

Bernard Magee Bridge – User Guide

The Bernard Magee Bridge site is rich with growing bridge content to ensure that there is plenty to appeal to everyone. For some of you, this can encompass your weekly bridge timetable and for others you may prefer to just do the 'Quizzes' or look at the 'Hands of the Week'.

Our intention is not to overwhelm you, so we have created the content in bitesize modules and this offers you the opportunity to practise and discuss things further with our 'Community'.

To help you make the most of your online experience with Bernard Magee Bridge, we have created a visual MENU GUIDE (colour coordinated) and presented some options for viewing the content and modules below.

WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY CONTENT:

Seminars & Set Hands - suggested viewing order:

1. Watch the '**Big**' Seminar – this is a pre-recorded seminar (approx. 50 mins); a new one is released every two weeks (on a Monday) with 8 accompanying set hands
2. Play the **8 x Set Hands** (these accompany the 'Big' Seminar)
 - a. on BBO – in organised BMB game – see the BMB **CALENDAR** for the play times
 - b. on BBO – using LIN file – so you can play at leisure with your friends
 - c. on Q-Plus or other software – using PBN file

Note: LIN & PBN files are found at the bottom of the 'Big' Seminar page under the 8 x Set Hands

3. Review the Set Hands AFTER playing them. The 8 x Set Hand videos are found under the 'Big' Seminar) and they give guidance on the play of each hand
4. **Monday LIVE SHOW** – the two Monday Live Shows following the 'Big' Seminar launch follow on with the same topic; there is an option to be interactive with the Live Chat during the Live Show. This Monday Live Show is also offered FREE to non-members

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AD HOC VIEWING ORDER:

5. **Friday LIVE SHOW** – the topic of the Friday Live Show is separate from the Monday Live Show. The topic often continues over several weeks giving you time to put into practise what you have learnt; there is an option to be interactive with the Live Chat during the Live Show
6. **Hands of the Week** – Bernard picks two Q-Plus hands that he finds interesting each week, one easier and one harder, so you can take your pick or view both
 - a. **Easier**
 - b. **Harder**
7. **Quizzes** – For a bit of fun, every week Bernard uploads a new Bidding, Play and Prize Quiz each with their own pre-recorded explanation of how the hand should have been played
 - a. **Bidding** (also offered free to non-members)
 - b. **Prize** – if you are lucky enough to get the answer to the Prize quiz correct you are in with a chance of winning a spot to play with Bernard in one of his live BBO teams matches
 - c. **Play**
8. **Teams on BBO** – Bernard plays Bridge Live on BBO. He talks you through his decision making procedures as he bids and plays the hands

MORE CONTENT:

LIBRARY

There is the **LIBRARY** where you can access old copies of BRIDGE magazine; and the labelled **YouTube ARCHIVE** from the 39 free YouTube sessions Bernard Magee produced over the Covid-19 lockdown period in March 2020 in the UK. The audience raised over £30,000 for Cancer Research UK. We have labelled each video with its seminar title to help you find your desired topic.

CASUAL BRIDGE

Informal / casual games can be played on BBO. Times can be found on the CALENDAR. The times are meant as nothing more than a suggestion of a time for players to get together, so that you feel you are playing amongst friends. See the HELP Menu for full info.

CALENDAR

The Calendar keeps you abreast of the schedule of the Live Shows, Set Hands on BBO, Casual Bridge, Live Teams on BBO and any other events going on.

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COMMUNITY

In addition to all this there is the Community for you to get involved with, where you can interact with other members of BMB and discuss and ask bridge questions:

- BMB Forum Index
- General Discussion Forum
- Looking to Play Online
- Bridge Questions - Ask Julian Pottage
- Laws & Ethics - Ask David Stevenson
- Q-Plus Forum
- Gluten Free
- Members' Private Facebook Group

BLOG

Bernard's personal blog

BMB SHOP

You can buy gift vouchers for friends and family who may not be members. They will then be able to visit the shop and choose the content they would enjoy the most.

Some of the weekly and bi-weekly content is available to purchase in 'Modules', such as previous 'Big' seminars and Set Hands, for those who may not have access to all the previous content.

Bernard's 48 streaming Bridge DVDs are also available to purchase along with his e-Books via Amazon. Non-Members will have access to the SHOP, so if any friends are interested they can visit our website.

Bernard Magee Bridge is designed to offer you content in bitesize modules so you are able to dip in when it suits you.

As you can see there is a lot available to you with your membership and you do not need to do everything. You can pick and choose what you use, as and when you have time. If you don't have the time to fit everything in, the content is all archived for you to go back to at a later time.

Even if you choose just one aspect of the site to enjoy, you may find that you are getting your value for money: think not what you are not using, but what you are enjoying.
