An Invitation Play

Many players began as children, playing bridge while sitting around the dining room table in the evening with their families. Party bridge, social bridge, or “Kitchen Bridge” is a wonderful way to enjoy time with family and friends.

In university days, many Baby Boomers and other Post-WWII generations across the world found themselves in the “student union” getting together between classes to play bridge. Now young people from Bangkok to Piešťany, from Canberra to Biarritz, from Amsterdam to Singapore, from Quito to Bangkok, from Tianjin to Amsterdam—young people from all over the world learn bridge in after-school programs, summer bridge camps, and university programs.

![Image of children playing bridge]

Atlanta Junior Bridge Program, US

In the same way that Whist evolved into bridge, bridge evolved into its competitive form duplicate bridge and the tournament came to be. Although duplicate bridge remains a social event and certainly a continuous learning experience, it is now highly competitive and played at organized clubs and at tournaments at the local, regional, national, and world levels. As technology has advanced, duplicate bridge and tournaments have become available through the internet on ‘online bridge’ sites, which house clubs like the BIL.

In duplicate bridge, each hand or board, as it is called, is played by multiple players. When the same board is played by many players it is, therefore, duplicated. Unlike party bridge, which depends heavily on being dealt good hands to win, your final score in duplicate depends only on how well you bid and play the cards you actually hold, not on how "good" those cards are. Even if you hold a "Yarborough" with no honor cards, you're paying very close attention to every trick.
From Teaching Tournaments to Ladder Matches, many exciting tournaments are sponsored by the BIL. As a BIL Player you are welcome to join your friends in the fun!

Bridge is not only a great learning adventure but also an exciting club sport. Now recognized as an official event of the Olympics, the bridge tournament is the competitive cornerstone of the world of duplicate bridge.

In the BIL, players can compete with their peers and can compete without the high-level stress of advanced and more experienced tournament play. In BIL Teaching Tournaments, patience and understanding accompany the best teaching from around the world.

One of the most thrilling rewards, yet to be mentioned however, is meeting face to face (f2f) the friends you have made in the BIL!

Additional information regarding tournament play is available from the drop-down menu of Tournaments—the Diamond symbol at the top of the BIL Library. You will find just about everything you ever wanted to know—from registration to scoring to reviewing the boards played.

Jump in! A chair always reserved for you in a BILTournament!

One-on-one help with Tournament information is available from our BIL Friends who generously volunteer their time. Please contact PeterB at BILFRIEND1@yahoo.com.

Good Bridging!