## How to Join a CBC Tournament on Bridge Base Online

- You and your partner should both log on to BBO before the tournament is due to start. As there may be congestion issues, it is recommended to both log in well in advance – suggest at least 15 minutes early.
- 2. Ensure that you and your partner are at the 'Home' page. Note that it is important that neither of you click to go to the Casual area as this is on a different server.
- Click 'Competitive', 'All Tournaments', and write Chelt in the 'Search' box. You should see the Cheltenham tournament listed.
- 4. Either you or your partner should register to join by clicking the Cheltenham tournament.
- 5. Write your partner's BBO user name in the space, and you can also elect to pay for them by ticking the box. Click the 'Invite' button.
- 6. If you are the partner being invited, wait for the invitation which you should accept immediately as it will time out otherwise and you will need to be re-invited.
- 7. If you are blocked from joining the tournament, please send a chat message to the tournament host (usually vebu205733) explaining that you are eligible to play and asking for UNBLOCK. You may need to wait for the host to come online. You should also check that the BBO user name in your website account is correct as this may be the cause of the problem.
- Now you just wait for the game to start whilst waiting, do not start any other game, and you must remain in the 'Competitive' area!
- 9. Once the game is started you will find yourself at the table ready to play. Remember to keep an eye on the clock and to alert your own bids.