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Recently Added: Enjoybridge.com

Play Programs

- The best, most comprehensive Play program is Bridge Base Online or BBO. It has many options including
 - Play on your own (solitaire bridge) against capable robots
 - Play a tournament (free or pay bit of \$ for ACBL Masterpoint events) against robots
 - Play casually with other humans; random or specific bridge friends
 - Play tournaments with/against humans; as an individual or pair
 - To see an extensive documentation on BBO, go to the Home page of the EBC and click "Bridge Base Online (EBC) User Guide"
 - To go to the site and get started, www.bridgebase.com
- There are lots of other bridge-playing programs, but they are not as good overall and don't really offer anything that is better or distinctive from BBO. A few you might try include
 - FunBridge.com: Free trial, you can play a few hands for free every so often, fee for permanent use
 - Minibridge: http://www.acbl.org/learn_page/play-bridge/minibridge/
 - No bidding, simple-to-use program. Defense is weak, BBO has same w better robots
 - Trickster: allows for video connection of all 4 players but otherwise basic

Learning Programs

There are a ton of great sites that offer many ways to improve your bridge. Some are static (same every day), others post new material periodically. Below is a list of good ones and what they offer. If you use and like a site not listed below, email me and I will test and possibly add to this list

Free Sites; Interactive

- Larryco.com
 - By Larry Cohen, one of the greatest players/authors/teachers
 - Lots of excellent, sequenced quizzes, preceded by great supporting notes
- Rpbridge.net
 - Huge number of lessons and quizzes.
 - Quizzes all now interactive. Note this site is from England and the way they count points is different from ours In N. America. Hence a few of the quiz answers will not synch with our answers.
 - Teachers: Great hand generation program "Wheeler Dealer", which allows showing specific hands, specifying point count in any given hand, number of cards in suits, etc.
 - I use this site in my basic bridge courses
- Bridgeclues2.com
 - Managed by Mike Lawrence, one of the greatest players/authors of all time

- Nice professional looking site with lots of hands, new player stuff
- New set of hands each day, Beginner and Play, provided at 3 levels (Beginner, L1, L2)
 - Mike walks you through solutions, step by step
- VuBridge.com
 - Pay site but you can play a few hands, do a few quizzes for free. Browse thru different sections for free access stuff. Hand Play comes with analysis on the fly, nice.
- Saycbridge.com
 - Simple but effective Standard American Yellow Card bidding practice.
 - Make bids, immediate feedback, bidding suggestions with reasons
 - After trying the auction, to see correct auction, click the suggested contract to the right of “Autobidder”
 - Also try saycbridge.com/scoring to practice scoring
- Enjoybridge.com
 - Play prepared hands; program guides play and gives you options/prompts and scores
 - Pick your hand difficulty level
 - Register for 8 free hands, then \$20US for 100 hands

Free Sites: Non-interactive but lots of great learning material

- Etobicoke Bridge Centre; Learning Resources
 - But of course! (☺). Lots of easy-to-read notes and quizzes with answers. Site is mainly intended for newer players. More advanced material at the bottom
- www.richmondbridge.net
 - Extensive set of lessons with supporting hands on many topics; from various other sites
 - Top Menu: Friendly Bridge
 - Lesson Handouts
 - Also, Bridge Centre Lessons
- www.bakerbridge.coffeecup.com
 - Lots of lessons with hands & quizzes on all aspects; interactive hand play
- www.Hamiltonbridge.com
 - About 30 detailed articles, lots of examples
- www.Bridgewinners.com
 - This is a multi-stuff site, featuring lots of forums/blogs, hands, articles, etc.
- www.Fifthchair.org
 - Extensive set of detailed lessons. A few things are out of date, ie 2N = 20-22
 - “Ask Anything” feature, good player emails back an answer
- <https://www.baronbarclay.com/frank-stewarts-daily-bridge-column/>
 - Frank Stewart, excellent player and long-time bridge author (ACBL bulletin) presents a hand per day going back to start of 2019, so that is almost 500 hands. These are targeted at intermediate/advanced players. Each day he does analysis on one hand, and adds an additional unrelated question.

Semi-Free Sites – Fee for regular use but some stuff available immediately

- Betterbridge.com

- Audrey Grant site; lots of good stuff
- Nofearbridge.com
 - Heard good things, anyone using please email me comments
 - One year \$48US, free 2-week trial
- BestEBridge.com; Your Online Bridge Teacher
 - Very good Learning site; excellent interface, v. good explanations
 - Fair bit of free access but consider joining; free trial and then \$11US per month if you join for a year
 - Can play some hands for free in play, bidding, defense, and categorized by difficulty
 - Red stop light shows exactly when you go wrong (offense or defense)
 - Program will play hand for you (correctly, of course)
 - Good written explanation after hand
 - Live, very slick, well-presented lessons but too detailed & different approaches, so not appropriate for newer players.
 - Can do 1st (intro) lesson in each section for free, join for the rest
 - Can start each “Bidding Training” lesson, but only get first few screens for free

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What a game!!