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World Bridge Federation

Confederación Sudamericana de Bridge

WBF-CSB NBO Officers' Seminar

A partnership in bridge



Confederación Sudamericana de Bridge

Country				Organization	
1	Argentina		Asociation del Bridge Argentino	ABA	
2	Bolivia		Asociacion Boliviana de Bridge	ABB	
3	Brazil		Brasilian Bridge Federation	CBB	
4	Chile		Federación Chilena de Bridge	FChB	
5	Colombia		Federacion de Clubes de Bridge de Colombia	FCB	
6	Ecuador		Ecuadorian Bridge Federation	FEB	
7	Paraguay		Asociación Paraguaya de Bridge	APrB	
8	Peru		Federacion Deportiva Peruana de Bridge	FDPB	
9	Uruguay		Asociacion Uruguay de Bridge	AUB	
10	Venezuela		Federacion Venezolana de Bridge	FVB	
Total					

Alvin Levy

Technology, Online Bridge, Robots, Youth

WBF Executive Council: IT, chair


ACBL Board of Directors: Online Bridge, chair

20th annual World Robot Championship; Originator and Coordinator

WBF World Youth Championship, 2013: Coordinator

Al Levy's World of Bridge

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Current positions

[ACBL](#): Board of Directors (1996 -); 401k Trustee (1999 -); Online-Bridge chair (1997 -);
[WBF](#): Executive Council (2004 -); Executive VP; IT chair; [Committee of Honour](#)
[World Computer-Bridge Championship](#): Originator/Coordinator (1997 -);
[ACBL District 24](#): Member; Treasurer; Secretary;
[Laws](#): ACBL Laws Commission; WBF Laws Committee; Laws of Rubber Bridge 2014. editor.

[Al Levy's bio](#) as it appears on the WBF website.

My World of Bridge on the Internet

[ACBL District 24 \(NYC and Long Island\)](#)

Technology in Bridge

Bridge Life on the Internet, Interactive Software & more

- Competition
- Education
- Information
- Promotion
- Entertainment

Bridge Life on the Internet

Competition / Education / Information / Promotion / Entertainment

- Online Play: Sanctioned; Special Events (College, Women's Festival, Exhibition)
- Robot Play – Annual World Robot Championship, XX
 - Solitaire Games: Computer/Tablet/Smartphone
 - Play at many websites: BridgeBase Online; Bridge-Now; Fun Bridge; others
- Vugraph – Watch major bridge events
- Youth Online Activities: Youth game on BBO; Youth websites
- Lessons – Free at many websites; Access to teachers, coach juniors
- Software: Learning; Analysing; Generating deals; Publishing results
- Magazines; Journalists' columns; Blogs; Forums
- News around the world; Tournament stories and results
- Video Clips – YouTube

Online Play

- ✓ Greater player experience
- ✓ Inexpensive to players and a source revenue for organizers
- ✓ Promotional value

ACBL leads the way in Sanctioned Online Play

BridgeBase Online, Okbridge, Swan Games

International Online Clubs

BBOTurkiye

BridgeClubLive

English Bridge Union BBO Games (EBU) mps

OurGame.com China

StepBridge The Netherlands (NBB)

StepBridge Australia (ABF)

Top Bridge

Bridge Base Online

www.BridgeBase.com

BBO [VUGRAPH SCHEDULE](#) [HAND RECORDS](#) [MASTERPOINTS](#)

Bridge Base Online

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](#)

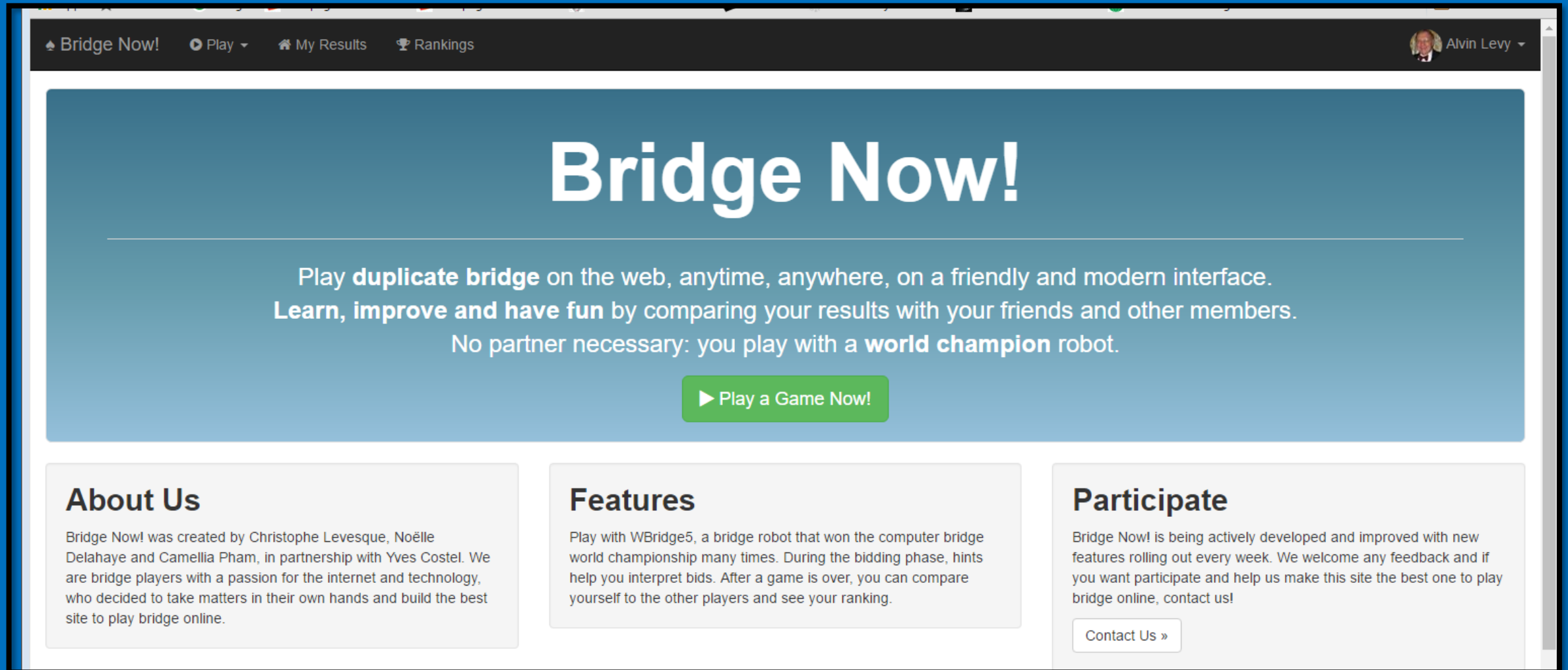
Educational Software

Our sister site sells educational CDs.

- [Bridge Base Inc.](#)

Bridge-Now.com

Wbridge5 robot



The screenshot shows the Bridge-Now.com website. At the top is a dark navigation bar with links for 'Bridge Now!', 'Play', 'My Results', and 'Rankings'. A user profile for 'Alvin Levy' is in the top right. The main content area has a large 'Bridge Now!' title, followed by a description of the game and a green 'Play a Game Now!' button. Below this are three columns: 'About Us' (describing the site's creators), 'Features' (listing game benefits), and 'Participate' (encouraging user feedback with a 'Contact Us' button).

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 »

Bridge-Now.com

Bridge Now! Play My Results Rankings

Alvin Levy

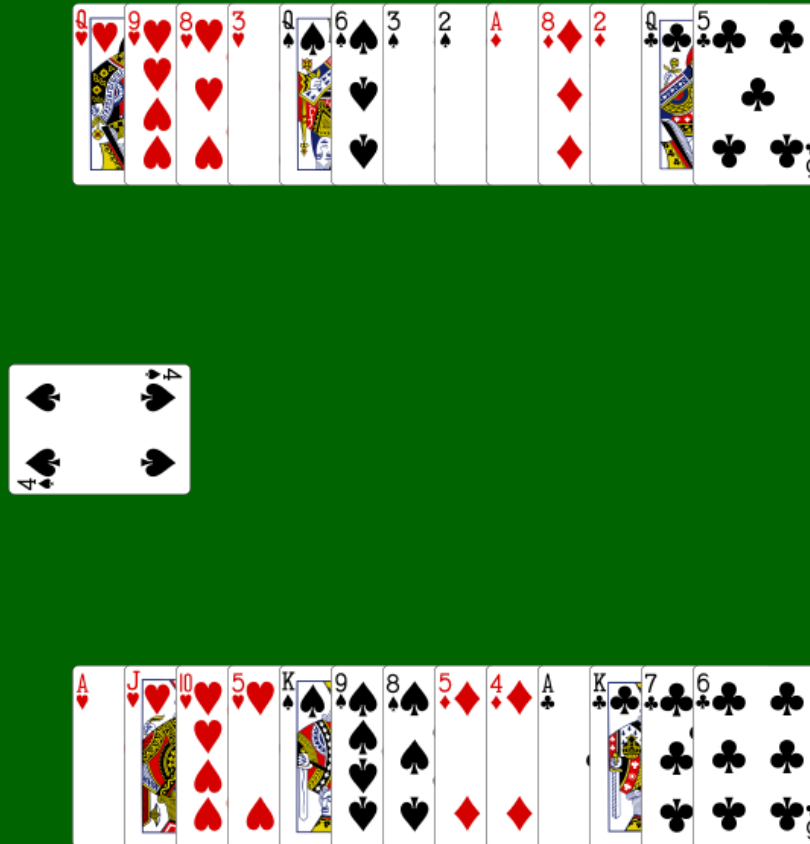
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Dealer West
Vulnerable All
Contract 4♥
Declarer South

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

N-S 0
E-W 0



Fun Bridge: Play on Computer, Tablet, and Smartphone

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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](#)

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Practice tournaments
Series tournaments allowing you to compare yourself with players of your level



AND MUCH MORE...

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International Youth Websites

- World Youth Team Championships ([WBF](#))
- University Bridge in the World ([FISU & WBF](#))
- Youth – South American ([CSBJ](#))
- Juniors – American Contract Bridge League ([ACBL](#))
- Youth – Australia ([ABF](#))
- Youth – English Bridge Union ([EBU](#))
- Youth – France ([FFB](#))
- Youth – The Netherlands ([NBB](#))

FYI...WBF's Youth Projects include:

- The World Youth Championships - even numbered years;
- The World Youth Open Bridge Championships - odd years;
- Teaching aids for young players;
- Assistance for youngsters to attend World Championships;
- Special Simultaneous Pairs for schools; and
- Other initiatives to encourage youngsters to learn bridge.

Great Free Bridge Lessons - Newcomers and Intermediate Players

- ✓ For Newcomers and Intermediate players wanting to improve their game
- ✓ To enjoy the game more by learning to play it better
- ✓ Excellent lessons by some of the best teachers are free on the Internet

The Game of Bridge by Max Chauvet on YouTube 3m24s

ACBL sponsored software: Fred Gitelman's

Beginners - Learn bridge basics and Intermediate - Beyond the basics

- **Larry Cohen** Lessons at all levels
- **Fifth Chair** Beginners
- **Richard Pavlicek** Beginners and Advanced
- **Howard Schutzman** Beginners and Intermediate
- **The Bridge World** Beginners and Intermediate
- **BridgeBase Online** Bridge Movies
- **Al Levy's webpage** I/N players

World Happenings & News



- [Bridge24](#) Polish
- [CSBNews](#) South American
- [ECatsBridge](#) Anna Gudge
- [Neapolitan Club](#) Italian
- [NewInBridge](#) World News
- [YouTube](#)
- [Bridge Guys](#) great bridge site for everything

Great Bridge Tools

- [Bridge Calculator](#) Freeware
- [Bridge Composer](#) Shareware for publishing
- [Bridge Odds Calculator](#) Free
- [Convention Card Editor](#) Free
- [Dealmaster Pro](#) For generating deals
- [Deep Finesse](#) Double dummy analyzer
- [Utilities](#) Compiled by Clair Martel

20th Annual World Computer-Bridge Championship

Bridge Playing Robots - the best of the best

Official championship of the [American Contract Bridge League](#) and the [World Bridge Federation](#)



design by Bridge Guys

**20th World Computer-Bridge Championship to be held (September 10-15, 2016)
at the [WBF's 2016 World Bridge Games, Wroclaw, Poland](#)**

19th Championship, held at the 2015 ACBL summer NABC, Chicago, IL

[Entries](#) (Robot information) **[Results](#)** (contains play records of all deals)

Jack was crowned world robot champion, defeating Wbridge5 165 - 148 in the final KO

How Robots play and other bytes of information:

[2015 report](#) [2014 report](#) [2013 report](#) [2012 report](#) [2011 report](#) [2010 report](#) [2009 report](#) [2008 report](#) [2007 report](#) [Lead Article in October 2003 BridgeToday.com](#)

Bridge Movies of [2007](#) [2008](#) [2009](#) [2010](#) [2011](#) [2012](#) [2013](#) [2014](#) [Final KOs](#)

[Bridge World, July 2015](#) [Bridge World, May 2016](#)

[WIKIPEDIA](#) on Computer Bridge

25 robots from Companies, Individuals and Universities

Publications:

- Bridge Columns
- Bridge World
- International Magazines
- International Bridge Press Association (IBPA)
- International Computer Games Association Journal

2016 – 20th Championship - 10 participants

Explore the World of Bridge on the Internet

See all the top websites on every bridge topic

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some of the best bridge websites and happenings on the Internet ... exploring and promoting bridge

Youth	Youth Junior Bridge from BridgeBase Online Junior Bridge from Bridge Guys University Bridge under FISU & WBF Youth Bridge in Australia (ABF) Youth Bridge in Canada (CBF) Youth Bridge in France (FFB) Youth Bridge in The Netherlands (NBB) Youth Bridge in North America (ACBL) Youth Bridge in the United Kingdom (EBU) How children benefit from bridge: Bridge Teachers for Youth "Why Teenagers Should Play Bridge" J. Lall	Online Bridge Play The language of Online Bridge ACBL Sanctioned Online Clubs BridgeBase Online OKbridge Swan Games International Online Clubs BBOTurkiye International BridgeClubLive English Bridge Union BBO Games (EBU) mps OurGame.com Chinese StepBridge The Netherlands (NBB) StepBridge Australia (ABF) Top Bridge WBF Women's Online Bridge Club	Books, Supplies and Software 7 NoTrump accessories Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies BridgeBase Software, Bridge Master 2000 BridgeBase Online Bridge Movies - NEW Bridgebutikken Supplies from Denmark BridgeMate Electronic scoring device BridgeTab Electronic scoring device - NEW The Bridge Shop Australian, digital and more The Bridge Shop London eBooksBridge from Master Point Press Gifts for Card Players GOTO Bridge software from Jérôme Rombaut Great Game Products Software "Learn to Play Bridge" Software Free Lioncard Supplies from Israel Master Point Press excellent source for books Mind Racer Publishers Innovative Products Reviews from BridgeHands Vince Oddy Canadian
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For Teachers			
Journalist & Bridge Columns			
Blogs Forums and Newsgroups Facebook			
Online Bridge Play Robot Play iPhone, iPad, Apps VuGraphs & Archives			
Major Bridge Events World Happenings & News International Websites			History of Bridge

Promotional Value of the Internet

- Inexpensive way to promote bridge
- Great source of Internet sites worldwide
- Promotional activities
 - social media
 - stars and celebrities
 - educational value of bridge
 - youth – develops logical thinking
 - aging – keeps mind sharp

Challenge: with all the online material, and bridge activities worldwide, find ways to become more visible to the general public...through online social media, news and sports sites.

Interactive Software

Some excellent examples to distribute:

- Bridge Master 2000 – newcomer through expert
- GoTo Bridge XVI – newcomer through advanced
- Larry Cohen – intermediate through advanced

Robot Online Play

- Fun Bridge App: 1-year licensed software – robot play

Free Play at:

- Bridge-Now
- BridgeBase Online

Bridge Master 2000 – can you guarantee the contract?

Bridge Master 2000 - Skill Level 3 - Series A - Deal 30

Bridge Master
Level 3 A-30
D

West

♥ 5

North

♠ 10987
♥ 32
♦ J4
♣ AJ1098

South

♠ A32
♥ AKQJ109
♦ AQ32
♣

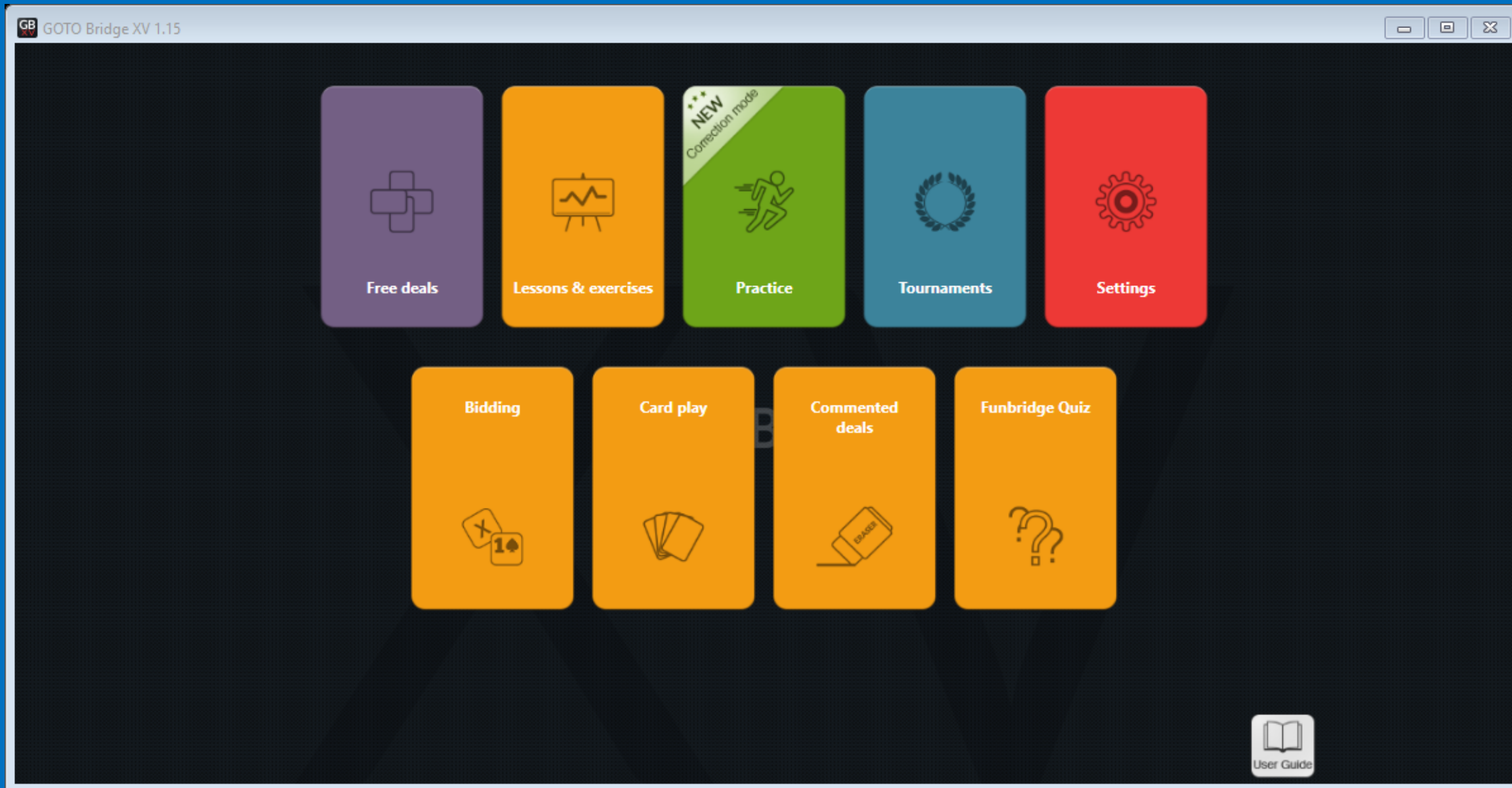
West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

East

4♥ South | NS 0 EW 0

♣ A/A ♠ AKJ/AJ ♣ ?/? ♦ ?/?

Fun Bridge Software - GoTo Bridge XVI





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My Favorite 52
Advanced



The Real Deal
Advanced



The Real Deal
Intermediate



1999 LM's Pairs
Day 1



1999 LM's Pairs
Day 2



1999 LM's Pairs
Day 3

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Other Technology Projects

- Scoring Programs used by many bridge organizations
- Display of results
- Camera technology
- Policing the game
- Archiving championships
- WBF experimenting with latest technology – card reading
- Innovative events - Swiss Pairs, Barometer Scoring

The Confederación Sudamericana de Bridge maintains a comprehensive web site packed with information and entertainment, coordinated by Argentinian Fernando Lema.

Suggested Future Internet Activities

The CSB and member NBOs can further use the Internet for new forms of competition and learning.

- ✓ Online Tournaments (BBO)
 - ✓ Robot play is becoming the favorite pastime for many online players
- ✓ Monitored online team matches – within an NBO or Zonal
- ✓ Join players at different locations in a pair competition

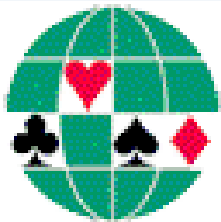
The Internet is a good fit for youngsters:

- ✓ Support youth intra-school competition
- ✓ Youngsters and newcomers can be encouraged to play bridge with learning software, online lessons, online play and solitaire games.

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