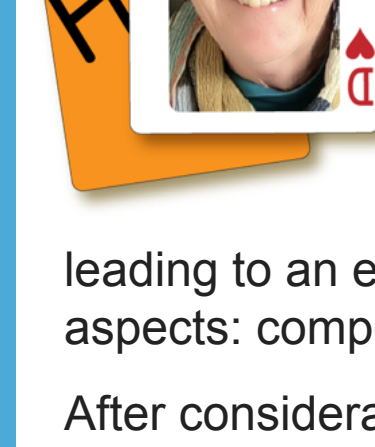
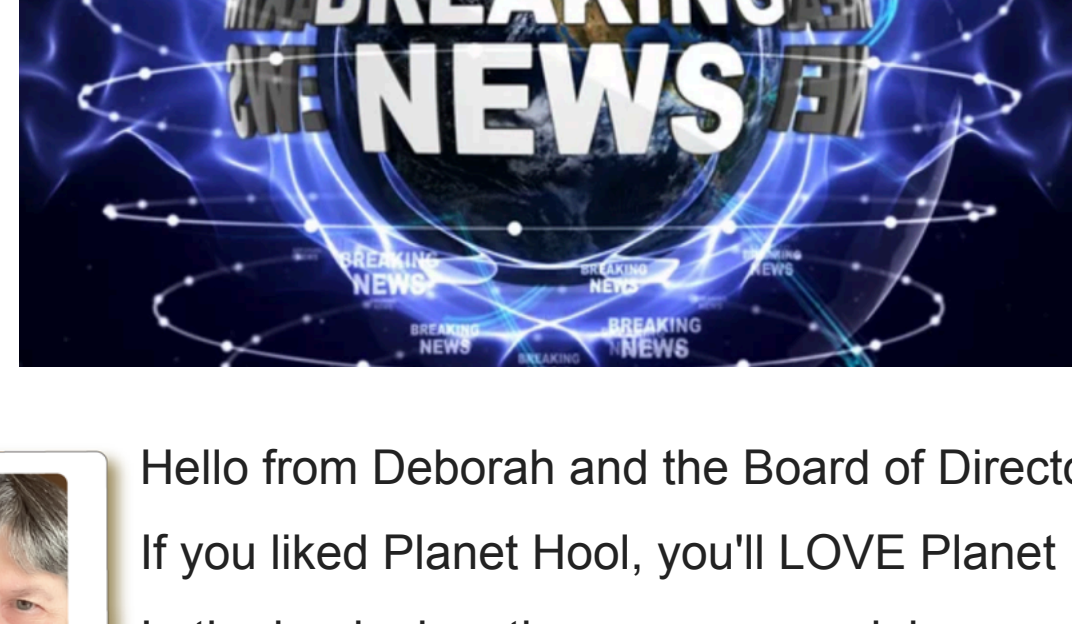


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The Opening Lead



Hello from Deborah and the Board of Directors!
If you liked Planet Hool, you'll LOVE Planet Bridge!

In the beginning, there was a special game called HOOL that introduced fundamental concepts and led players to the magical, challenging world of Bridge.

But we wanted more. As with many creative ideas, our group started taking its own form, frame and direction leading to an expanded focus ... namely "growing the game" in all its aspects: competitive, social, in person, and online.

After considerable thought and deliberation, the Board of Directors tackled the concept of "rebranding" that resulted in, among other things, a name change, ergo...

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While some things may change, some things won't. We remain a group of fun loving players who are eager to learn, open to making mistakes, supportive of one another and find the camaraderie compelling.

Neil Simon wrote, "Endings are beginnings backwards." Well, we've just begun again: Welcome to Planet Bridge!!

We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

But let's just start with the United States ...

Check out where our current players reside and, while there are some blank spaces, the wonder of it all is that Phoenix, Chicago and

Richmond connect directly with one another ... as does San

Francisco, Charleston and Kona. **Click on the map below to make it interactive.**

Planet Bridge has added numerous "satellites" to its universe: open houses, online and IRL pick-up games, weekly online spin-off groups, YMCA social bridge gatherings and IRL Fridays to name a few.

All of this makes the following introduction a reality:

"I'M FROM PLANET BRIDGE. TAKE ME TO YOUR TABLE!"



Courtesy of Map-Maker Martha

New Cycle Starts September 12 Spread the Word!

Tell your friends! A new cycle begins **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:00pm PDT**. Whether players are new-to-the-game or a-bit-rusty, within six weeks, players move from "newbies" to "regulars" and are on their way to playing independently. These introductory sessions are offered at no cost (donations ARE appreciated!) For more information, go to Planet-Bridge.org and get ready for some fun.

ACBL Recognizes Planet Bridge

Another "Gold Star" has been added to the Planet Bridge Universe! Bronia Jenkins, inspiring new ACBL Executive Director (seen in the sunglasses amid the Planet Bridge Chicago Meet-Up team), recently tapped Deborah Drysdale and Dee Fulton to head the ACBL Social Bridge Sub-Committee, a new component of the organization. Their mission is the same as Planet Bridge: growing the game we love.



From Left: Deborah, Ted, Bronia, Patty, Allison, Dee

Why I Joined the Planet Bridge Board (and Why I Donate)

By Board Member Vic King

The answer to the first question is simple. Deborah asked me. (Just try saying "No" to her yourself!!)

The answer to the second question is not so simple. While Planet Bridge is mostly run by volunteers, there are some needs and expertise requiring outside services. Without a regular cash flow, Planet Bridge could spin out of orbit.

And that's where we come in. While Phil and Martha and Deborah and Rachel and a host of others provide their time and talent (as well as a considerable amount of funding), we can add from our own treasure, whatever that may be. If you're like me and spend around 20-30 hours a month with Planet Bridge "playmates," that's gotta be worth a couple of bucks an hour at least. (I save on gas, wine, coffee and dry cleaning since I can play at home in my sweats!)

If we all pay something to play, then we're all a part of "growing the game" ... plus it's TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

I would be so happy if you hit the button below to join me on the donor list. And if you're already a donor, my personal thanks for being a full-fledged supporter of a place that's enriched my life.

Vic in Phoenix

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Have Cards, Will Travel

Planet Bridge was introduced to Planet Earth at the 2023 Summer NABC Tournament this past July as eight of its "citizens" joined thousands of other bridge enthusiasts in Chicago, Illinois. Since a picture is worth a thousand words ... enough said!

Next year's NABC Tournament takes place in Toronto, Ontario July 18-28. Mark those dates on your calendar and keep an eye out for more information in future newsletters.



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Advice in Rhyme

My name is Dee, last name is Fender
I have advice I'd like to render
Send me questions anytime
And I'll respond in metered rhyme
The rhymes may help you all remember
Tips from your friend, Ms. Dee Fender

Dear Dee:
I get a sinking feeling when both my partner and I have passed and I win her opening lead. What do I do? Bail me out!! Ty Tanick

Dear Ty:
You and partner didn't bid - it simply sometimes happens, Kid
So partner leads a card to you and you win the trick ... WAHOO!
Since you won, return the lead in the same suit, that's right, indeed
If it fails, just move on because that trick has come and gone.
But if you lead another suit and partner has a gun to shoot
You may take one in the jaw because you broke a general law.

Dear Dee:
I'm new to the game and don't like playing defender. I'd rather be the dummy! Warren Peesse

Dear Warren:
Defense is half of any game ... you'll play it half the time
Instead of scared declarer, be defender in your PRIME!
Join your partner, be on watch and take declarer down a notch!
All it takes to hit 'em hard might be in just ONE little card!

Dear Dee:
How do I let my partner know that I don't like his lead without making a face or rolling my eyes? I'm cooked! Sue Flay

Dear Sue:
Since you cannot take the trick, here's a hint that's pretty slick:
If you like the lead they play, lay down a higher "spot"
If you don't, then play low ... this says NOT NOT NOT!
(Hope they see without your nod that you have done the proper job)

Bridging the Gap on YouTube

Catch up on all of Phil's 2023 Lessons on [YouTube!](https://www.youtube.com) If you need a refresh or want to introduce someone to the game, this is a great place to start.

VISIT THE PLANET BRIDGE YOUTUBE CHANNEL



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