

♠ North Shore Bridge Club ♣



February - March Newsletter 2018

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

OUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

Whom do we want on the committee?

Some personal ruminations

A significant majority of club members are women, but at present there are six men and one woman on the committee. Is this appropriate?

In most years, the majority of committee members are Thursday night players, but the great majority of members do not play on Thursday nights. Is this appropriate?

A significant number of members play only at East Lindfield, but this is not well reflected in the numbers of committee members. Is this appropriate?

These questions might be asked almost every year. This year, we have a problem coming up which I venture to suggest makes it important, perhaps for one year only, perhaps for two years, to look for other characteristics in potential committee members.

After 10+ years of little or no progress, it looks as if the club might soon have to decide what to do about future accommodation. Club Willoughby may be able to offer us the clubhouse of our dreams, but this is by no means certain. The parking they will be able to offer us may seem to us to be inadequate. It may be that they will want us to pay a rent we will think we cannot afford. There may be delays or other complications arising from causes we can only guess at. We just don't know now, and we can't find out now.

If this kind of problem arises we may have to look for other possible accommodation, quickly. Possible solutions include extending the clubhouse at East Lindfield, and taking a lease over the old Gordon Bowling Club site. It might be that the incoming committee will need to take prompt steps at short notice to evaluate all the possible complications, and it might be thought that members about to vote for the 2018-2019 committee will wish to take into account the qualifications and/or experience of those standing for the committee.

John Brownie



State Mixed Pairs

East Lindfield

Tuesday Nights 7:30pm



6th March
13th March
20th March



*Entries to NSWBA State Finals
Red Point Event*

Club Willoughby
AGM Saturday
7th April 2018
11.30AM



**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

***Join us after the AGM for our 1PM
Duplicate Red Points***



State Mixed Pairs Club Willoughby

Thursday Nights 7:30pm



1st March

8th March

15th March



***Entries to NSWBA State Finals
Red Point Event***

WONDERFUL RESULTS AGAIN !

In the recent National events in Canberra our members performed exceedingly well all events. Full details are on our website.

All is quiet until Board 4 hits the deck. As North with all vul you pick up the following:

♠ KJ107643 ♥AQ10987 ♦ - ♣ -

It's difficult to keep a straight face. West opens 1C and it is your turn to bid. The only bid you can think of is 2C (a Michaels Cue Bid.)
The bidding continues

W	N	E	S
1C	2C	3C	4S
5C	?		

The answer is given at the end of this newsletter.

Bridge is such a terrific game
provided your partners feel the same!



THOSE WHO CAN DO, THOSE WHO CAN'T TEACH

The director was called by a player who claimed the opponent had opened 1C with ♠ A6 ♥AKJ7543, ♦Q54, ♣ AQ5. The defenders had defended wrongly in the contract of 4H. Asked about the player's opening bid of 1C the player replied " our teacher told us we should have 5 cards in a major to open 1H. If not then open the better minor.

PLEASE REMEMBER

For every mistake partner makes you make at least **one more!**



North Shore Bridge Club Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play in

2018 GNOT TEAMS
Direct Qualifier

A Gold Masterpoint Event
Thursday evenings at 7.30pm
26th April
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May

ENTRY FEE

\$75 for members & \$100 for non-members

Must play all 5 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed

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Depending On Entries

PRIZE

Direct entry to the GNOT Finals in Tweed Heads

TO ENTER, go to the Notice Board - full name and ABF

On-line - www.northshore.bridge-club.org

Email - mikeprescott7@hotmail.com

Phone - Mike: 0435 528 872

Pre-Paid System

We have close to 80% of our members now using the pre-paid system and are working hard to get this to 100%.

Join the pre-paid today online just go to the web page click the \$ sign do a top-up and we will set your PP account up for you nothing more to do just turn up and play.

You will get a detailed statement at the end of each month, with your starting balance and ending balance so you can track all sessions played. When your balance is getting low, the director in your session will ask you to top up or simply go to the director's desk and ask to top up. You can also top-up online simply go to our web page and hit the \$ sign on the left use the drop-down box to choose an amount.

You can pay a set amount or just what you think you will use over the next month. Being part of the prepaid system, we give you 5% off all regular sessions played. Just write 'PP' on your table money envelope and the rest is taken care of for you. Relax and enjoy your bridge.

We no longer keep any credit card details so there is no risk involved. This is better for all concerned and saves the club hours of admin work.

Membership 2018

The 2018 club membership is now overdue for payment.

Fees are \$65.00 from now till December 31st 2018.

Please pay at the club or you can direct debit to our bank

Bendigo Bank North Shore Bridge Club

BSB-633000 ACC-157618679

Or simply go to our web page and click the \$ sign and use membership payment option.

Please ensure you put Surname and ABF number as reference.



North Shore Bridge Club East Lindfield

Would like to invite you to play in

2018 GNOT TEAMS
Metro Qualifier

A Gold Masterpoint Event
Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm
3rd, 10th & 17th April

ENTRY FEE

\$45 for members & \$60 for non-members

Must play all 3 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed

FORMAT

Depending On Entries

PRIZE

Entry fee covered for GNOT Metro Finals

TO ENTER, go to the Notice Board - full name and ABF

On-line - www.northshore.bridge-club.org

Email - mikeprescott7@hotmail.com

Phone - Mike: 0435 528 872

OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM



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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DUPLICATE 1.30 p.m.

An ideal session for you and your partner to practice all the complicated conventions you have just agreed to play. Please join us for a fun and friendly afternoon of bridge directed by the very amiable Malcolm . You are very welcome without a partner.

INTERPRETING PARTNER'S BIDDING

Sitting South you hold ♠ AK643 ♥ AQ43, A94, ♣ 5. You are the dealer and open 1S. West passes and your partner responds 1NT. RHO passes and you rebid 2 hearts. Partner now bids 3 clubs. Without hesitation you bid 3NT. Everyone passes and East leads the JS. Partner's hand was ♠ 75 ♥ 8, ♦ Q852, ♣ AJ7643. Needless to say, partner goes down 3. You ask partner politely for the meaning of 3 clubs. Partner replies that his initial response of 1NT shows 6-9 so his rebid of 3C shows a strong desire to play in that contract. 3C doesn't make but is still a better spot.

The reality is that North had many other alternative bids available but chose to rebid 3C which promises at least 6 clubs and a weak hand. Despite your 17 points you should have passed. Another example - You are South with ♠ Q52 ♥ A62, ♦ Q852, ♣ A87.

You are the dealer with E/W vulnerable. You open 1D and West doubles. Partner jumps to 2H which shows a weak hand with a 6-card suit. East bids 3C. As you are not vul. you bid 3H. West doubles and everyone passes. Partner's hand is ♠ 964 ♥ QJ9543, ♦ 76, ♣ J9. Partner makes 6 tricks for -500.

Both North and South are guilty -

North for the terrible hand (9 losers) and South for supporting North with a flat hand and 8 losers. FYI West had 19 HCP.

NSBC EASTER TIMETABLE



Friday 30th March – CLOSED

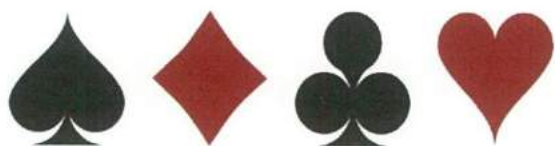
Saturday 31st March – OPEN

Sunday 1st April – CLOSED

Monday 2nd April
EL 9.30am & 1.00pm

Monday 2nd April
CW 1.00pm only

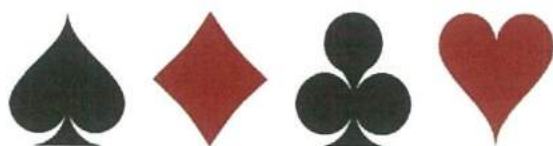




CONGRESS EAST LINDFIELD

Swiss Pairs
Two session event
Sunday 18 March 10AM
\$30 entry

Lunch can be pre-ordered before the first session



HOW UNLUCKY CAN YOU BE!

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Hand 4 ALL VUL

LEAD: AC

West North East South

NORTH

♠ KJ107643

♥ AQ10987

♦ -

♣ -

1C 2C 3C 4S

5C 6S P P

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THE BIDDING

West opens 1C and South overcalls 2C showing both majors (Michaels). East bids 3C and South jumps to 4S. North applies the pressure by bidding 5C. You have to feel sorry for poor old North. With a 3-loser hand opposite a partner who has jumped to 4S North jumps to 6S.

THE PLAY

North must be considered very unlucky as 6S relies on the heart finesse. An interesting is that N/S can make 5C!

WEST
♠ A5
♥ 842
♦ Q
♣ AK76542

EAST
♠ 8
♥ K3
♦ 986532
♣ 10983

SOUTH
♠ Q92
♥ J6
♦ AKJ1074
♣ QJ



HELPFUL TIPS

- * Try not to get carried away with 2 suited hands (the hand above is an exception).
- * Watch out for misfits when partner is short in your suits and vice-versa

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



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