

Dear Students,

Welcome to Bridge 101: For Starters Only!, the first of the four BIL Beginning Bridge Program courses, which begins Tuesday, Oct 8, 2013. The eight sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the BIL from 15:00 to 17:00 (3-5pm) eastern time Oct 8<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bridge 101 is an introduction to the basics of bridge. Topics include counting cards and points, how tricks are won, scoring, hand evaluation, opening bids, major suit openings, minor suit openings, rebids by opener, overcalls and advancing the overcall.

Below is a set of instructions on how to get to my teaching table in the BIL which also explains how to tell whether you are using the downloaded pc software or the web browser version of BBO.

See you online Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 15:00 EDT. I am looking forward to being your instructor and helping you along in your journey to learn Bridge. If you have questions, concerns or just want to chat, contact me at SueFettes@gmail.com .

Sue Fettes  
(RedCat08)

The Easy Way to Get to a BIL Teaching Table:

It is very important for you to know how to get to a teaching table in the BIL. First step is to mark me (RedCat08) as your "friend" so you can click my name and join the table. Marking a friend is easy. But it depends on which of the two versions of BBO you are using.

How to tell which version:

When you go to BBO, do you click on a Bridge Base Online Icon (which looks like a king in a deck of cards) or do you open a web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc) ?

When you log in to BBO by clicking on a Bridge Base Online Icon you see a square box with blue at the top that has a place for your User name and Password. If this is what you do, you are using the version of BBO which is software that you have downloaded to your pc.

If you open a web browser and go to [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com) and click on Play Bridge Now then you are using the Web-Client Version of BBO. When you click "Play Bridge Now," you will see "Loading please wait" and a moving dot.

What to do:

In the downloaded pc version, when you have logged in, right click your BBO name. Click "Edit your Profile." Click the "Friends" tab. Type RedCat08 in the blank line and click "add." When I am online you will see me in your friends' list. Right click my name and, from the drop-down menu, click "join RedCat08's table".

If you are using the Web-Client, when you have logged in, you will see a light blue button in the lower right of the screen that says, "My Friends." Click My Friends and type RedCat08 in the blank space by the "Add" button. Then click Add. When you log on and click the "Friends" tab under Who's Online in the top right, you will see me in your friends' list when I am online. Click my name and my profile will come up. On the profile on the lower left there is a button that says "join table". Click join table.

How to get help:

We have BIL Friends who are happy to help you learn your table “manners” – how to use the table software to make a bid, sit in a chair, get up from a chair.

All this will become comfortable soon. You can visit the BIL/BBO FAQ in the BIL Library (drop-down menu of the spade symbol “About BIL”) to read and learn all about BBO software. More questions? Email me or and please let us know the version of BBO you are using.

You are going to make many friends in the BIL Beginning Bridge Program. Welcome.

♥ Sue