

Starting a Table in BBO for Statesboro Pairs

Please, don't say, "I have been using BBO for years and already know to set up a table, thank you." There are dozens, perhaps hundreds, of ways to "set up a table" if you consider the permutations of all of the options. It doesn't much matter when you play only one table; do whatever works for you. However, a game like ours will not run smoothly unless all tables are created using the same parameters. (Examples included in notes)

1. Log in to BBO at <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>. You must arrive at this URL in order to get the correct version of the BBO program.¹
2. At the opening screen under "Play or Watch Bridge" select "Casual"
3. At the next screen under "Find Your Own Game" select "Start a Table."
4. At the next screen you must select the correct privacy and competitive options. On that screen an option is "selected" if it appears in yellow, and in white if it is not. Make them all white except "Permission required to play;" make that one yellow.²
5. Now select "Start a relaxed Game."³
6. The next screen shows the table. You must select each seat in turn and enter that player's BBO ID. As you select each seat you will get a dropdown with three options: Sit, Robot, and Reserve. Select 'Reserve,' enter the BBO ID, and hit "enter. Repeat for each seat.
7. When the last seat is filled the program will automatically issue invitations to the players. If a player does not get an invitation then check that the BBO ID is correct and then tell that person log out and log back in.

Notes

1. Double check the URL when you get to BBO to make sure. A member who was unknowingly using a different URL was winding up in a version of BBO that did not enable receiving invitations from anyone else.
2. Very, very important. Keeps you from being kicked off just because someone wants to take your place. This is not prom night, so no cutting in. As for the would-be kibitzers, there are lots of other games out there for them to watch.
3. The other option here is "Competitive Game" but do not select it just because you consider yourself to be a "very competitive person." When that option is selected then people keep getting kicked off for what the program is set to regard as "slow play." That really disrupts the game.