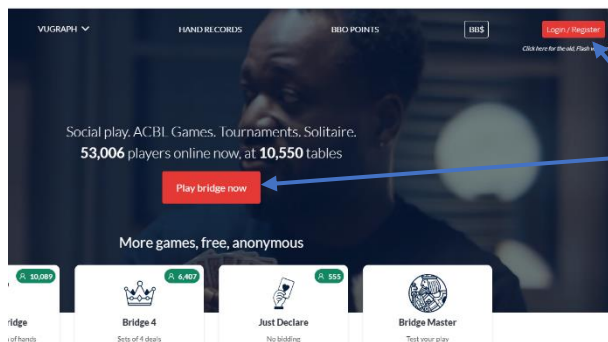


Getting on board and up to speed with BBO

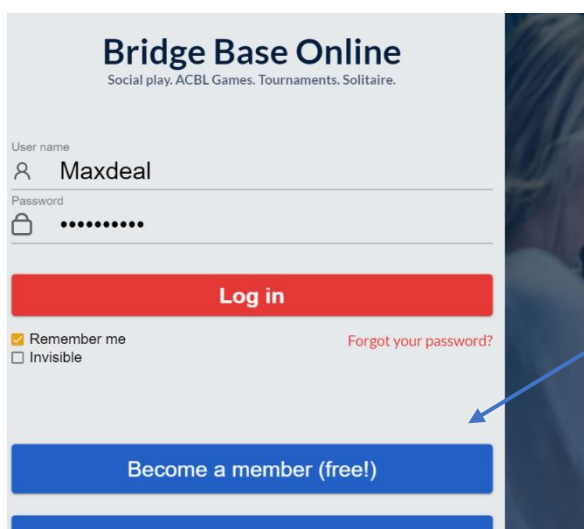
You do the first 5 steps just once. You do step 6 each time you enter a Georges River Bridge Club (GRBC) Pairs tournament.

Step 1. Register with BBO and get a BBO username



Go to bridgebase.com

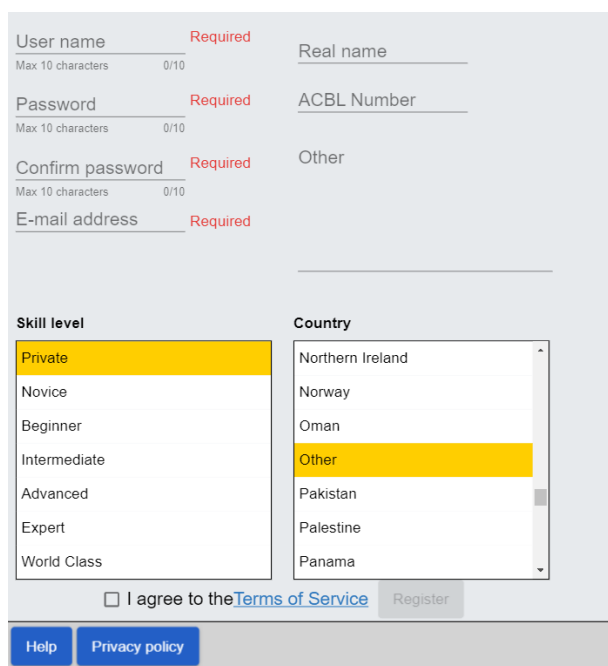
Click on one of the red boxes.



This window appears.

If you don't have a BBO username, click the blue

"Become a member (free!)" box.



This registration box appears. Enter the details required.

We encourage you to enter your real name (it is optional) particularly if your chosen username doesn't identify you easily. Your table mates will appreciate knowing who you are.

Ignore ACBL Number (this is for US players).

Skill level: Most club players are "intermediate" I think.

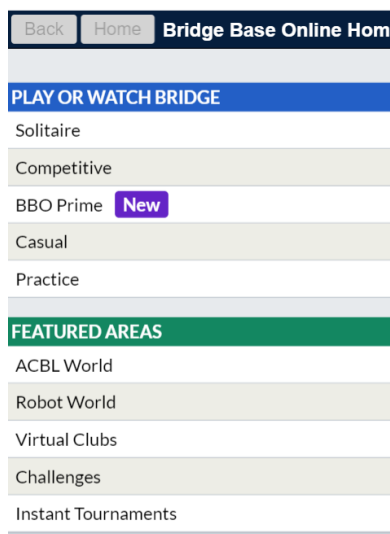
Specify Country as Australia.

You can use the "Other" section for a concise description of your bidding system. Don't worry about this for the time being.

Click Agree and Register.

You will receive an email with an activation link. Click the link and you are all done. You can now log in.

Step 2. Get some BBO experience



After logging in, you come to this home page.

Click “Solitaire” and then play with three robots. This is a good, no pressure way to get used to the BBO environment.

Next, ask a friend with a bit of BBO experience to come online at the same time. You could have a little tour together.

Your friend could set up a table with two other players and you could have a game.

Or your friend could take you as a pair to a table looking for a pair.

Play a few times. It takes just a little while to get used to the BBO setup.

There are many great youtube videos which will show you how BBO works. Try this one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MldFbBdea90>

When you are finished, click “Log off”.

Step 3 Register your BBO name with ABF

This step is optional, but if you want to be eligible for ABF masterpoints, you need to register your BBO name with ABF.

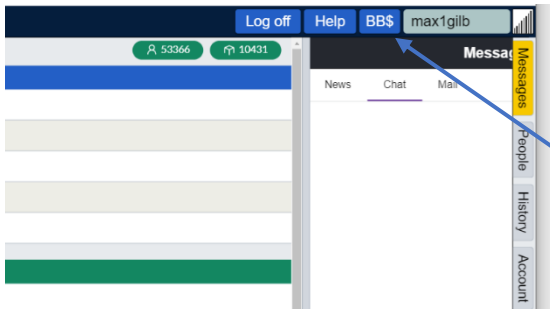
See ABF instructions about this, appended at the end of this file.

NOTE: this is not necessary if you will only be contending for ABF masterpoints on BBO when playing with GRBC. We have been granted approval to process the masterpoints directly.

Step 4. Register your BBO name with our club

Advise your BBO username to Max Gilbert (maxgilbert567@gmail.com). We use this to maintain a list of people eligible to play in our sessions. Without this, we would likely be flooded with random people from all over the world.

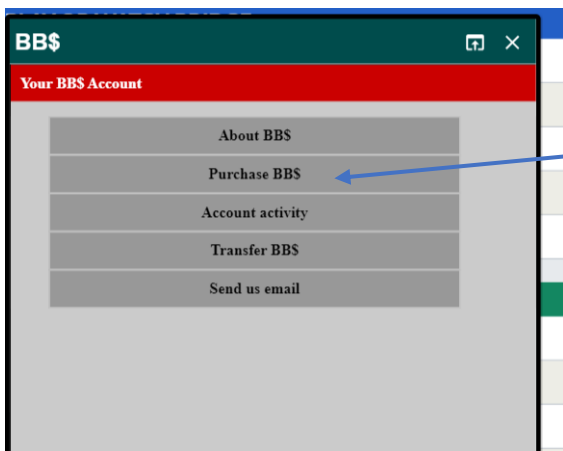
Step 5. To play in an GRBC pairs sessions, you need some BB\$



Buy BB\$ from within Bridgebase online.

Our tournaments usually cost 3 BB\$, which costs about \$5.00 AUD.

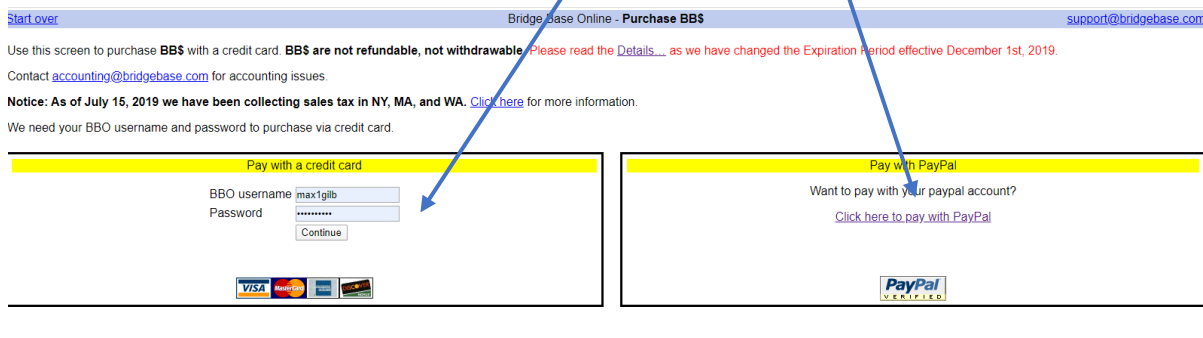
Start by clicking "BB\$"



This menu appears.

Click "Purchase BB\$".

You can either use your Credit Card or Paypal.



Warning. Don't buy BB\$ from within the BBO App on your smartphone or tablet. If you do, iTunes, Apple Store or Google store will impose a hefty loading. **It's much cheaper if you use your browser on your PC or Laptop.**

If you are worried about this, one possibility is that your partner might pay your entry fee (see below), and you repay them in cash.

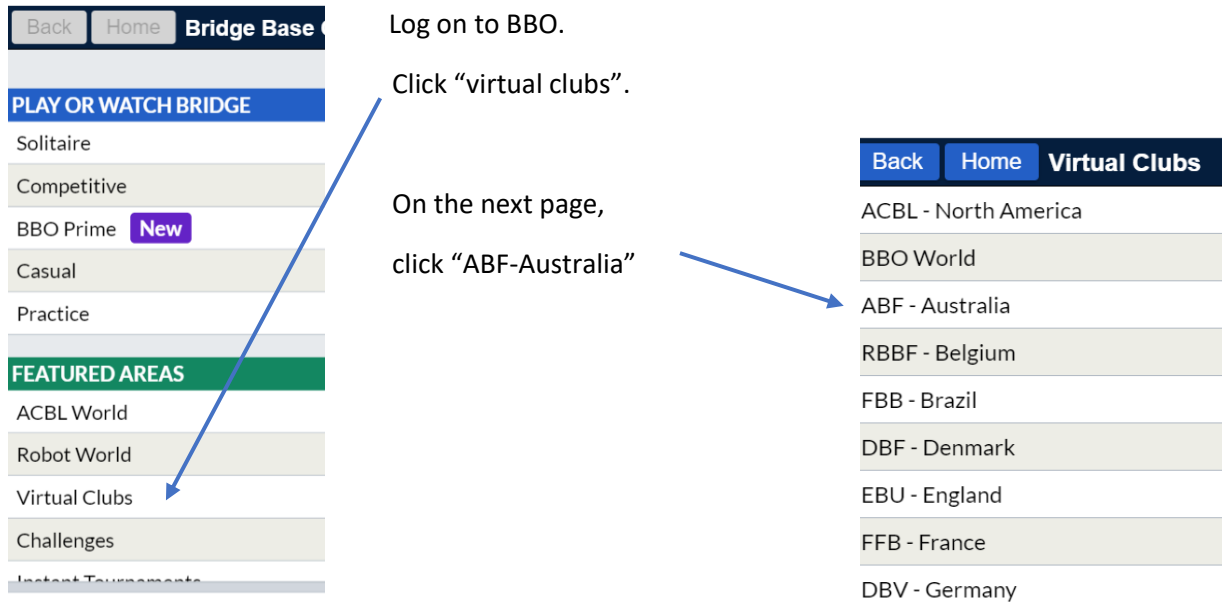
Step 6. Register for a GRBC Pairs Tournament (“session”)

You need to register online about 45 minutes before the session starts.

One person from each pair registers both partners. Your partner must be online when you register.

You must both be back on line say 10 minutes before the session starts. If you are offline at the start time, you will probably be purged from the tournament and/or your spot will be taken by someone else.

These tournaments are in the “competitive” area of BBO – stay away from the “Casual” area.



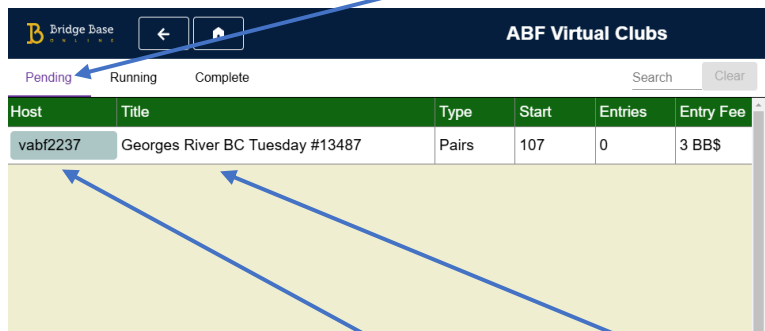
Log on to BBO.

Click “virtual clubs”.

On the next page, click “ABF-Australia”

The screenshot shows the Bridge Base BBO navigation menu. The 'PLAY OR WATCH BRIDGE' section includes Solitaire, Competitive, BBO Prime (marked 'New'), Casual, and Practice. The 'FEATURED AREAS' section includes ACBL World, Robot World, Virtual Clubs, Challenges, and Instant Tournaments. A second screenshot shows the 'Virtual Clubs' page with a list of clubs: ACBL - North America, BBO World, ABF - Australia, RBBF - Belgium, FBB - Brazil, DBF - Denmark, EBU - England, FFB - France, and DBV - Germany. Blue arrows indicate the navigation path from the 'Virtual Clubs' link in the first menu to the 'ABF - Australia' link in the second menu.

This displays a list of tournaments. Click “pending” to list tournaments due to start within 2 hours. There may be many.



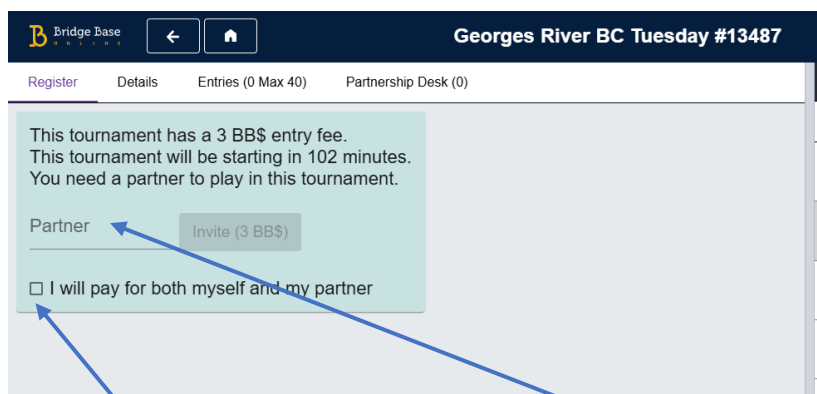
The screenshot shows the 'ABF Virtual Clubs' page with a table of tournaments. The 'Pending' tab is selected. The table has columns for Host, Title, Type, Start, Entries, and Entry Fee. A single row is visible with the following data:

Host	Title	Type	Start	Entries	Entry Fee
vabf2237	Georges River BC Tuesday #13487	Pairs	107	0	3 BB\$

Blue arrows point from the 'Pending' tab and the 'vabf2237' host ID in the table to the explanatory text below.

All our Pairs tournaments are hosted by vABF2237 and include “Georges River BC” in the title. If necessary, scroll down to find our Tournament. Then click on the Title (the section to the right of the vABF2237). This will bring you to the registration window.

You are now in the Registration window.



You must enter with a partner. Enter your partner's BBO name in the space provided. They must be online at the time, and accept your invitation to be your partner. You must both be in the "Competitive" area – if you are in the "Casual" area, you are treated as "offline" as far as registration is concerned.

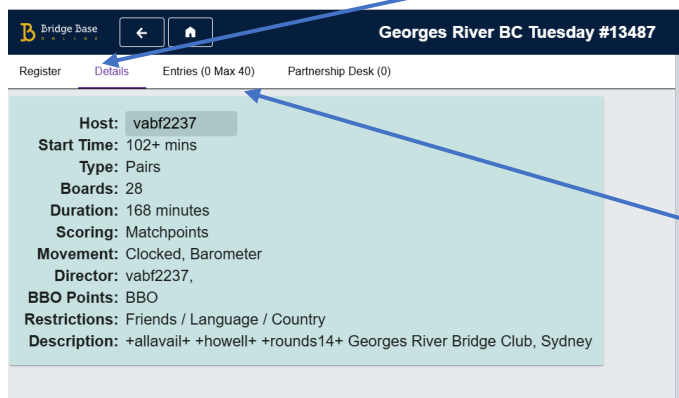
You can unregister anytime until the tournament starts.

Registration will usually be closed about 5 minutes before the tournament starts. We appreciate it if you register at least 30 minutes before start time.

You can pay for your partner if you wish.

Your entry fee is not actually debited from your account until the tournament starts.

To find out more details of the tournament, click "Details".



To see who is already entered, click on "Entries".

If you don't have a partner, click on "Partnership Desk". If someone else is already listed there, you can click on their name to invite them to partner you. Alternatively, you can enter your name there - perhaps someone will invite you.

Make sure you are back online 10 minutes before the start – and remain in the Main or Competitive area.

Keep a watch on the chat. There may be important messages.

When you are in the registration area, you can send a message to everyone registered in the tournament.

Max Gilbert

12 January 2025