Bridge Blogging Tutorial:

How to insert a bridge movie to your blog or web page.

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide a step-by-step procedure on how you can add a bridge movie to your blog at www.bridgeblogging.com or your own web site.

You will need:

- A computer that is connected to the internet
- A web browser installed on the computer
- A Blog page (or any web site) to post your movie
- A Bridge Hand worthy of posting online
- An account with Bridge Base Online (BBO)

Step 1:

First, ask yourself the following question:

Was the hand you are trying to post PLAYED ONLINE at BBO?

- In order for a hand to have been considered to be played at BBO, all 4 players must have been playing online on their BBO account. If the answer to the above question is NO, then skip to step 4.
- Please note that VuGraph matches do not count as being played at BBO. If you are trying to post a hand from a VuGraph match that you observed online at BBO, please skip to step 4.

Step 2:

- Go to: www.bridgebase.com/myhands
- In the “Username” box, enter in one of the four players BBO names
- Select the date that the hand in question was played on BBO.
- Click the “Get Hands” button.
- (see the screenshot on the following page)
Step 3:

- After completing step 2, if the data for the hand that you wish to enter is available online, then the resulting page should look something like the table shown below.
- Find the correct hand that you wanted to post. Right-click on the word “Movie” in the row of the desired hand.
- Select “Copy Shortcut” (in Internet Explorer), “Copy Link Location” (in FireFox), “Copy link” (in Safari), or your web browser equivalent.
- If you successfully found the hand you wish to post and have completed this step, then skip to Step 14a (bridge blogging users) OR Step 14b (everyone else.)
Step 4:

*If Step 3 was successful, then skip to:
STEP 14a (for bridge blogging users) OR
STEP 14b (for everyone else).*

- In your browser window, visit BBO’s web site at:
  http://www.bridgebase.com and click “Play Bridge Now”.

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Step 5:

- Type in your BBO User name and Password and Log in to your BBO account.

Step 6:

- Select “Hands and results” from the “My BBO” drop-down menu at the top.
Step 7:

- Select the “Hand editor” button

Step 8:

- Inside the center box of the hand editor you will find pictures of all 52 cards. Simply follow the instructions in the center box and click on the cards in each hand, starting with South.
- If you make a mistake, clicking on a wrongly placed card will put the card back into the center box.
Step 9 (optional)

- Choose the dealer for the hand by clicking on the direction of the player who starts the auction.
- If you do not want to enter in the auction or the play of the hand, you may stop here and skip to step 12.

Step 10 (optional)

- Using the bidding box in the bottom-right corner, enter in each player’s bids in order.
- If you make a mistake, click the back arrow button under the hand.
- To enter in a bid explanation, click on the bid in the auction box and type in the explanation in the pop-up window (see image below).
- As before, if you wish to skip the bidding and play, skip to step 12.
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Step 11 (optional)

- After the auction has been entered, you may now play out the hand. Starting with the opening leader, in the case of the following example, West, click on each card in the order that it was played.
- You do not need to completely play out the deal. You may stop at any point and save your deal by skipping to the next step.

Step 12

- From the “Options” menu at the BOTTOM of the bridge diagram you have just created, select “Export Deal”, then “Handviewer link”.

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Step 13

- Using your mouse, highlight the link that appears in the pop-up window generated from Step 12.
- Hold down the “Ctrl” button (Windows) or the Apple key (Mac) and type “C” to copy the highlighted link.
- (If you are unable to copy and paste the link for whatever reason, try the old fashioned approach: write it down on a pad of paper in preparation for the next step.)

Step 14a  (bridgeblogging users only. Everyone else: skip to 14b.)

- Log into your account at bridgeblogging.com and start composing your blog.
- With your cursor placed at the insertion point where you want to place your movie, click on the Spade symbol from the tool bar.
- Click inside the box to the right of the words “Bridge Movie Link:”, and type “Ctrl-V” (Win) or “Apple key-V” (Mac) to paste in the link from step 10.

Step 15

- Click the “Insert Movie” button.
- Continue composing your blog post, and click the “Publish Post” button when finished.
Step 14b: (for all NON bridgeblogging users)

Please note: Bridgeblogging.com users do not need to complete this step.

- To post your newly created bridge movie to your own web page, add the following source code to your web page:

```html
<iframe height="400" scrolling="auto"
src="(insert link here)" width="500"></iframe>
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Where (insert link here) is the link that was copied in the previous step. In the example shown in this document, the code to insert would be:

```html
<iframe height="400" scrolling="auto"
src="http://tinyurl.com/n7aew7" width="500"></iframe>
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Still having trouble??

The Bridge blogging team wants to make your blogging experience as easy and painless as possible. If you are still having difficulties with the procedure outlined above, please contact the Bridge Blogging support team at support@bridgeblogging.com.