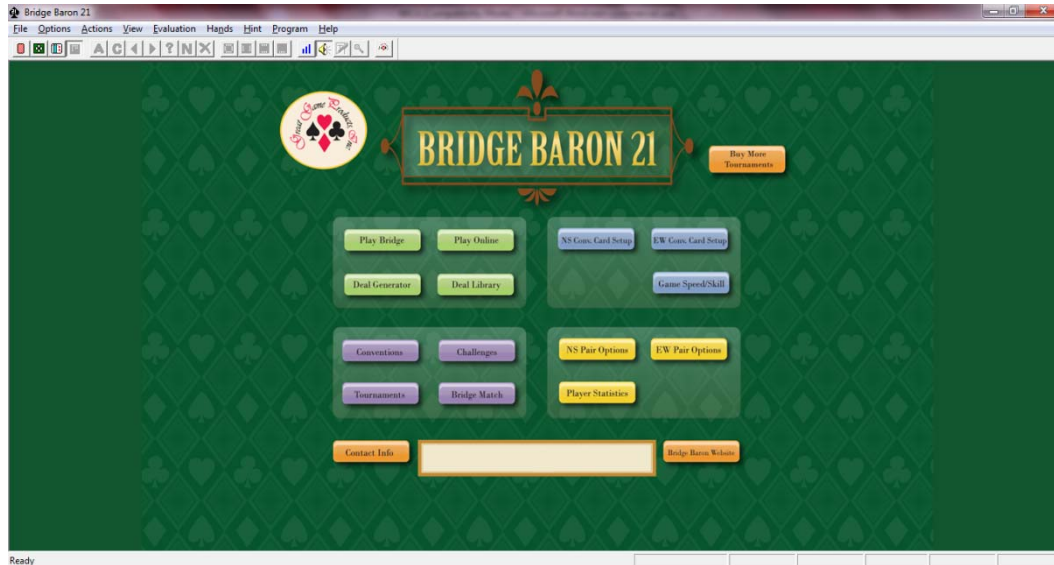


Getting Started: The Main Menu

Each time you start Bridge Baron, you will be taken to the main menu. This screen has several buttons, allowing you to quickly and easily access all of the different features of the program. You can also get to this screen at any time by going to the **Actions** menu and selecting **Return To Main Menu**. The screen looks like this:



As you can see, the buttons are divided into color-coded groups of related items. Each button will take you to a specific part of the program, as follows:



Play Bridge will take you directly into a bridge deal according to the play options you have set. This is the quickest way to get going playing a deal of bridge. (See Chapter 5: *Navigating the Bidding*.)



Play Online starts you playing with a friend or multiple friends over the internet. (See Chapter 17: *Online Play*.)



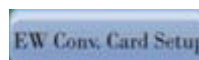
Deal Generator allows you to generate bridge hands meeting detailed specifications, enabling you to practice a certain type of hand. (See Chapter 11: *The Deal Generator*.)



Deal Library lets you to enter, collect, save, replay, and review specific bridge hands. (See Chapter 16: *Deal Library*.)



NS Conv. Card Setup takes you the screen where you can view, create, or modify the convention card to be used by you and your computer partner. (See Chapter 8: *Pair Profiles*.)



EW Conv. Card Setup is the same as **NS Conv. Card Setup** except that here you specify the convention card to be used by your opponents. (See Chapter 8: *Pair Profiles*.)



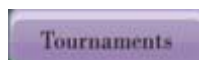
Game Speed/Skill allows you to quickly set how long you wish to have the computer players think about each bid or play. (See Chapter 8: *Pair Profiles*.)



Conventions brings you to the part of the program where you can easily practice bidding the different conventions available. (See Chapter 12: *Convention Practice*.)



Challenges is where you can test yourself against the many bridge challenges included in the program. (See Chapter 13: *Bridge Challenges*.)



Tournaments lets you play through entire bridge tournaments to see how you compare to the experts. (See Chapter 15: *Bridge Tournaments*.)



Bridge Match starts a match where you compete against the Bridge Baron robots. (See Chapter 14: *Bridge Match*.)



NS Pair Options provides a simplified way to view and modify the convention card and agreements you and your computer partner will play. (See Chapter 8: *Pair Profiles*.)

A yellow rectangular button with the text "EW Pair Options" in black.

EW Pair Options takes you to the same simplified pair profile screen as **NS Pair Options**, just for your opponents instead of you and your partner. (See Chapter 8: *Pair Profiles*.)

A yellow rectangular button with the text "Player Statistics" in black.

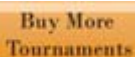
Player Statistics lets you track your performance in great detail. (See Chapter 19: *Statistics*.)

An orange rectangular button with the text "Contact Info" in black.

Contact Info takes you to the place on the Great Game Products website with information on how to contact us with feedback or for technical support. This information is also available at the end of this book.

An orange rectangular button with the text "Bridge Baron Website" in black.

Bridge Baron Website directs you to the Great Game Products homepage, your source for all information related to our products.

An orange rectangular button with the text "Buy More Tournaments" in black.

Buy More Tournaments leads you to the place on the Great Game Products web site where you can purchase additional tournaments.

In addition to all of these buttons, you will see a beige box in the lower middle portion of the screen. In this area text will occasionally appear providing informative updates relevant to your Bridge Baron experience.