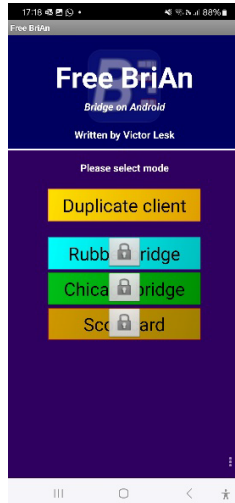


BriAn Duplicate Player Basics

For Samsung. Apples replace some forward / backward icons with screen swipes

1. Download and install 'Free BriAn Bridge Client' from the Play Store (or equivalent).
2. Tap the BriAn icon to open it. You should see:



3. Tap 'Duplicate client'. You should now see something like this:

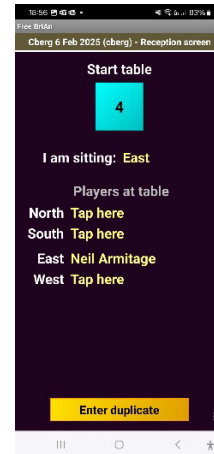
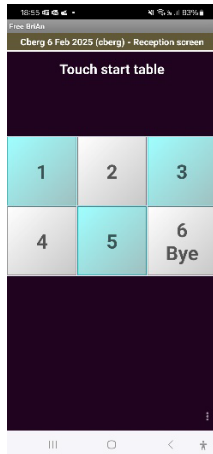


4. You now need to enter the 'Game code' i.e., the club code, e.g., 'cberg' which is the code for Constantiaberg Bridge Club. If your last game using this App was at the club you are now playing at, then the 'Game code' will likely be correct. If not,

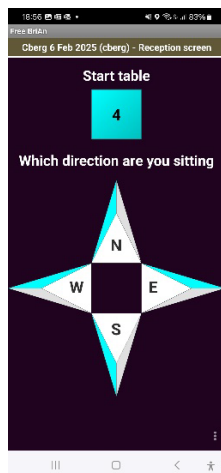
then you must change it to the new 'Game code'. Tap the down arrow whereupon you can select the correct code from the list provided:



5. Once you have selected the Game code, tap 'Enter duplicate' to get into the game. **N.B.**, if the Director has not yet created the new session you will either: i) be prevented from going any further until such time as the new game is 'live', or ii) be informed that you are a 'Late entry'. In the first instance, wait until the Director has started the session. In the second instance, you are effectively still in your last session whereupon you must shut down BriAn and restart on confirmation that the Director has started the new session. Tap the < icon at the foot of the screen and/ followed by 'Quit Brian' (Yes). Note that some cell phones have slightly different procedures, e.g., you may need to tap the triple dots on the right-hand side of the screen to bring up the menu or swipe up etc. Keep going until you have fully exited BriAn. Re-entering BriAn should lead you to the 'checkerboard' – officially called the 'Reception screen' – which should also contain details of the new session:

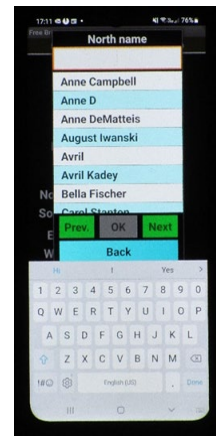


- One you see the 'checkerboard', tap on the number of your table. You should see confirmation of your Start table (if wrong you need to go back and start again) followed by a request for you to indicate which direction you are sitting with a compass rose:



- It is crucial that you tell your device your correct starting table and direction.** The computer (back in London) uses this information to link you to a pair number and link your device to you for the rest of the session. Failure to do correctly identify yourself can cause huge problems both for you and potentially the rest of the room as BriAn will be presented with duplicate names and/or empty seats. Once you have selected your start direction you will get presented with the third of the reception screens that asks for the names of the four players at the start table:

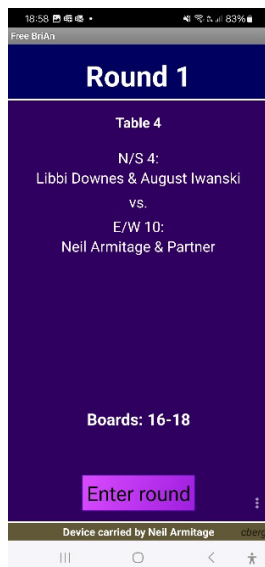
- The names of the players are then added in one by one by tapping on 'tap here' next to each position. This brings up a screen looking like this:



- Start typing the person's name. If the person's name is already in the system, it can be selected from the drop-down list. Otherwise, it must be typed in. **Please use full names** so that the results can be readily imported into Pianola later which, further, tracks your performance over multiple sessions. If an incorrect name pops into the space provided (possibly your partner for your previous session), you can delete it by tapping the end of the name and using the delete button on your keyboard (backward X). Then select the correct name from the drop-down list. Ensure that the name is correctly spelt because an incorrectly spelt name once accepted by BriAn becomes an error that must be individually edited by the Director prior to downloading / uploading

the results – an extremely laborious task. Note that once you have linked yourself to your correct start position, your name should thereafter appear on the bottom of the screen next to ‘Device carried by...’. If it doesn’t, then you must correct it by tapping ‘Tap here’ and selecting your name. If your partner’s name is reflected, tapping it should correct it to yours. If one of your opponent’s names is reflected, it means that your starting position was not correctly identified. You may need to exit BriAn and re-enter. If you are told you are a ‘Late entry’, provide the pair number that will be made available to you from the ‘Movement’ page available in the menu at the bottom of the page (or in the drop-down upon tapping the three dots).

- Once you have sorted out who is playing where (usually North’s responsibility), tap ‘Enter duplicate’ to enter the session whereupon you should see something like this:



- Check that you are: i) in the correct round, ii) at the correct table, iii) in the correct direction, iii) playing the correct opponents, iv) with the correct boards, and v) your device is linked to you.** 90% of BriAn player issues come because of a failure to do this in the first round. It is good

practice to continue doing these checks round by round. Once you are satisfied everything is in order, tap ‘Enter round’ to commence scoring the first board:



- Check that you are on the correct board.**

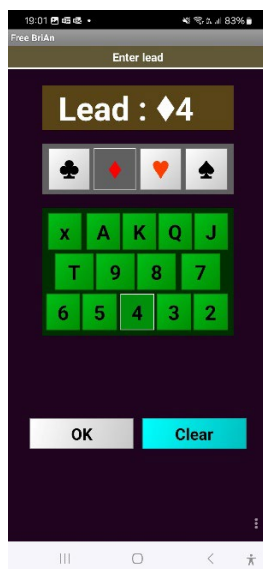
BriAn will always give you the first board in the round, however if you are sharing boards, you may need to tap > to get to the board you are starting with. Be careful not to tap > (or <) in error! Recording a contract for the wrong board is a common error. Once you have established you are on the right board, enter the contract indicating the Declarer direction. A doubled contract is indicated by adding an X, a redoubled contract by adding an XX, and ‘All Pass’ / ‘Pass Out’ by simply tapping PO.



13. The contract can be inserted by anyone – or everyone – but if there is disagreement this will show up just prior to the table moving to the next board as an error that must be immediately corrected by the player responsible for the error clearing and re-entering. It is North’s responsibility to ensure that the contract is correctly entered, but the opponents must check.
14. To add the lead, tap on the ‘Lead’ icon above the numbers to get the Lead screen and press OK when done (Clear to correct a mistake). Take care not to press ‘<’ instead of ‘Lead’ as this could lead to the awkward situation of you scoring the wrong board. You may navigate between each board in the round using ‘<’ and ‘>’. To save time, it is often better to let only North put in the lead.



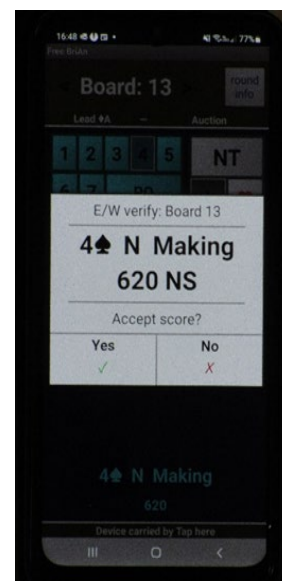
16. If there is a problem, tap ‘Clear’ and fix. If several players at a table are scoring and there is a disagreement in the contract entered, the App will usually stop further action with a ‘Conflict’ message calling for a thorough check of everyone’s entry and immediate resolution. Once everyone is happy, tap ‘OK’ and you should get something like this:



15. Once the board has been played, you may enter the result by pressing one of:

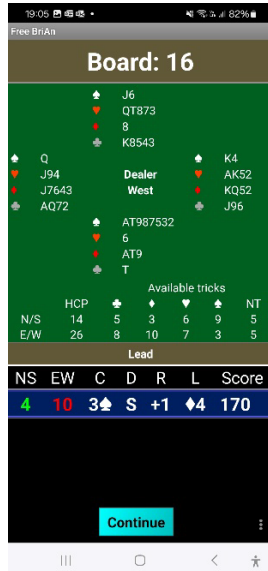


If the contract is ‘Making’, tap the tick. Otherwise keep tapping the minus or plus signs until the requisite number of under or over tricks is displayed.



17. This screen provides yet another opportunity for players to check they are satisfied with the contract and the result. Get your opponents to tap ‘Yes’ on your phone if they agree, ‘No’ if not – upon which you will be taken back to the previous screen to fix. Once you have all agreed the score and ‘Yes’ has been tapped,

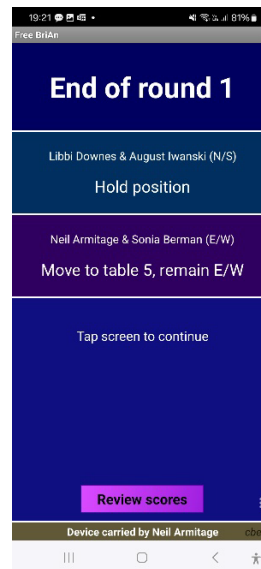
you are shown how everyone has done on the board to date with details of the hands and what tricks are available for both N/S and E/W for each suit if available (required pre-dealt boards):



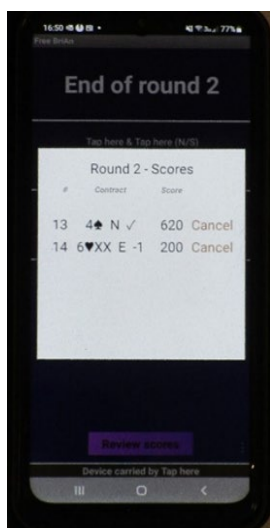
18. Tap 'Continue' (or swipe) to get to the next board.
19. Sometimes, cell phones can be a little slow to pick up the latest information from the server and the phones show confusing information. If this happens, select the 'Refresh game' icon that appears in the menu at the bottom of the screen. If there is no menu at the bottom of the screen, look for an icon to bring it up or otherwise, tap the triple dot icon that is visible on the bottom right of the screen to bring up the additional menu. This additional menu may also allow you to see how you are doing by tapping 'Rankings' or 'Results' (this may be disabled by the Director), and where everyone – and the boards – should be for each round by tapping 'Movement'.



20. The boards in each round are played one by one until the end of the round where you will get a screen like this that gives you instructions on where to go next:



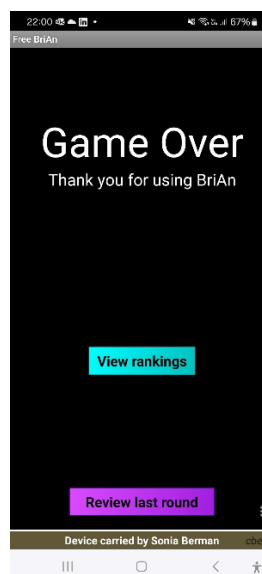
21. **This screen is also your last chance to fix errors with Director intervention** by tapping 'Review scores' whereupon you will be presented with BriAn's understanding of the contracts made on each board in the round:



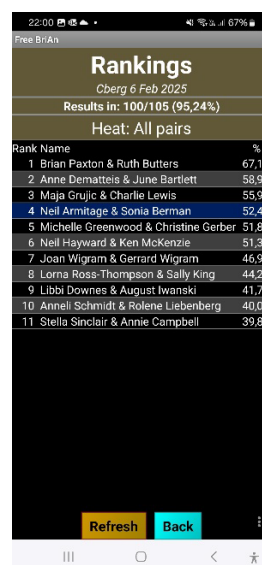
22. Tapping 'Cancel' next to any problematic score will take you back to the board scoring page to allow for correction. When you have accepted the new contract, you tap 'OK' to go back to the 'End of Round' screen and notification of where to go next. Failure to correct a score before moving into the next board / round usually leads to BriAn blocking progress on a fellow player's cell phone i.e., with a 'conflict' message. If this has not been resolved before the players have moved to the next round, it will require the Director's intervention to sort out. One of the strengths of BriAn is that if everyone is entering the score, BriAn will immediately pick up disagreement for checking and rectification and the chances of a mistaken entry are thus minimised.

23. Sometimes multiple input errors and/or omissions cause the App to 'lose its place'. This can often be sorted out by exiting the App (keep pressing '<' at the bottom of the screen until asked whether you wish to 'Quit BriAn') and then promptly re-entering it. You will be informed you are late and asked for your pair number. Hopefully, submission of your pair number will put you in the right place with the correct scores to that point being supplied by your opponents.

24. You continue until you have completed all rounds when you will come to the 'Game Over' screen:



25. You have one last opportunity to review your last round before you can find out how you did by tapping 'View rankings':



Other players may not have completed their final rounds so the scores may not be final. The 'Results in' line near the top of the screen will indicate 100% for a complete session. Refresh if needed. You may now close BriAn (Go 'Back' first).

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