

# Bernard Magee Bridge – User Guide v2

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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.

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## **WEEKLY & MONTHLY CONTENT:**

From week 54 (starting Monday 5 July 2021) onwards there will be a theme for each month, normally starting on a Monday (see the **BMB CALENDAR** for details).

## **Seminars & Set Hands - suggested (optional) viewing order:**

1. **LIVE SHOW – Monday** – the Live Monday Show starts the monthly topic. There may be references to the 'Big' Seminar (of the same topic) during these Monday live shows; and there is an option to be interactive with the Live Chat during this Live Show. This Monday Live Show is also offered FREE to non-members
2. Watch the '**Big**' Seminar – this is a pre-recorded seminar (approx. 50 mins); a new one is now released every month (normally on a Monday – see **BMB CALENDAR**) with 8 accompanying set hands
3. Play the **8 x Set Hands** (these accompany the 'Big' Seminar)
  - a. on BBO – in organised BMB games – see the **BMB CALENDAR** for the play times – these are launched with the 'Big Seminar' and available for two weeks
  - 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*

4. 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

## **AD HOC VIEWING ORDER:**

5. **LIVE SHOW – Friday** – 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

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you have learnt; there is an option to be interactive with the Live Chat during the Live Show (watch live or later at your leisure)

6. **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. **Novice Bidding**
  - b. **Bidding** (also offered free to non-members)
  - c. **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
  - d. **Play**
7. **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**
8. **LIVE SHOW – Teams on BBO** – Bernard plays Bridge Live on BBO on Wednesday evening from 7:30pm. He talks you through his decision making procedures as he bids and plays the hands (watch live or later at your leisure)
9. **MIXED SET HANDS** – following the two weeks of organised set hands games there will be two weeks of Mixed Set Hands available to play on BBO – in organised BMB games – see the **BMB CALENDAR** for the play times

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## **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.

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### **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.

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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
- Cruises – Willing to share a cabin Forum
- Gluten Free
- Members' Private Facebook Group
- Charity Bridge Events [another link is on your 'My Homepage']

## 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.

## BLOG

Bernard's personal blog

## BRIDGE CLUB

BMB now starting some games on BBO, where you are able to play competitive bridge – to play these games you will need to purchase BBO dollars. There will be a variety of tournaments – different durations and different levels.

Everything will be displayed on our 'bridgewebs' page which you will be able to see on the website.

You will find this in the '**Bridge Club**' (in the main menu), OR on your 'My Homepage' there is a blue button saying '**Bridge Club Scores & Calendar CLICK HERE**'.

Initially there will be:

- Two 8-board events aimed to last just under one hour.
- Two 12-board events with a little extra time per round – aimed at novice-intermediates
- Two 16-board events for a more normal duplicate pairs event.

The date and times of these games can be found on the 'bridgewebs' page (**Bridge Club** in the main menu) AND on the **BMB CALENDAR** (in the menu)

The BBO price is to cover the cost of the tournament and the director – BMB is not trying to make a profit from these games – we are putting them on in response to requests from members.

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## **BMB SHOP** (for members and non-members)

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.

## **HOLIDAYS** (for members and non-members)

This will take you to [bmbholidays.com](http://bmbholidays.com) website where you can book Bridge Holidays with Bernard Magee Bridge in the UK, Overseas and also Cruises with Fred Olsen.

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**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.**

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