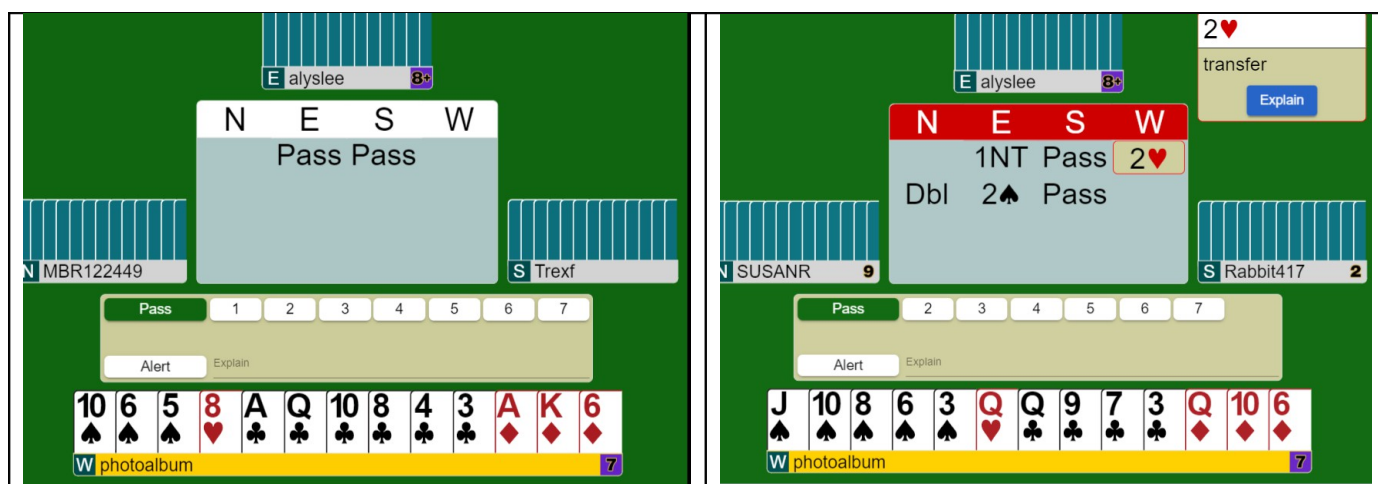


BBO Alerts

Alerting bids on BBO is different than at the club. On BBO, you alert your own bids - this is called “self-alerting”. This is the opposite of who alerts bids at our in-person club games. You do not need to alert 1 NT as 15-17 points as that range will be announced at the start of a game. It is important that you do not chat to the table to explain either your or your partner’s bid as that could give unauthorized information.

To self-alert, **before you bid**, click on the white **Alert** box that is below the bid options. On the **Explain line** _____, type in what your bid means, then choose your bid. You must always enter your Alert explanation **first** before you bid.

For example, if your partner bids 1 NT, your RHO passes, and you are bidding 2 hearts as a transfer to spades, before bidding 2 hearts, hit the white Alert box. Type in “*transfer*” on the Explain line. Then enter your 2 heart bid. The second picture is what you and your opponents, but not your partner, will see for this example.



Another example, if you are playing Inverted Minors, and you open 1 club, before partner bids 2 clubs, partner should hit the white Alert box and type in “*5+ c, 10+ pts*” on the Explain line. Abbreviations are fine. Some players like to create a document with explanations of common alerts that they can copy and paste quickly into the Explain line.

If you forget to alert prior to entering your bid, you can click on your own bid and a box will pop up in which you can type your Alert explanation.

If an opponent forgets to alert, you can click on that bidder’s questionable bid and that bidder will be asked to type an explanation. Similarly, if you forget to Alert, an opponent may click on your bid and then a box will appear asking for your explanation.

To summarize:

1. Do not chat to the table to explain or ask about a bid as this could give unauthorized information. Opponents could call the Director and if they are damaged, there may be an adjusted score.
2. You must alert your own bid (self-alert).
3. Use the Alert box and type your Alert explanation first before you bid.
4. Only you and your opponents will see what you alerted; your partner will not.