



♠ North Shore Bridge Club ♣

Newsletter December & January 2017-2018

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

End of Year

It is amazing how quickly the year has passed by. Full details of Xmas parties can be seen on the internet.



Our Esteemed Club Manager

Mike has done a wonderful job since taking over the role of club manager. It seems appropriate to find out more about his background.

How old were you when you when you learned bridge?

16.

What made you decide to move from NZ to Australia?

To play bridge professionally.

Is it true that you have represented both NZ and Australia in World Championships?

Yes. I played for New Zealand Youth in 1993 in Denmark in the World

East Lindfield Christmas Open Pairs



East Lindfield 7:30pm Tuesdays

Pairs event over 3 weeks

5th December

12th December

19th December

\$45 – Members

\$60 – Non-members

Red Master Point Event

Championships. Have played for Australia in Bermuda Bowl in Paris. I think it was 2002. I also played a few times in the Far East for Australia.

What is the most memorable occasion in your long career?

Winning the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Canberra was my first open major achievement.

Can you remember the funniest episode?

There have been many but one that sticks in my mind was Michael Ware and myself playing Tim Seres and Andrew Reiner in a playoff in Melbourne. We finished the round, went out for lunch and came back to see our team mates were still playing!



A MINOR PROBLEM

Here is an interesting problem which comes up quite regularly. Your partner sitting North opens 1NT (15-17) and East passes. As South you hold the following :

♠ A3 ♥ Q6, ♦ 743, ♣ AQ7643

You have agreed to play transfers to the minors so you respond 2S. Partner now rebids 3C and you bid 3NT. East leads the JD and partner quickly makes 10 tricks. Your partner is confused. "Why did you transfer to clubs when you have a clearcut 3NT response?" You reply that you wanted to show your club suit. "What is the point? All you are doing is telling your opponents that you have clubs. East now joins in " If you hadn't mentioned clubs I would have led a club from:

♠ K42 ♥ J72 ♦ 852, ♣ J852

Your partner would have made 11 tricks for a top board."

Learn To Play Bridge

With
Liz Wilkinson

Monday February 5th 2pm or 7pm
at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes Ave

6 Lessons \$99

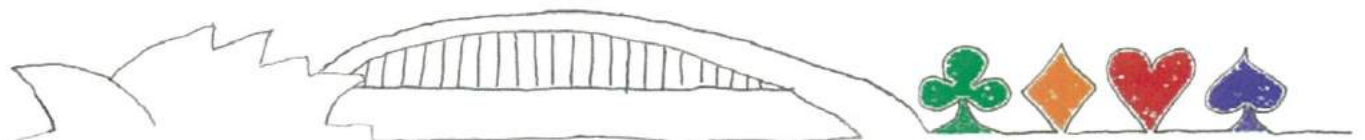
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So when do we use transfers to the minors? 2S shows clubs and 2NT shows diamonds. With 8-9 points balanced we use Stayman. This is an example of a transfer to the minors. Your partner opens 1NT and RHO passes.

You hold : ♠ 84 ♥ J7 ♦ Q52, ♣ J87652

This is the perfect hand. You respond 2S, partner bids 3C and you pass. 3C has a much better chance to make than 1NT. Even if 3C is down one 1NT will most likely fail by at least 2 tricks.



You hold the following as South : ♠ 84 ♥ J7 ♦ AK75432, ♣ 64

You are the dealer with E/W vulnerable. You open 3D and the bidding is as follows :

S	W	N	E
3D	3H	4D	4H
?			

What do you bid? The answer is at the end of the newsletter.



A player who plays terrible bridge can't take a trick.



OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM



Beginners and supervised enquiries, Sue Crompton; scrompton67@hotmail.com

Improvers and advanced : Anita Curtis ac210927@bigpond.net.au



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With
Ed Barnes

Tuesday March 6th 2pm or 7pm
at East Lindfield 2B Carlyle Road

6 Lessons \$100

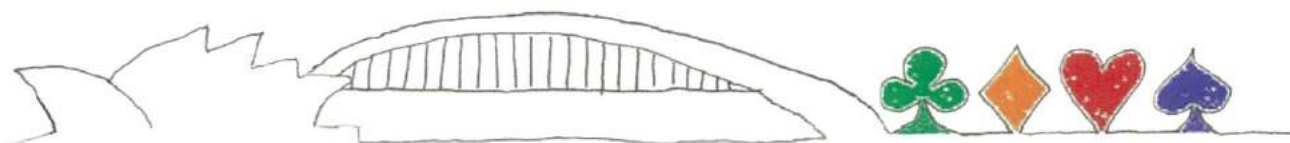
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December

RED POINT

Madness!



Club Willoughby

Monday 7:30pm 4th, 11th, 18th December

Tuesday 7:30pm 5th, 12th, 19th December

Wednesday 7:30pm 6th, 13th, 20th December

RED POINTS!!!

East Lindfield

All sessions from Friday 8th December
until Thursday 21st December

RED POINTS!!!

Sessions Over Christmas

Day	Sessions
Wed 20 th December	Normal
Thu 21 st December	Normal
Fri 22 nd December	Normal
Sat 23 rd December	Normal
Sun 24 th December	CLOSED
Mon 25 th December	CLOSED
Tue 26 th December	9:30am and 1pm East Lindfield 1pm Club Willoughby RED POINTS



Sessions Over New Year

Day	Sessions
Wed 27 th December	Normal
Thu 28 th December	Normal (no evening game)
Fri 29 th December	Normal
Sat 30 th December	Normal
Sun 31 st December	CLOSED
Monday 1 st January	9:30am and 1pm East Lindfield RED POINTS
Tuesday 2 nd January	10am East Lindfield 1pm and 7:30pm CW RED POINTS for daytime games



Pre-Paid System

The new system has been in place for some eight months now and makes life much easier for all concerned. This saves player having to bring cash and saves the club endless hours of admin work.

If you are not on the pre-paid system please consider joining as it is so easy. You can fill in the joining form at the bottom of this page, cut it off and bring it to the club. You can make a deposit and then when you are running out of funds the directors will let you know you need to top up your account. This is just like an opal card without the automatic top up.

I am working on a new system that will automatically top up your account but this is going to take some time to put into action.

PP system monthly statements

Where we have an email address for a member of the PP System, monthly statements are sent out in the first week of the month for the previous month. The statement shows the opening balance, games played, any deposits made during the month and the closing balance.

Membership 2018

All Pre-Paid players will be charged to their PP account for membership on December 1st.

Membership is the same as last year \$65.00.

This is to help cut down on admin work for the club and makes life easier for everyone all you will need to do is a top-up at some stage to cover the extra cost to your account.

Once we have completed this all Pre-Paid players cards will be ready for pick up at either Club Willoughby or East Linfield.

The 2018 cards have no year printed on them we will issue the new card which will be a membership card for NSBC in the years to come, seems a big cost to print cards every year and really no need for this so now your card is a membership card that will only be replaced if lost or damaged.

THE TROUBLE WITH DOUBLES!



Twice in recent years a director was called to the table where a novice had opened the bidding with a double. On both occasions the director started to explain that this is not allowed and there had to be a bid to double. Both times the offender gave a look as if to say - what do you know about bridge and said " I can show it to you in the books - a double shows an opening hand!

PARTNER I'M IN CHARGE HERE!



DEALER S E/W VUL

♠ KQ976	LEAD QD
♥ AK	
♦ J108	
♣ J105	
♠ AJ106	♠ 532
♥ QJ109	♥ 875432
♦ 96	♦ Q
♣ A83	♣ KQ7
♠ 8	
♥ 6	
♦ AK75432	
♣ 9642	

S	W	N	E
3D	X	4D	4H
5D	X	All pass	

THE BIDDING

The burning question is why did North bid 4D. After all he could have bid 5D so there is only one reason. He wants to push the opponents into 4H which he would double. All the hard work is done when South bids 5D and is doubled. North feels like a heavy Scotch but they have only played one round!

THE PLAY

In 5D South loses a spade and 3 clubs for down 2 and -300. In 4H East loses 2 spades, 2 hearts and a diamond for -500



- * When you have made your preempt let partner make the final decision.
- * West's double is dubious with only 12 points.

A special thank you to Leo Goorevich who provided the hand from a national event. The hand has been modified to illustrate an important aspect of bidding.



To bid or not to bid that was the question
It is nobler to pass was the expert's suggestion

*Please send any interesting problem hands to
gregquittner@hotmail.com and I will answer ASAP.*