



Use pianola to find a partner

Sydney Bridge Club has over 600 members plus quite a few frequent visitors. We set up a Pianola (basic account) for our players when they first joined as a member. It is free to use – you can check your own results, the annual Club Championships (“Competitions”) and even find a partner! Get to know some new people when your regular partner is not available.

The screenshot shows the Pianola website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Results, Competitions, Members, Partner finder (highlighted with a red circle and a blue arrow), and Plus. A user profile for Wing Roberts, Sydney Bridge Club, is visible on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for My history, All by month, All by week, and All club results. The main content area shows 'Results history' with filters for date range (Apr 23, 2025 - Jul 23, 2025), All partners..., and Match points.

When you log on Pianola (www.Pianola.net), you come to a page headed as above, with your results history taking up the rest of the page.

1. Click on Partner Finder

There will be two tags under “Partner Finder” – Adverts and Preferences.

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2. Click on Preferences

You currently have some information set as private. Creating an advert will make your email, telephone and results information temporarily public while the advert is live. [Review your privacy settings.](#)

In the cream band, you are invited to choose which of your contact details you wish Members to have, for example email address, phone number, etc. If you click on the “Review Your Privacy Settings”, you will come a page which enables you to do this. Then click on the back arrow at the top left-hand corner of the screen to return the page you were previously on.

3. You are now able to choose which Members you wish to inform when you are seeking a partner. Below the cream band (as shown above), you will find the following:

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- **Notify** – Pianola’s default setting is Notify. Any advert put up by you on Pianola will immediately go by email to all members, provided that they have “Notify” as their default setting.
- **Neutral** – Under this option, you would need to log in to Pianola Partner Finder to see any adverts and your own adverts would only be seen by other members by logging in to Pianola Partner Finder.
- **Block** – if you set “Block” as your choice of setting, you will need to press “notify” against the names of those members you are happy to paly with so they get “Looking for a partner” messages from you (see below) by email.

Below the bar asking for your default setting is a list of club bridge members in alphabetical order. When you have made your Partner Finder choices, the table will look like:

Let other players know more about you by sharing your results history and contact details - [Review your privacy settings..](#)

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Start typing to search members...

First name	Last name	Rank	System	Notify	Neut...	Block
Julian	Abel	Silver Grand	None set	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elizabeth	Adams	Silver Grand	None set	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Virginia	Addison	Club	None set	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You can search for specific members by inserting their names in the space just above this list (e.g. where “Wing” is shown).

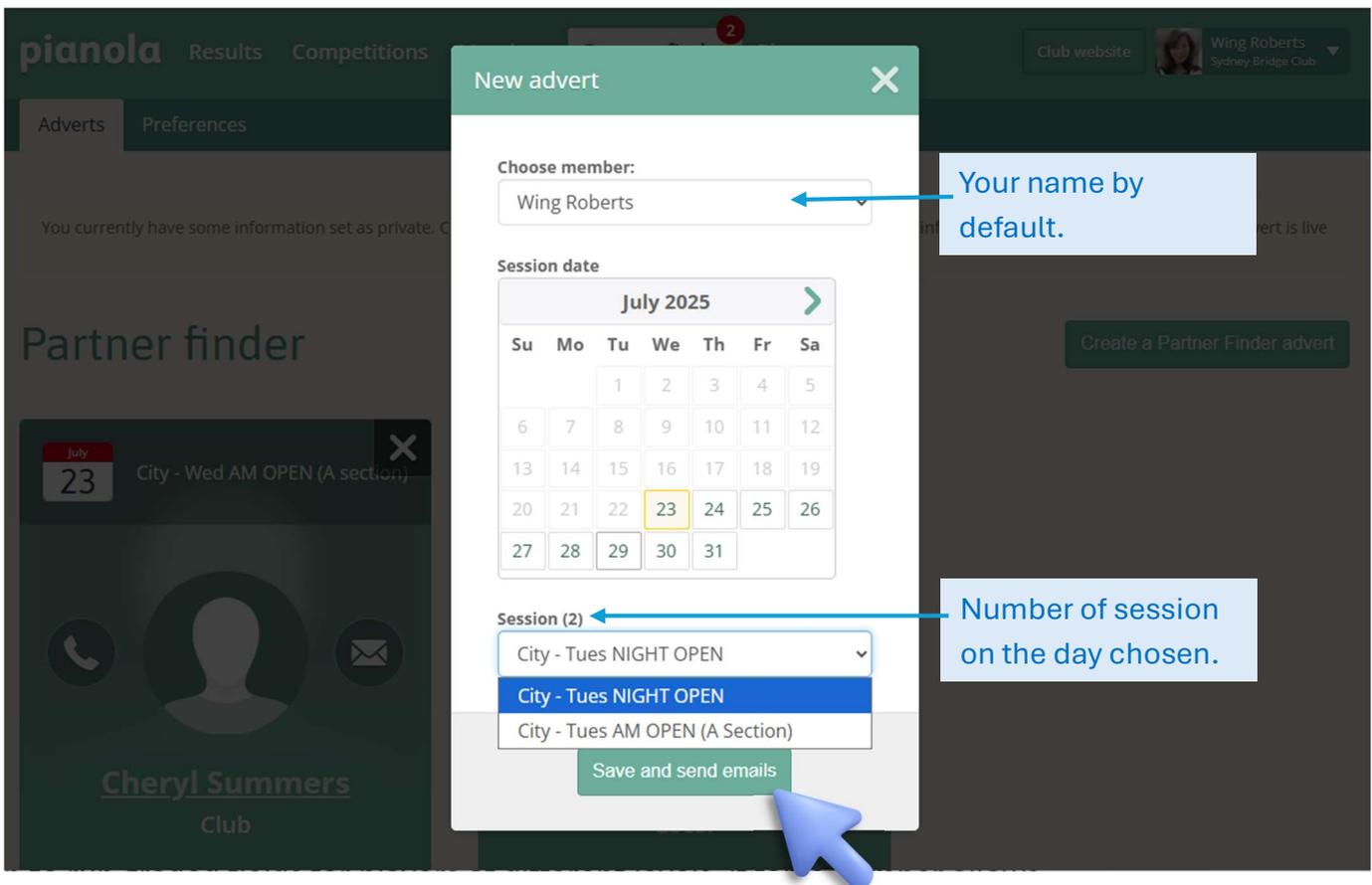
wing

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Wing	Roberts	Bronze Life	None set	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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You will need to go through Steps 1-3 the first time you use Pianola Partner Finder. Subsequently you will only need to do the following (which take half a minute including logging in to Pianola).

4. Press the “Adverts” option on the Partner Finder page (as shown in Step 1) and then press the “Create a Partner Finder Advert” bar on the page you come to. The screen will then display a calendar (below) and a date can be chosen in the same manner as booking a flight online:



If there are more than one session on the day you choose, make sure you select the right session.

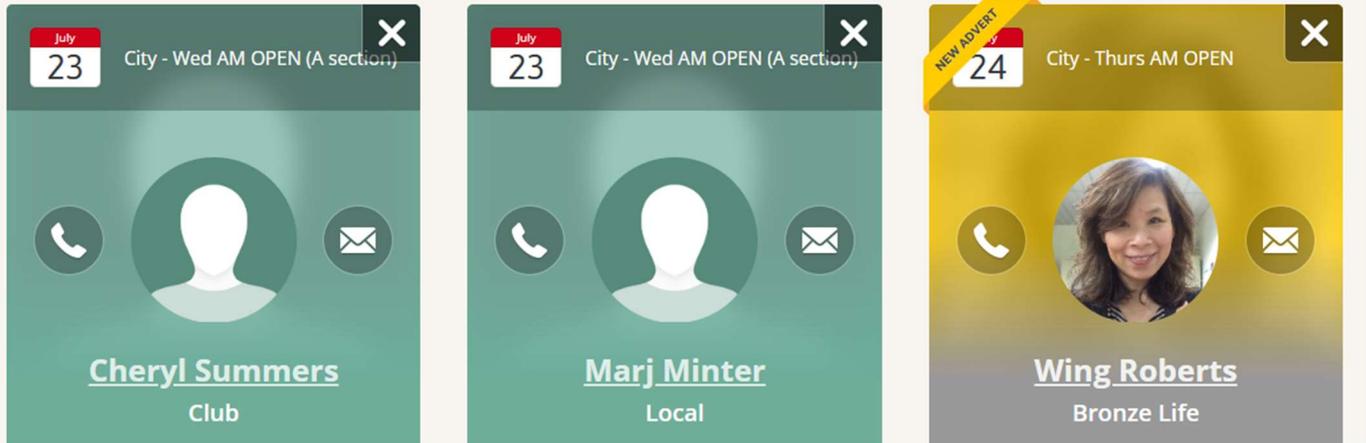
There is a button called “Save and send emails” which, when pressed, will send an email to all members unless you have blocked them. Your advert can be seen on Pianola by members you have designated as “neutral” by clicking on the Partner Finder option at the top of the first page when they log in (see Step 1). If one or more members have placed adverts, there will be a red icon to that effect as shown below:



When a member clicks on Partner Finder to see the advert page, the adverts appear as shown below, providing the name and contact details of the member seeking a partner, the session for which a partner is being sought, and some background information regarding that member.

Partner finder

Create a Partner Finder advert

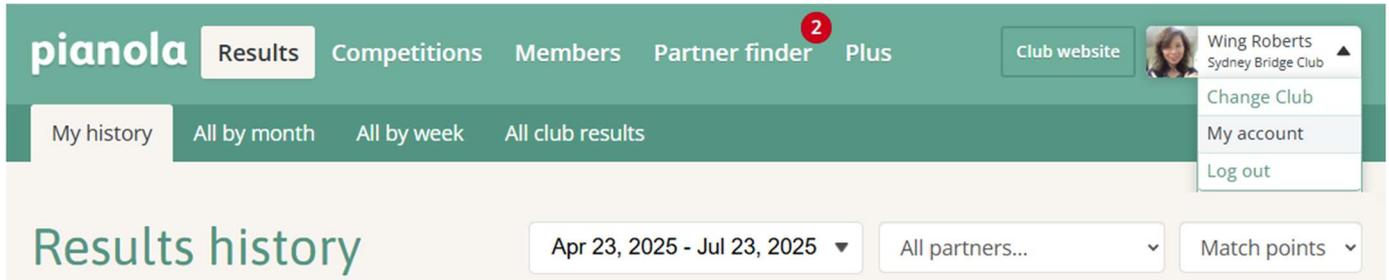


If you want to remove your advert because you have found a partner, click on “X” at the top right-hand corner of your advert. Three options will then appear, namely: Found partner, Delete advert, or cancel. Pressing any one of these will remove your advert, thus preventing you from receiving further enquires.

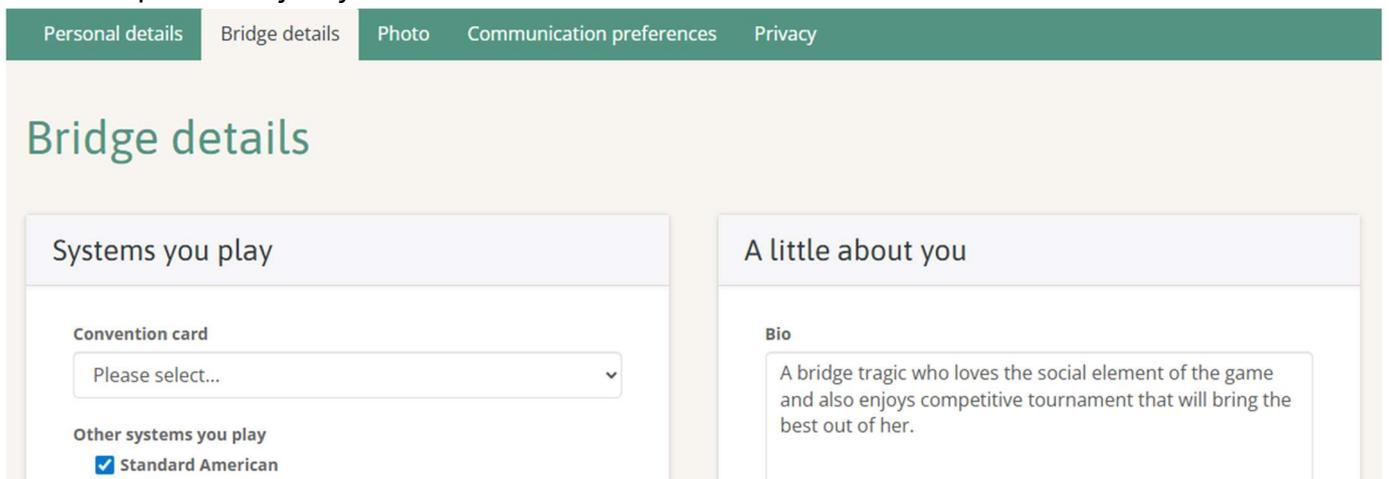
More Advanced Usage

Once you are used to the Pianola Partner Finder function, you may want to add Bridge Details to your profile e.g. the systems you play, and a little about you.

1. Log onto Pianola. Choose “My Account” under your name on the top-right corner.



2. You will come to the Personal Details page by default. Choose Bridge Details and you can add more personality to your advert.



Keep playing bridge even you haven't found a regular partner yet. The like-minded people will find you as long as you keep showing up. Happy Bridging!