

Instructions for Loading lin Files to BBO

Loading up the hands is pretty straightforward although there are a few steps

- 1) After downloading the LIN file you want, login to BBO
- 2) Click "My BBO" in the menu bar at the top, then choose "Hands and Results"
- 3) Under "My hand folders" click "Import LIN file", then – IMPORTANT – click "Create hand folder"
- 4) Type a sensible title into the Title box (eg "Galligan set 1") then click "Create new folder"
- 5) Click "Select" next to the folder you just created
- 6) Click "Choose file" which opens an "Import LIN file" dialog box
- 7) Now navigate to where you put the LIN file in step 1, select it, and click "Open"
- 8) Back on the dialog box you should see your LIN file named next to the Choose File button
- 9) Click "Import" and the hands will be loaded up
- 10) You need to click through some "Close" actions to get back to the BBO home screen

It's important to put each set into a new folder because you use a FOLDER as a deal source. If you put 10 different sets of hands into one folder, when you try to use that folder as a deal source, you'll get hundreds of hands, most of which you've already bid/played.

To use the hands, the "host" does:

- 1) From the BBO home screen, click "Practice" at the bottom of the "Play or Watch Bridge" section on the left
- 2) Click "Start a Bidding Table", which pops the "Start New Table" dialog box
- 3) You can reserve seats for you and your partner and set various other options; when you're done click "Start Table"
- 4) The table opens. Click a seat if BBO hasn't already sat you
- 5) Click "Deal Source", in the lower menu bar just under South
- 6) Click "Use saved deals" then click "Select" next to whichever folder has the hand set you want to use
- 7) The "Select" button will "grey out" and that's your indication that the hands have been loaded up ready to use
- 8) Click "Close" to return to the playing area

You can click "Robot" on East and/or West to get robot opposition bidding. If you want to bid hands solo, you can also click Robot for partner

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