

An Invitation Kept Me in the Game
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My partner and I went to the site, looked around and played around and we decided to try it. The first time I played BBO, I found the silence to be deafening! I now have to have music playing during BBO bridge sessions and it has worked pretty well. We play two or three times a week in open and limited games. To me, it is a bit easier to lose concentration on BBO versus “live” play. Not having the human contact messes with my focus. I’ll have to work on that aspect! Getting the results shortly after the last hand is finished is great. Having the MOVIE option to see the bidding and the actual play of the hand is very useful. Then checking the travelers to see what others bid and their results is interesting and informative. I also like to check the skill level of those I’m playing against. Some are beginners, most are intermediate and advanced, but I’ve also played against world class players and one has even written a book on bridge. I still need to explore the BBO site more as there is much I have not yet experienced.

During this time of quarantine, I’m thankful to have BBO and to be able to still play the game I really enjoy. However, I do yearn for the good old days of in-person bridge. I look forward to seeing my Northwest Tucson Bridge Club friends at the bridge table again.