

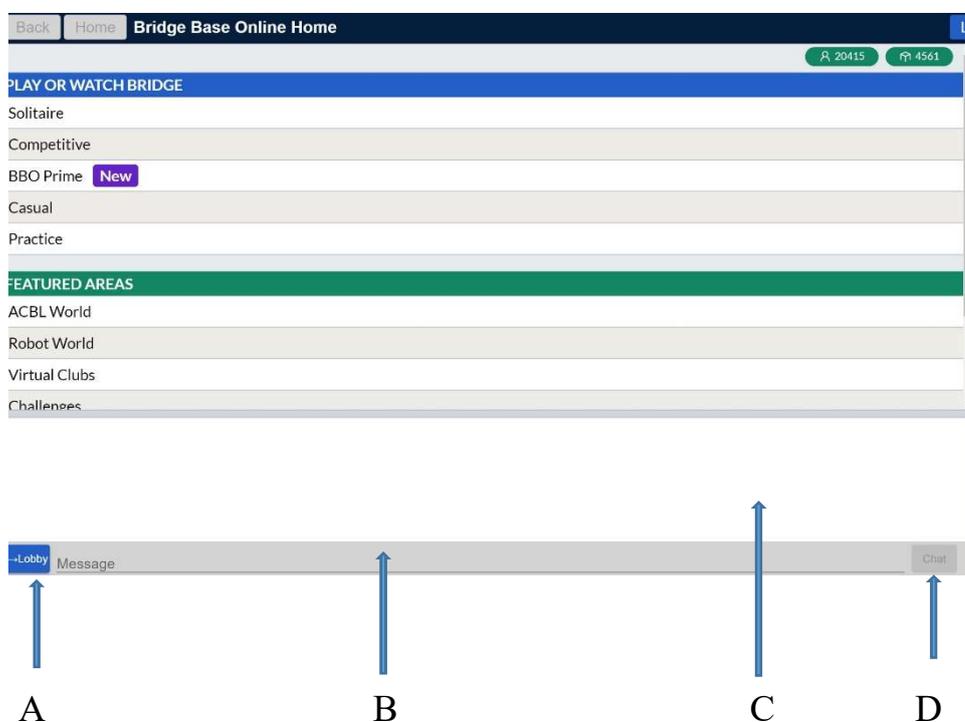
What is on your BBO screen?

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Chat function

PC - Bottom of the screen

This screen will appear if you are using a computer/PC. There is a white space at the bottom of the screen where messages appear. Under this is the Message line where you can write a message. At the left of that line is a blue box which gives you options about to whom who are going to communicate with.



A= Choose the recipient of the message.

B= The line where you write the message.

C= The space where you message will appear to you and the recipient.

D= The blue button called Chat that you press to send your message.

iPad Chat page

On the iPad, you need to press the Message tab at the bottom of the screen, and then Chat. The bottom of the screen is then like the one above with various recipients listed in the “Channel”



Recipients

When you press the Blue or Recipient button, there will be choice. It is very important to check which option you have chosen.

Table: The most common one to use for greetings or system information or “WD”=well done”, etc.

Private: You can only send private messages to your opponents using Private or by pressing on their BBO name. However if you have finished your three boards in a round and are waiting for the next round, it is now possible to send a Private message to your partner. This will switch off when the new round starts.

Lobby: If you send a message to the Lobby, everyone who is waiting online but not entered into a session (all around the world) will see your message. However no-one tends to read Lobby messages.

Tournament: This options has been turned off for all players.

Kibitzers: No Kibitzers are allowed in our games and therefore no messages to Kibitzers. As director I get these messages and usually let people know that the message has not been received by the Table.

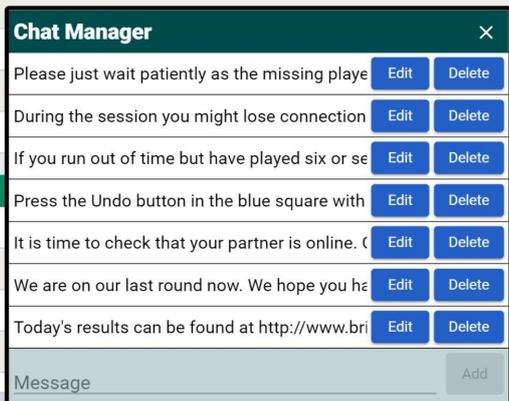
(Kibitzers are people who choose to watch games, usually looking at the better players, to see how they play the cards. It is a very useful learning tool. With face-face bridge, kibitzers look at one player’s cards but are not allowed to say anything or give any non-verbal signals that could influence the other players.

Chat Manager

Smaller chat font
Bigger chat font
Chat Manager

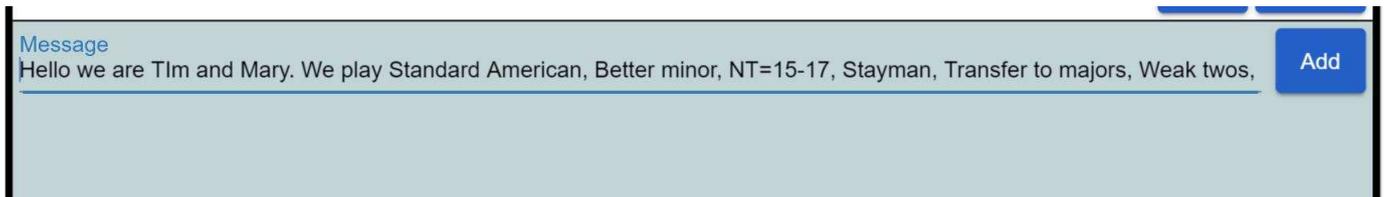
When you press on the empty white space just above the message line you will get a box like this.

When you press on 'Chat Manager', a box will come up.

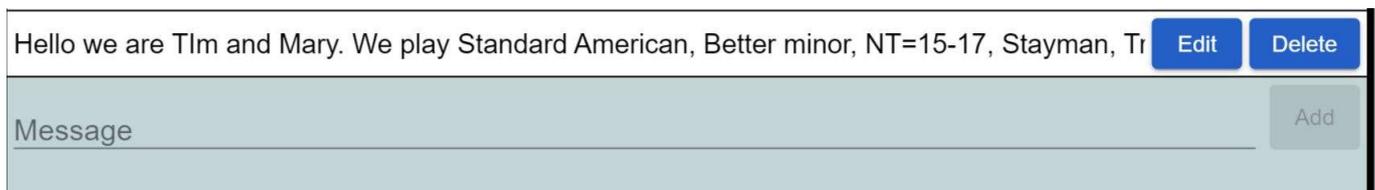


You can see in this example, that I have a number of directing messages. At the bottom of the box is the message line, where you can compose messages that you frequently use while playing bridge.

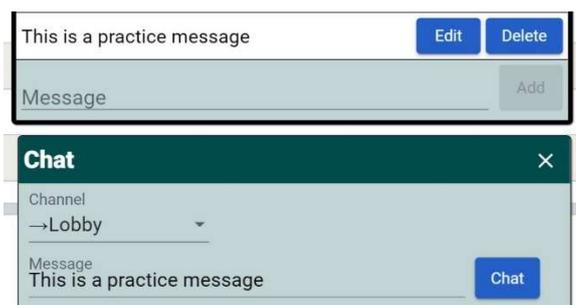
When you have completed your message you press the 'Add' button which will now be blue.



After you have pressed 'Add', that message will be in a list of messages that you have composed.



To send a message during the session, you press on one (the white area) and a 'Chat' box will appear. Chose to whom you will send it, usually the Table. The most common usage is to introduce yourself and give a brief summary of your system. This saves you writing this message many times during the session.



Video tutorials

YouTube videos by Adam Wiseberg:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLAtEbECBJA>

Directing your chat on BBO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2R6CfO5iBQ>

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