 World robot title goes down to the last byte](#)

[Daily Bulletin Issues 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14](#)

[2016 Entries](#)

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[World Computer-Bridge Championship History](#)

World Computer-Bridge Championship History

HISTORY

In 1996 the American Contract Bridge League established an official World Computer-Bridge Championship, to be run annually at an international bridge event. The first annual championship was held in 1997, at the ACBL's Albuquerque summer NABC. Following championships have been held at ACBL NABCs, World Bridge Federation World Championships, and the first European Bridge Federation Open Championship.

[2016 Championship: Entries, Complete Results, articles, photos](#)

[Articles](#) (2000-2015) in the International Computer Games Association Journal

The 1st Championship, sponsored by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies, was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the ACBL's 1997 summer North American Bridge Championship. The inaugural World Computer-Bridge Championship was won by Bridge Baron, with Q-Plus Bridge second. [Information and results.](#)

The 2nd Championship, sponsored by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies and OKbridge, was held in Chicago, IL, at the ACBL's 1998 summer NABC. The champion was won by GIB, with Q-Plus Bridge second. [Information and results](#)

The 3rd Championship, sponsored by Orbis Investments, was held in Bermuda at the WBF's 1999 [Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup](#) (January 2000). GIB repeated as champion, with Wbridge5 second. [Information and results](#)

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along

Write to allevy@aol.com

See my webpages at

allevybridge.com

and bridge-robots.com

robots at play



Robots, developers, websites

- Jack - Hans Kuijf, The Netherlands
www.jackbridge.com
- Wbridge5 - Yves Costel, France
www.wbridge5.com
- Shark Bridge - John Norris, Denmark
www.sharkbridge.dk
- Micro Bridge - Tomio Uchida, Japan
www.osk.3web.ne.jp/~mcbridge/
- Synrey Bridge – Yuzhang Liu, China
www.xinruibridge.com
- Q-Plus Bridge - Hans Leber, Germany
www.q-plus.com
- Bridge Baron, USA
www.bridgebaron.com
- RoboBridge - Job Scheffers, The Netherlands
www.robobridge.com
- Goto Bridge - Jérôme Rombaut, France,
www.gotobridge.com/en
- GIB – BridgeBase Online, USA
www.bridgebase.com

Board 4
Dlr: W
Vul: None

North
♠ 532
♥ AQJ4
♦ Q3
♣ A653

West
♠ AQ6
♥ K8732
♦ T
♣ QJ84

East
♠ JT984
♥ T5
♦ J74
♣ KT7

South
♠ K7
♥ 96
♦ AK98652
♣ 92

West	North	East	South
Shark Bridge	Wbridge5	Shark Bridge	Wbridge5
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dbl ¹	Pass	3♥ ²
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦ ³
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Opening lead ♣Q

¹ strength with 4+ clubs

² spade stopper, looking for heart
stopper for NT

³ 1 ace

Board 4
Dir: W
Vul: None

North

♠ 53
♥ AQ4
♦ -
♣ -

West

♠ AQ
♥ K87
♦ -
♣ -

East

♠ JT
♥ T
♦ -
♣ KT

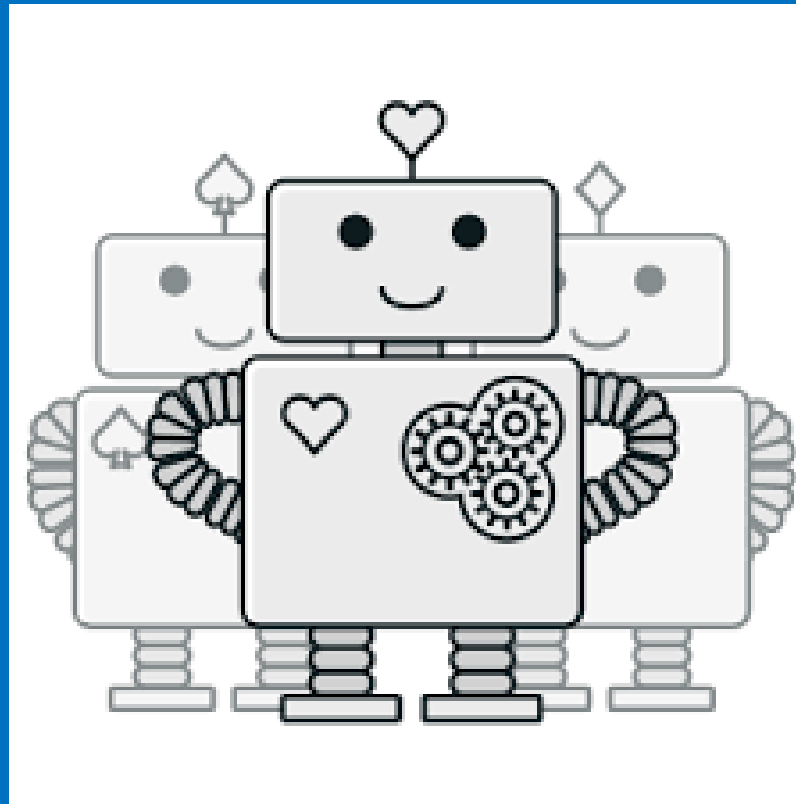
South

♠ K7
♥ 9
♦ 2
♣ 9

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Shark Bridge	Wbridge5	Shark Bridge	Wbridge5
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dbl ¹	Pass	3♥ ²
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦ ³
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

South lead ♦ 2

Bridge
Robots have
developed
feelings





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✓ A Partnership in Bridge

Robots take over

