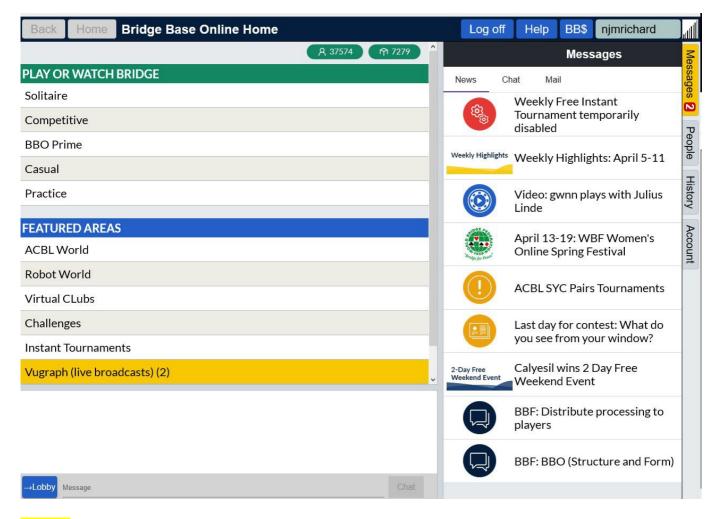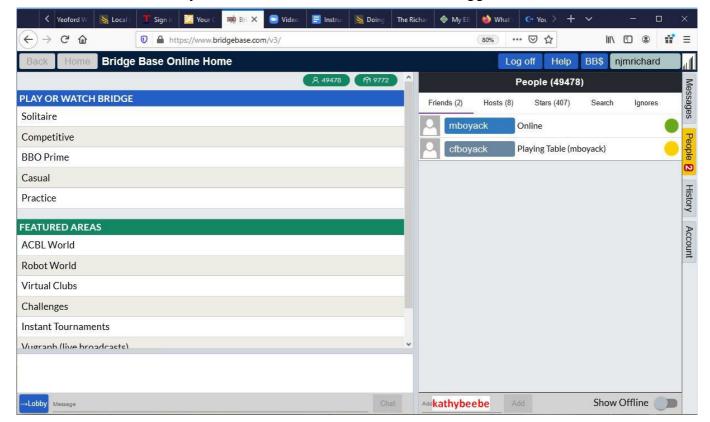# An introduction to BBO

The screen shot below is what it looks like when you first log on.
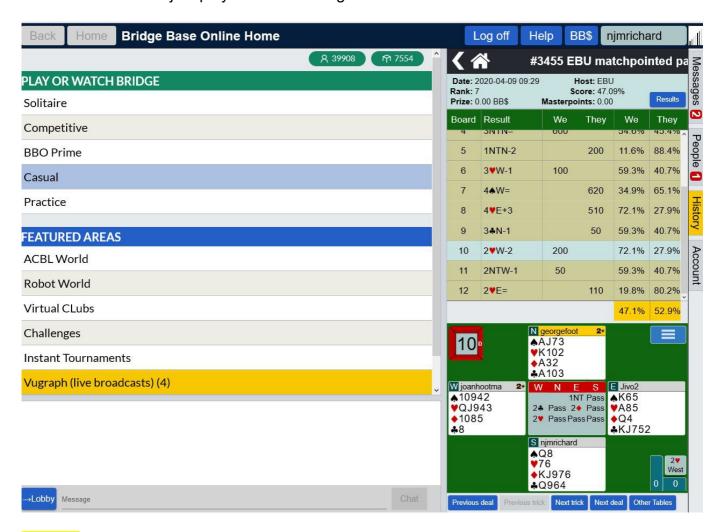It is worth exploring the tabs down the right side.
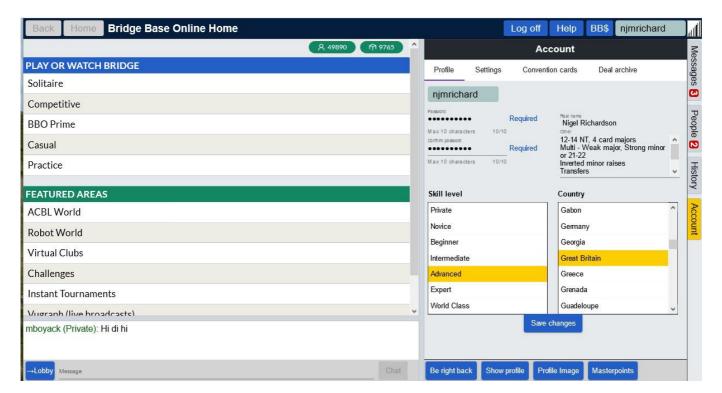Click on it once and it shows the info. Click on it again and it goes away.

People is useful if you set up friends there by adding their BBO name. The little box at the bottom 'Add Friend' lets you do that. You can then see who is logged on.
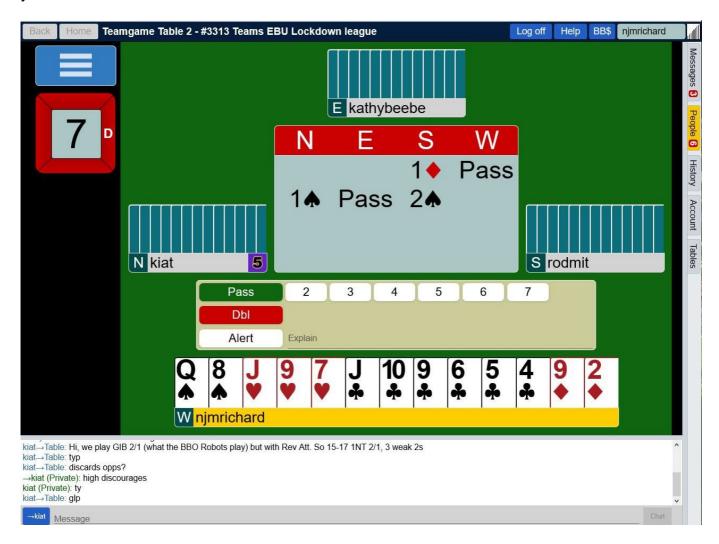
History shows details of the events you have played in. The one in the screen shot was the results of the event I just played in with George!

Account lets you add some information in 'other' about your system. When playing a match you can click on your opponents name and see that information. You can also add a convention card but probably not important.

When playing you alert your own bids and give a description. The opposition can see this but not your partner. So there is no announcing. For an opening 1NT you would first click alert, type 12-14, then make your bid. The screen shot below is an example of what it looks like when it is your turn to bid.

Other notes

When one sits at a real table one usually tells/reminds the opposition what your basic system is. Similarly on BBO while you are waiting for the table to be set up you can note your basic system on the msg line at the bottom of the screen. Then when the table is set you can select "opposition" or "table" and send this msg by clicking on "chat".

During the bidding one can ask for an explanation of a bid by clicking on the bid.