

## **For the Novice Online Bidder:**

### **THREE OPTIONS FOR BIDDING**

**1. “BID UP TO THIS AMOUNT” (Proxy bidding)**

Enter the highest amount you are prepared to bid. The system will then bid on your behalf till that amount is reached and will then inform you that this has happened!

**2. “BID THIS EXACT AMOUNT” (Straight bidding)**

Enter your current bid. When someone outbids you, the system will tell you, and you can go back to put in another bid.

**3. “BUY NOW” (A separate button at the foot of the item listed)**

Some items, but not all, have this option. If you want to make sure that you win an item, you can end the bidding at any time by simply buying the item for the “buy now” price!

You will notice that some items have ONLY a “Buy Now” option. This is usually when we are offering more than one of the same item. You cannot bid on these items; you can only buy.

“Buy Now” still gives you a discounted bargain price!

**NOTE: RESERVE PRICE**

Some items have a reserve price set. They cannot be sold for less than that amount. This reserve price does not appear on the screen. If your bid is below the reserve amount, the system will inform you.

When your bid reaches the reserve price, it does not mean you have bought the item. It just means that the item has now become eligible for sale. Bidding continues until there is a winner.