

Playing With Robots

If you do not have a partner for one of our tournaments you may wish to register and play with a robot – our club robot is Sidney Silverman – he is quite a good player and, importantly, will never comment on you bidding or play.

The robots used on BBO are called GIB (Ginsberg's Intelligent Bridgeplayer). You can find out more about GIB's bidding system by [clicking here](#).

The GIBs used in BBO play a relatively simple and natural 2/1 bidding system. You can find out the meaning of any bid by clicking on that bid as it appears in the bidding diagram. Furthermore, when it is your turn to bid, moving your mouse over the buttons for the various possible bids will cause an explanation of the bid you are considering (as your GIB partner will understand it) to be displayed. These explanations can be somewhat cryptic, but reading them carefully before you bid will help you to avoid misunderstandings with your GIB partner.

To play with Sidney you should logon and go to our tournament and click on the tournament description to register. You can then click on the option to play with a robot; there is a small fee for this which will be taken from your \$BBO account.

You can practise playing the robot system for free by selecting 'Solitaire' when logged in on BBO. You can then either 'Just Play Bridge' or 'Start a Bridge 4 Game'. Keep an eye on the explanations of robot bids and your own bids to familiarise yourself with the system.