

## Bridge Game Suggestions

The ABF is looking for ways to assist in giving you a bridge fix and here are some suggestions and contributions that we have been offered and others we are working on.

**Ron Klinger**, an Australian icon of the bridge world, has offered to provide a daily bridge column for free whilst the pandemic is on. This is an extraordinarily generous offer by Ron and the ABF will host the column on the ABF web site which will have a link on the front page for you to read it. <http://www.abfevents.com.au/abfdb/>



**Joan Butts**, the ABF National Teaching Co-ordinator, has offered a one month's free access to her Online School of Bridge. To take advantage of this offer, go to <https://www.joanbuttsbridge.com/join> and sign up as a Gold Member and use the code BRIDGE or for US players the code is BRIGEUS.

**Paul Marston** has won more than 50 national open titles, including 6 international pairs events and the Cavendish Teams twice. His books have sold more than 500,000 copies. He has been writing a weekly bridge column for the past 45 years and still writes for the Weekend Australian. Paul is reproducing old columns of historical interest for his friends. They will be able to play the hands on Bridge Solver as well. If you would like to receive the columns just contact Paul at <https://bridgelounge.online/free-subscription/>

**Barbara Travis**, one of Australia's leading players for many years and a bridge journalist, has also contributed a guide on how to set up 'pre-set' matches on BBO where you can compare yourself with the world's best. She has also started a paid weekly bridge column which can be found at <http://www.bridgewithbarbara.com> which is excellent for club players as well as experts.

## Online Bridge

There are a number of online bridge clubs that already exist in Australia and Internationally where you can play with and against other players or robots. Here are a few suggestions but there are also others:

[Stepbridge.com.au](http://Stepbridge.com.au) is an Australian NFP online bridge site that is affiliated with the South Australian Bridge Federation. It usually has one competition session a day at 8.00pm AEST or 4.00pm on Weekends with ABF Masterpoints just like any other bridge club in Australia. The current playing fees are basically \$3 a tournament game and once a month they hold a red masterpoint game. You can also play social bridge with no fees. Now they have added a second session each day at 1.00pm AEST.



[Bridgebase.com](http://Bridgebase.com) or **BBO** is the biggest online bridge site in the world where you can play bridge, practice with partners or robots, test your play, challenge your friends and watch (kibitz) the best players in the world playing in tournaments. One can organise a game with friends or play anonymously for free with strangers or robots which you may find to be more friendly.

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[Funbridge.com](http://Funbridge.com) has 400,000 members from 190 countries who play more than 800,000 deals a day. You can play at Funbridge.com even on your phone 24/7 at your own pace and pause a deal and resume it later. I am trying to organise a Funbridge Australia club that may be more suitable for many club players.

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ABF Masterpoints - we are currently negotiating with BBO and Funbridge to establish Australian clubs that would hopefully offer ABF Masterpoints. I will keep you informed on the progress.

**English Bridge Union (EBU)** has regular daily games on Funbridge and BBO and **Bridge Club Live** has over 500 people playing a day now.

Online dating for bridge players – Several people have suggested an App that would match up people wanting to play in homes. So if you are an App builder and could come up with a simple but effective way of matching people in local communities please get in contact with me .

### **Contribute**

Please contribute any suggestions you have on how we can improve the Bridge experience whilst clubs are closed.

**Stay safe and healthy.**

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