



♠ North Shore Bridge Club ♣

October Newsletter 2017

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

CONTINUOUS EXCELLENT RESULTS



The terrific results by our members continue. For full details please look at our website.



Slow Play

This is a very important aspect of the club running smoothly. It is a well known fact that players will sit and stare with only 2 cards to play. Once there is a delay there is a rush to play the last board of the set. The pairs who have been patiently waiting are now rushed to get through the next round. The reality is that you are more likely to achieve a poor result if you play slowly than if you play in an even tempo.

Please note once again that the laws
allow the director to penalise regular offenders.



North Shore Bridge Club Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play in the

2017

Spring Match Point Pairs

Thursday evenings

19th & 26th October & 2nd November

Entry fee

\$15.00 members per session

\$20.00 non-members per session

Play any session, top two scores to count so you need to play at least two sessions to qualify for outright prizes.

Format

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Masterpoints
REDPOINT EVENT

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East Lindfield – Labour Day Pairs Congress Results

The Labour day congress pairs were held at our East Lindfield venue on the public holiday Monday. This event was very popular with 33 tables participating (a full house). The 2-session event was a great success. The venue and supplied nibbles were outstanding! The management (Mike Prescott as Director, with volunteer helpers throughout the day (collecting monies, Cleaning, Cooking, flowers, hand dealing, etc) helped to make a smooth, well-oiled team and gave all players a really good bridge game & a delightful day at East Lindfield.

The Full Congress Results are located on the NSWBA website:
<http://nsw.bridgeaustralia.org/resultslistbm.asp?headeventid=4111>

The Cumulative Top 7 Positions are shown below

N/S	Pair Names	Session 1	Session 2	Total
1	MING XIE - WENJIE LIU	55.83	60.86	116.69
2	AVON WILSMORE - ANTHONY BURKE	53.67	62.59	116.26
3	CEVAT EMUL - CATHERINE ZHANG	57.63	58.06	115.7
4	MARK KOLODZIEJCZYK - WITOLD CHYLEWSKI (JUN)	57.57	57.32	114.89
5	KEVIN DAVIES - STEVEN BOCK	60.7	54.16	114.85
6	MIKE CLAREY - PENNY CLAREY	53.43	59.18	112.61
7	DAVID HUDSON - ANITA CURTIS	50	61.91	111.91
E/W				
1	JANET ROWLATT - IAN PLUMMER	62.02	61.54	123.56
2	LES GREWCOCK - WARREN DOBES	62.8	60.05	122.85
3	WAYNE ZHU - YUMIN LI	68.63	52.42	121.05
4	LYNN KALMIN - LESTER KALMIN	54.21	64.21	118.41
5	PETER BENDELSTEIN - MARK MOSKOW	52.16	64.14	116.31
6	MANNIE ICHILCIK - LORNA ICHILCIK	58.29	57.38	115.68
7	MAX GILBERT - MAURICE RIPLEY	53.25	60.61	113.85

N/S Results



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - MING XIE - WENJIE LIU - winners North South

E/W Results



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - JANET ROWLATT - IAN PLUMMER - Overall winners East West



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - AVON WILSMORE - ANTHONY BURKE - 2nd place north south



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - LES GREWCOCK - WARREN DOBES - 2nd place east west



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - CEVAT EMUL - CATHERINE ZHANG - 3rd place North South



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - WAYNE ZHU - YUMIN LI - 3rd place East West



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - MIKE CLAREY - PENNY CLAREY - Restricted winners North South



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - BARBARA DE BARKAZ - MING LI - Restricted winners East West Ming missing



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - DOMINIC KWOK - ALEXIS NGAN - session winner who didn't finish in prize money



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - MANNIE ICHILCIK - LORNA ICHILCIK - session winners who didn't finish in prize money



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - LYNN KALMIN - LESTER KALMIN - session prize winners who didn't finish in prize money



2017 Labour Day Pairs Congress at East Lindfield - SIAMAK PARSANEJAD - HAMID SADIGH - session prize winners who didn't finish in prize money

Sitting South you pick up the following hand :

♠ AQ3 ♥ A62, ♦ AK963, ♣ 98

With N/S vulnerable your partner North opens 1D and East passes. By arrangement 1D -2D is 6-9 and 1D-3D is 10-12. Both responses deny a major :

N	E	S	W
1D	P	?	

What is your response? Answer at the end of the newsletter.
(Question a:)

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

“ To err is human, to forgive divine” - Alexander Pope. You must be thinking "Was he a bridge player?"

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

It is midway through the session and you are travelling quite nicely. Board 8 appears on the table. Sitting West you are the dealer with nil vul. You hold ♠ KJ874 ♥ QJ109543, ♦ 4, ♣ - What is your opening bid? Full details at the end of the newsletter (Question b)

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣



My partner thinks there are only 5 people in the world who can play bridge. He's not fully convinced about the other four.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM



Beginners and supervised enquiries, Sue Crompton; scrompton67@hotmail.com
Improvers and advanced : Anita Curtis ac210927@bigpond.net.au

Melbourne Cup

Join us at CW



**On
Tuesday
7th
November**

And they are
off!
10am for a
10:30 bridge
start

**Bridge &
Lunch
\$45**

*A delicious lunch with a
complimentary glass of wine
or champagne*

Lunch in the
Orrery



Watch the cup on any of
the many TV screens
around the club



Booking Essential

Club noticeboard

Website

Or call 0435 528 872

Entries close Friday 27th October

Hat Parade...\$1, \$2 and \$5 sweeps

Hope you have a wonderful day and that your CUP overflows with JOY

SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

18 – 26 October 2017 at Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

Teams Events

18 – 20 October (Wed – Fri)

Spring Nationals Open Teams Qualifying

18 – 19 October (Wed & Thu)

Two Men and a Truck Restricted Teams

All players fewer than 300 Masterpoints at 30/6/2017

23 – 25 October (Mon – Wed)

Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams Qualifying

All players born before 1/1/1960

23 – 25 October (Mon – Wed)

Linda Stern Women's Teams Qualifying

Pairs Events

21 – 22 October (Sat & Sun)

Dick Cummings Open Pairs

21 – 22 October (Sat & Sun)

Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs

Both players fewer than 300 Masterpoints at 30/6/2017

21 – 22 October (Sat & Sun)

Spring Nationals Novice Pairs

Both players fewer than 100 Masterpoints at 30/6/2017

26 October (Thu)

Penline Matchpoint Pairs

FUN
day



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ABF
an ABF event

Chief Tournament Director: Matthew McManus

Tournament Organiser: Mike Prescott 0435 528 872 / mikeprescott7@hotmail.com

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email sn@abf.com.au

Café. Free parking. Free tea and coffee.

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You can't bid 4D or 5D as that bypasses 3NT. Sometimes in bridge we have to use a bit of imagination. The correct bid is 2C. If you bid no trumps the predicted club lead will come through whatever club holding partner has. 2C allows partner to bid 2NT or 3NT if he has a strong club holding. If not he will rebid diamonds or maybe or hearts or spades with a reasonable hand. If he jumps to 3D you should bid 3H which is a control hoping partner will bid 4C. Blackwood looking for a minor suit slam is very awkward.



Sorry mate I really don't think you should have looked for slam missing 4 aces!



you may remember Don Evans who represented Australia for many years. In 1980 my wife and I moved to the North Shore where I landed a job teaching beginners at night at the Lindfield bridge club. Don would be in the next room feeling very bored as the director never played. One night he sauntered into the room (at the start of lesson 2) and told about 60 beaming faces that what I was teaching was rubbish. He then began extolling the beauty of splinter bids. Thankfully they all saw the funny side and continued. Don and I were friends for many years. His knowledge of bridge was incredible. He had the most fantastic humour of all the people I have met.

(Sorry friends I had to put this in the first person)



North Shore Bridge Club Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play in the

2017

**Thursday Evening Mixed Teams
9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November**

Entry fee

\$60.00 members

\$80.00 non-members

**Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the
Director.**

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Melbourne Cup

Join us at EL



**On
Tuesday
7th
November**

And they are
off!
10am for a
10:30 bridge
start

**Bridge &
Lunch
\$25**

**Lunch in the
Orrery**

Bring a Plate

*Come and share in a lunch and
enjoy. There will be free
champagne, wine and orange
juice.*



Watch the CUP on either
of the TV screens at the
clubrooms.



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Answer to Question b)

You hold ♠ KJ874 ♥ QJ109543, ♦ 4, ♣ - Sitting West you are the dealer. What is your opening bid?

This is an excellent example of opening preempts. The reality is that you must not bid hearts as the spade suit could easily get lost. So your best bid is to pass! Yes you read correctly. Now you have the chance to play in either major. So you pass as does North. East your partner opens 2NT (20-21) and South passes. You know there is a heart fit so your hand has only 5 losers. You respond 3D. Partner bids 3H and you bid -6H! Why muck around when this is where you want to be. South leads the AH and partner

produces : ♠ A5 ♥ K2, ♦ AKJ92, ♣ AQ109. Partner chose a great time to open 2NT with his 5-4-2-2 shape. If he had opened 1D it would have been much more difficult to reach slam. The bridge mate reveals that 2 pairs bid 6NT making whilst 8 pairs were in 4H. Partner asked why you passed initially. After you have explained to him that you didn't want to put all your eggs in one basket he was still shaking his head.

MORAL OF THE STORY : On some hands there is no need to beat about the bush when you know where you want to be.



HELP PLEASE !

Surely you must have some interesting or funny incidents. We have nearly 1800 members and not one email was received since the last newsletter in August! If you have had an interesting life it would be nice to interview you.



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