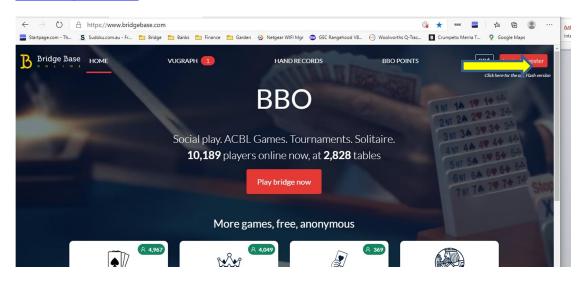
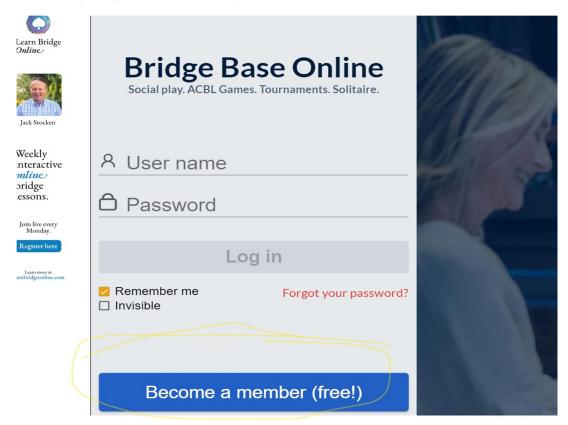
## A How to Guide for BBO

The first thing you will need to do is to create your own BBO account – the good news is that this is free and easy to do.

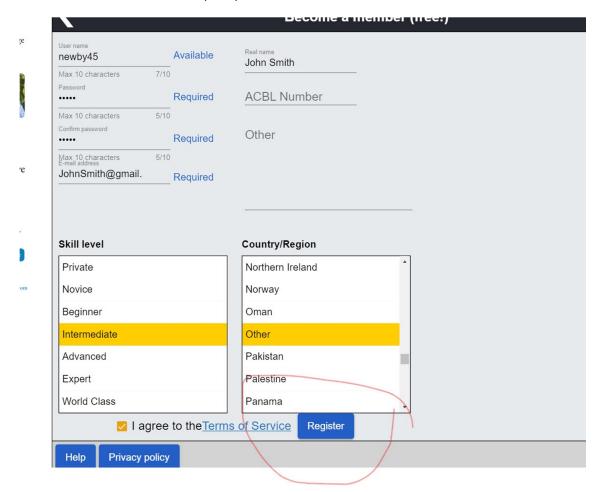
You'll need to open up the Bridgebase website which you can find via google or at <a href="https://www.bridgebase.com">www.bridgebase.com</a>



Click the login/Register button at the top left.



## Now click on Become a member (free!)



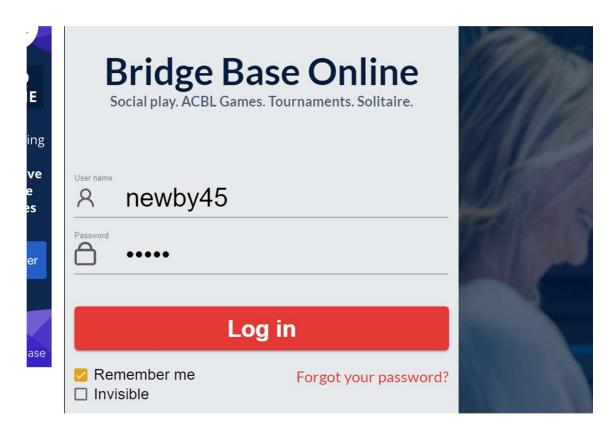
You'll then want to fill out the screen provided as above (but with your details) and this will provide you with the username you need to login – make sure to remember your username and password as you'll need those.

Once you've completed that, return to the second picture screen and use your username and password to login!

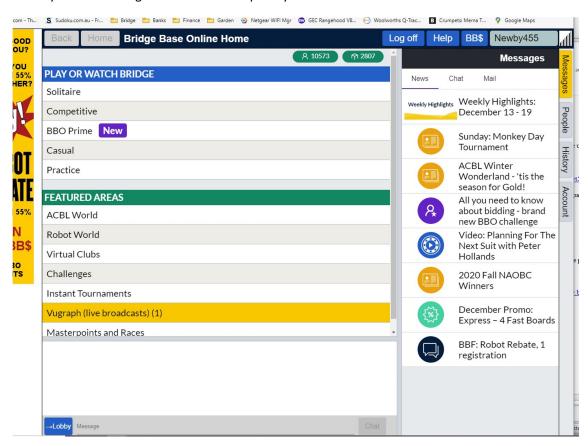
BBO will automatically show you the login screen with your username and password aleady inserted in the correct fields. However, it also pops up a message in a yellow box letting you know there is an additional step.

You need to go to your email and find an email from BBO which contains a link to confirm your username. Once you complete that step you will be able to login to BBO.

This should bring you to this screen...



When you click the Log in button BBO will place you in the area to find tournaments.



To find Bendigo tournaments, click on Virtual Clubs in the lower left of the screen.

You will see this left screen change to list the virtual clubs by country of origin – Choose ABF – Australia



You will see a list of pending tournaments as below



To join the Bendigo tournament you click on the entry for Bendigo or hosted by vABF3315 (our club number).

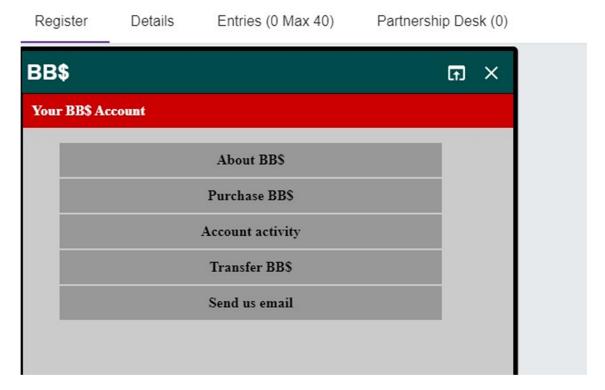
The following screen comes into view for you to invite your partner to join you. Your partner must be logged in to accept your invite. The invite will time out after about 2 minutes.

Alternately your partner can invite you, in which case you will answer yes or decline to their invite.



To play in the Bendigo tournaments on BBO you need to have BBO\$. These BBO\$ are US dollars bought online using a credit card or Paypal in my case (for extra internet security).

If you look in the top right of your screen you will see a blue button labelled BB\$. If you click that button it will take you to a screen to buy BBO\$.



This screen allows you to check your BBO\$ account and also to buy BBO\$.

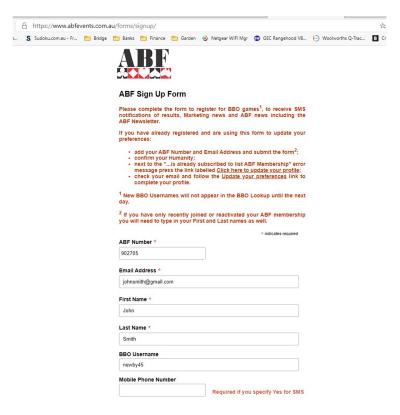
To buy BBO\$, click on Purchase BB\$ and follow the screens as they open and provide the various options that allow you to buy BBO\$ in the manner you prefer.



You will notice that both options will require you to provide your username and password. This will normally be for your own account, but it also allows you to enter another person's username and password if you are buying BBO\$ on their behalf.

On the previous screen you will also notice there is an option to Transfer BB\$, which allows you to transfer your BBO\$ to another person's account.

To Play in Bendigo BBO tournaments you must be a member of the Bendigo Bridge Club Inc. and have your BBO username registered with both the ABF and the bridge club. There is an online form for registering with the ABF;



Once this is completed, notify the <a href="mailto:secretarybendigobridge@gmail.com">secretarybendigobridge@gmail.com</a> so the club can include your username as permitted to play in a Bendigo Bridge Club tournament.