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BBO Tip: Your online friends

We all miss the vibrant social get together that is an important part of every bridge game. But you can keep in touch with your friends and have a social life on BBO also.

A good place to start is by compiling a list of all your friends who are playing on BBO.

When you log onto BBO, your home page has a series of tabs running down the right hand side of the screen:

Messages – People – History – Account

If you click on "People", you see a list of BBO users that you have listed as your friends.

Notice at the top the options: friends – Hosts – Start – Search – Ignores.
Make sure you are looking at "Friends". It will be underlined.

To add someone to your Friends list, enter their BBO name where it says "Add Friend" and then click "Add".

Your friend is now on your list. You may have to log out and back in to refresh your list.

By default, your "People" list shows only friends who are online. To see your offline friends as well, use the "Show Offline" slider at the bottom right hand side.

Online friends show up with a green or yellow circle beside their name.

If they are online you can chat with them. If not, you can send them an email message.

There are two ways to send messages.

The first is to click on their BBO name to see their BBO profile. (Also a good way to confirm that the BBO name really is your friend and not somebody else). At the bottom, you can type your message and send it.

If your friend is online, the message will be sent to them immediately. If they are offline, it will be sent to their mailbox.

The second is to use your chat box (at the bottom left of your home page).

By default, it is set to send a message to "Lobby". Click on "Lobby" and choose "Private" from the pop-up list instead. Enter your friend's BBO name, type in your message and hit the "chat" button.

Finally, when you log on to BBO, remember to take a look at the "Messages" tab. It will show the number of unread messages that are waiting for you, from friends or others (such as BBO). Click on "Messages > Mail" to see what's in your mail box.