



1. Improve Your Slam bidding

This hand comes from a Thursday Open standard game at our East Lindfield venue, with 19 Tables playing the hand.

North NV ♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 10 7	
West V ♠ 10 6 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 10 9 8 5 ♣ J 8 5 4 3	East V ♠ A K J 7 5 4 2 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 2
South D NV ♠ 9 ♥ A K Q 9 7 6 3 ♦ K J 4 ♣ K 6	

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	3	3	6	-	5
South	4	3	6	-	-
East	-	-	-	1	-
West	-	-	-	1	-

HCPs	12	3	9	16
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Notes on the bidding:

The likely bidding sequences are shown for 4 common bidding systems, all coping with a minimum level Spade overcall by East.

The **Standard** bidders start with:

South	North	
1♥	2♣	4+clubs, 10+ HCPs

When West overcalls with 2♠ or 3♠ this pushes NS towards a slam. A jump to 4NT is usually treated as Roman Keycard Blackwood in opener's suit (♥) and from there you get to 6♥.

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The **2/1 Game force** bidders will have a similar auction, as shown previously, except that they are in a game force auction.

S	Notes	W	N	Notes	E
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT					
1H	5+♥, Opening	P	2C	4+♠ 10+Hcp	2S
4NT	Keycard ♥	P	5H	2 Keycards no Q♥	P
6H	to Play	P	P		P
American 2/1 Game Force, 2455, 15-17NT					
1H	5+♥, Opening	P	2C	4+C Game Force	2S
3H	6+♥ (No rush GF)	P	4H	2♥, min GF	P
4NT	Keycard ♥	P	5H	2 Keycards no Q♥	P
6H	to Play	P	P		P

The **ACOL bidders** start with a strong 2♥. The 3♠ overall again pushes them towards slam.

The **Precision bidders** above are also in a strong game force position before the 3♠ overall that pushes them towards slam.

S	Notes	W	N	Notes	E
English Acol, 4444, 12-14 NT, Strong 2					
2H	Strong 6+♥ 5 losers	P	3C	4+C GF	3S
4NT	Keycard ♥	P	5H	2 Keycards no Q♥	P
6H	to Play	P	P		P
Precision, 1C Strong, 0355, 13-15NT					
1C	Strong 16+ Any	P	2NT	11-12 HCP Bal	3S
4NT	Simple blackwood as no suit bid	P	5H	2 Aces	P
6H	to Play	P	P		P

Matchpoint Scores Frequency Chart

Bid	T	Lead	Score	MP	MP	Fegu	% NS	NS "Score"	% EW	EW "Score"		
6♥	S	12	6♣	980	-	36	0	1	100%	Top	0%	Bottom
4♥	S	13	?	510	-	34	2	1	94%	Near Top	6%	Near Bottom
4♥	S	12	T♠	480	-	17	19	12	47%	Average	53%	Average
5♥	S	12	T♠	480	-	17	19	4	47%	Average	53%	Average
5♥	S	11	6♣	450	-	0	36	1	0%	Bottom	100%	Top
							19 x Played					

Notes on the Matchpoint Scoring

- Only one pair bid the cold 6♥, and made 12 tricks and scored a **TOP 100%**.
- One pair bid 4♥ and made 13 tricks. This was worth an **extra +45% over the average**, just for the 1 over trick, giving them **94%**.
- Sixteen pairs bid 4♥ or 5♥ and made an easy 12 tricks for an average+ (53%).
- One pair bid game but somehow only made 11 tricks. There should be 7H+2D+3C=12. The cost was **-47%**, for just giving away 1 under trick!

West's Lead? East overcalled spades, so West should lead T♠, top card from a doubleton.

South's Planning

Losers: Just one quick spade loser, unless you're very lucky and they lead a heart.

Winners: Looks like 7♥+2♦+3♣ = 12 tricks

North NV ♠ Q 8 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 10 7	
West V ♠ 10 6 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 10 9 8 5 ♣ J 8 5 4 3	East V ♠ A K J 7 5 4 2 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 2
South D NV ♠ 9 ♥ A K Q 9 7 6 3 ♦ K J 4 ♣ K 6	

HCPs: 12, 3, 9, 16

Card by Card play in 6H by South

- East leads T♠ to West's J♠.
- West tries to cash A♠, but South ruffs with 9♥. South can't afford a high honour, as the hearts are likely to be 3/1 or even 4/0.
- South draws trumps with the A♥, K♥, Q♥ and can pitch a diamond on dummy's clubs.

Declarer can now count the opposition hands:

- East has 6/7♠+3♥ + 4/3 minor cards.
- West has 2/3♠+1♥ + 9/10 minor cards

South has 4 tricks already plus 3♥+2♦+3♣ = 12 tricks, so should either claim or at least play the hand out quickly.

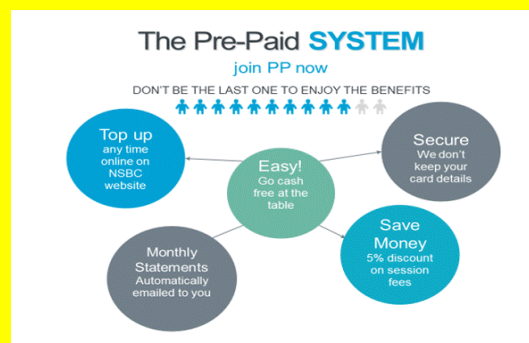
NSBC Pre-Paid System

Join the North Shore Bridge Club Pre-Paid system (PP) and enjoy the benefits.

- 5% discount on table money,
- no need to find cash at the table.

You will receive a monthly statement by email. When your balance is low you will receive a reminder to top it up with the director at the club, or via the NSBC website.

PP system is a club member only benefit.



2 Club News

2a. From the Manager

Mike Prescott



Manager

Membership of the North Shore Bridge Club

Our membership year follows the calendar year, so we are coming up to membership renewal time. You might be interested to know that out of your membership fee we pay your subscription to the Australian Bridge Federation (the ABF), to the NSW Bridge Association and to Club Willoughby, so that you are automatically a member of these organisations.

Of particular note is the travel insurance scheme available to ABF members, which is at favourable rates; if you are about to go overseas and you are looking for insurance, do check them out. Club Willoughby also offers their members a small discount on drinks from the bar.

You're not yet a club Member?

If you aren't already a member of our club, do think about joining! The annual fee is \$65 for a calendar year, and once we get to December, you can join and effectively get 13 months of membership. The benefits of membership include a free game in your birthday month, a free drink or coffee at the bar and a \$5 voucher towards a meal at The Orrery. More importantly you can then join our Pre-Paid system for pre-paying your table money, and as you'll see below, your membership will be automatically renewed.

You're a member, but you're not on the Pre-Paid system

Save yourself the hassle of finding \$12 each time you play, **and** save 5% on your table fee. Simply start your PP account with an initial deposit and we'll deduct \$11.40 each time you

play. You'll get a monthly statement of your account and when your balance is getting low we'll remind you to top up with a deposit via the club website or with the director of your session.

If you prefer not to become a PP member, then you need to pay your \$65 via the club website, or to the director of your session, before the end of December 2018.

You're a member, **and you're on the Pre-Paid system**

As we did last year, we plan to automatically renew memberships for our Pre-Paid members, by debiting their accounts with \$65 towards the end of December. This saves you having to do it, and it also saves the directors and the office a great deal of administration.

Note that you must be a current member to be in the PP system.

If anything relating to membership renewals isn't clear, feel free to discuss it with your director.

2b. From the Committee

Club Welfare Officers

The Club's Committee recently decided to introduce the position of Welfare Officer, both at Club Willoughby and at East Lindfield.

The role is being introduced to support our members at a possible time of need and to assist them when they may possibly feel down due to an accident, sickness or family problem or loss.

It is at such times that we may all welcome a brief call or card. Of course, personal privacy will be of the utmost consideration and thus the Welfare Officer's role will not include hospital or home visits.

If you are aware of any player who you think would appreciate this contact, please let the director of your session know, and they will pass the information to the Welfare Officer.

2c. From the Editors



The newsletter sections have been changed around this month, to give more focus to our own club. Any further suggestions on how to improve the newsletter are most welcome.

As Kevin is away in Japan, Kay has taken the reins and is completing this November newsletter.

2d. North Shore Bridge Club Personnel

Les Grewcock



Treasurer

Our Treasurer for the last 2+ years has been **Les Grewcock**, a regular player at NSWBA, Club Willoughby and Congress Events.

MP Rank: Silver Grand Master (2717 MP)

Home Club: 2-120 NSBC

Favourite bidding System: 2/1

Main bridge achievements

- * Winner 2010 Gold Coast Seniors Pairs
- * Winner 2014 Gold Coast Seniors Teams
- * Represented NSW at 2014 ANC (Seniors)

Education: Cambridge University

Career: Chartered Accountant

Last main role: Financial Controller for national stockbroking firm

Retired December 2015.

Key Committee Responsibilities:

Club Business Book Keeping via

Club Chart of Accounts

Club Financial Budget spreadsheets

Annual dealings with Financial Auditors

2e. From the Club library

BOOK REVIEW by Nick Fahrer

Planning the Play - The Next Level

by Barbara Seagram and David Bird

In 2010 the first in this series of texts, **Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand**, won the prestigious American Bridge Teachers Association Book of the Year award. Seagram and Bird now take declarer play technique up a level and introduce a few more complex concepts. Here's a great example of playing a suit and a hand safely.

♠ K 7 4		
♥ 8 6		
♦ K Q 7 6 3		
♣ A 5 3		
♠ 8 5 3	♠ A 5 3	♠ J 10 9 2
♥ A 10 7 5 4	♥ A Q 6	♥ J 9 2
♦ 4	♦ K Q 3	♦ J 9 8 5
♣ K J 7 2	♦ A 10 2	♣ Q 9
	♣ 10 8 6 4	

You are in 3NT and get the lead of the 5♥. You have eight sure winners (3 spades, 1 heart, 3 diamonds and 1 club). How do you play the hand? Now you might make five diamonds if they split 3-2 but you only need four diamond winners to make your contract. But you cannot afford to let East get on lead or they will play a heart and you will go down. So... what should you do?

You should play a small diamond to the King and then a small diamond back to the 10 (finessing). It might lose but then West cannot attack hearts, so you will be safe. On this hand you will be rewarded with an overtrick as East has the DJ.

There is a lot of great material in this book for the improving player. You can download a sample chapter here: <https://bit.ly/2J1mvk4>

Planning the Play – The Next Level is available from The Bridge Shop for \$29.95 or just \$26 for NSBC members. Drop in or call Nick on 9967 0644. There is also a copy in the club library.

2f. From the Heart of Willoughby

Supplied by Matt Vertzonis, Club Willoughby

Matt reports that the second round of community consultations is scheduled to commence in November, starting with member consultation.

All Club Willoughby members – and that includes all financial North Shore Bridge Club members - will have the first opportunity to hear what is happening and to provide feedback.

Following the Club Willoughby member consultations, there will be further consultations with neighbours and the Willoughby community at large.

Feedback and comments from the various consultation meetings will inform the final design for the DA submission.

As information becomes available, it will also be added to:

<https://www.heartofwilloughby.com.au/updates/>

Note that the **Club Willoughby AGM** will be held in the Auditorium at 11:30am on Saturday 3 November 2018. All financial NSBC members are eligible to attend and should already have received details by email, snail-mail or the link by SMS.

The information is also posted on Club Willoughby's website (Member Information tab):

<http://www.clubwilloughby.com.au/>

The home page has a direct link to the "Heart of Willoughby" webpage.



3a. Club Events October

EL Labour day Pairs Congress

The open Labour Day Congress Match Point pairs held at East Lindfield was near capacity at 31 tables. The field was seeded with the stronger pairs evenly spread in both NS and EW directions. The format of the tourney has all the NS pairs as one section, and all the EW Pairs as a second section. There were two sessions, each consisting of 13 x 2-board rounds, so that each pair played 26 of the 31 pairs.

Session winners:

EL Congress Matchpoint Pairs (am session)	
NS Field Leaders	%
Toni Sharp & Marilyn Chadwick	63.3%
Theo Mangos & Leigh Foran	61.3%
Witold Chylewski & Marek Kolodziejczyk	60.1%
Lorna Ichilcik & Lynn Kalmin	59.2%
Rakesh Kumar & Kevin Davies	57.8%
EW Field Leaders	%
Kim Morrison & Fraser Rew	64.9%
Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	62.1%
Liz Wilkinson & Kay Moyes	61.2%
Judy Osie & Lester Kalmin	60.0%
Linda Aubusson & Steven Bock	59.8%
EL Congress Matchpoint Pairs (pm session)	
NS Field Leaders	%
Witold Chylewski & Marek Kolodziejczyk	66.5%
Cevat Emul & Catherine Zhang	64.7%
Rakesh Kumar & Kevin Davies	61.2%
John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey	58.8%
Margaret Foster & Robbie Feyder	58.6%
EW Field Leaders	%
Kim Morrison & Fraser Rew	68.3%
Warren Dobes & Les Grewcock	61.9%
Angela Boulton & Peter Boulton	59.2%
Edward Truscott & David Smee	58.1%
Ian Plummer & Janet Rowlatt	56.4%

These two-session Match Points were added together to give overall NS and EW winners.

Overall winners (NS and EW)
(NSBC members in **top 3 places** in **red**)

EL Congress Matchpoint Pairs (NS Winners)				
Pos	Winners	AM	PM	Total
1	Witold Chylewski & Marek Kolodziejczyk	938	1038	1976
2	Cevat Emul & Catherine Zhang	898	1010	1908
3	Rakesh Kumar & Kevin Davies	902	954	1856
4	John Mottram & De Mitty	900	875	1775
5	Theo Mangos & Leigh Foran	956	815	1771
6	Toni Sharp & Marilyn Chadwick	987	771	1758
7	Titus Ling & Wei Zhang	887	840	1727
8	Lorna Ichilcik & Lynn Kalmin	924	787	1711
9	Esther Lee & Ming Li	780	898	1678
10	Margaret Foster & Robbie Feyder	761	914	1675



Winners EW: Fraser and our treasurer and Kim

EL Congress Matchpoint Pairs (EW Winners)				
Pos	Winners	AM	PM	Total
1	Kim Morrison & Fraser Rew	1012	1066	2078
2	Warren Dobes & Les Grewcock	863	965	1828
3	Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	968	859	1827
4	Angela Boulton & Peter Boulton	887	923	1810
5	Liz Wilkinson & Kay Moyes	954	839	1793
6	Linda Aubusson & Steven Bock	933	851	1784
7	Ian Plummer & Janet Rowlatt	888	880	1768
7	Judy Osie & Lester Kalmin	936	832	1768
9	Sunny Pang & Ian Maclaren	910	803	1713
10	Edward Truscott & David Smee	788	907	1695



2nd EW: Les and Warren



3rd EW: Tomer and Lavy

The best restricted results:



Winners NS: Witold, Marek with Les Grewcock

EL Congress Matchpoint Pairs (Best Restricted)				
Pos	Winners	AM	PM	Total
Best	John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey	742	917	1659
Best	Susan Feeney & Kathryn Stewart	831	696	1527

2nd NS: No photo of Cevat and Catherine



3rd NS: Kevin, Rakesh with Les Grewcock



Best EW - Susan and Kathryn

Best NS - No Photo taken of John and Owen

Hybrid Teams

The Hybrid Teams event was played on 3 Thursday nights at Club Willoughby. The event was run as a Swiss Teams movement (6 x 14 board matches). The scoring was a mixture of BAM (Board A Match – almost pairs) and normal teams IMPS / Victory Points. A small field of 12 quality teams contested the event.

The 2018 NSBC Hybrid Teams Championship was won by:

NSBC Hybrid Teams Championship		BAM	VPs	Total	W-D-L
1	Judy Osie , Witold Chylewski, Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets, Lorna Ichlicik (Sub)	107	146	253	4-1-1
2	Warren Dobes , Les Grewcock, Steven Bock, Kevin Davies	102	127	229	4-0-2
3	David Snee , Julian Abel, Alexis Ngan, Patrick Neary	96	108	204	3-0-3



1st, Avril, Judy, Giselle, Witold



2nd Kevin, Warren, Les, Steven



3rd Alexis, Julian, David (missing Patrick)

3b. Club Events in November

NSBC 35th MIXED Teams Championship



Mixed Teams Championship

Club Willoughby

Thursday Nights at 7:30pm

8th November
15th November
22nd November
29th November

Red Point Event

\$60 Members
\$80 Non Members

Please note: At least one member of the team must be of the opposite sex. Any substitute players must keep the team mixed

This teams of 4+ event is in its 35th Year. It will be run over four Thursday nights at Club Willoughby in November. The format will be normal teams SWISS Draws / IMPS / Victory Points.

Players of all capabilities are welcome and are encouraged to form a team of 4 and come and play. This is a Mixed Teams tournament, so at least one player must be of the other sex in all sessions.

Last year's Mixed Team winners were:

No	Year	NSBC 35 th Club Championship Mixed TEAMS	
35	2018	1 st	Is your team going to win the 2018 event?
34	2017	1 st	Sally Clarke, Gary Clarke, Anita Curtis, David Fryda

Melbourne Cup events at Club Willoughby and at East Lindfield



Melbourne Cup Pairs
Club Willoughby
Red Point Event
Tuesday, 6th November
at 10:00am
ENJOY BRIDGE & LUNCH for \$45.00
Includes a delicious lunch with John downstairs
Watch the race on any of the many TV screens around the club
Hat Parade (Best Hat Prize)
Enter our \$1, \$2 & \$5 sweeps
Booking Essential
Club noticeboard, Website or call 0435 528 872
Entries close: Friday 26th October



Melbourne Cup Pairs
East Lindfield Club
Red Point Event
Tuesday, 6th November
at 10:00am
ENJOY BRIDGE for \$25.00
LUNCH: Bring a plate and share lunch.
Free champagne wine and juice provided
Watch the race on any of the many TV screens around the club
Hat Parade (Best Hat Prize)
Enter our \$1, \$2 & \$5 sweeps
Booking Essential
Club noticeboard, Website or call 0435 528 872
Entries close: Friday 26th October

These events start at 10am at both venues, with Club Willoughby offering both an Open section and a section for Restricted and Rookie players. There will be a lunch break; at East Lindfield it will be "bring a plate", at Club Willoughby orders will be taken for The Orrery downstairs. Come early to get your sweeps.

There will be a hat parade at both venues before we watch the race on the big screens. It's a day much enjoyed by all those who participate. Secure your place by putting your names down, either on the sheets by the director's desk, or on the Club website.

Last year's Melbourne Cup bridge winners were:

2017 Melbourne Cup Party @ Club Willoughby	
NS Open	Jean Williams & Margaret Wear
EW Open	Sheena Arora & Frank Budai
NS Res	Noni Glew & Judy Chapple
EW Res	Sandra McKenzie Joy Liddell

2017 Melbourne Cup Party @ East Lindfield	
NS Open	Judy Bardone & Fiona Lavery
EW Open	Joyce & Bruce Edwards

Under a Hundred Master Points (UHMP)

This 2-session pairs event for restricted players (<100 ABF Masterpoints) will again be held at our **East Lindfield venue, Sunday 2nd December**. It is graded into 4 sections. Players from other Clubs are welcome.



You are invited to play in the **UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS PAIRS**

Divisions for: **0-10**, **10-25**, **25-50**, **50-100**

Mon 26 Nov or Fri 30 Nov or Sun 2 Dec
 3 different metropolitan venues

Each player must be below the threshold for their category

Entry is restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints.

Play at the most convenient time and venue from the following choices:

TRUMPS BRIDGE CENTRE on Monday 26th November at 9.50 am
 66 Spit Rd, MOSMAN
 TEL 9969 5959 EMAIL trumps@trumps.net.au

PENINSULA BRIDGE CLUB on Friday 30th November at 12.30 pm
 Nelson Heather Centre, 4 Jacksons Road, WARRIEWOOD
 TEL 9970 6527 EMAIL events@peninsulabridgeclub.com.au

NSBC @ LINDFIELD on Sunday 2nd December at 10.00 am
 Lindfield Bowling Club, 2b Carlyle Road, EAST LINDFIELD
 TEL 9411 3527 EMAIL office@bridgeclub.com.au

Submit your entry via the on-line entry system on the NSWBA's website:
www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp

PRIZES & MASTERPOINTS are awarded within each masterpoint division.
 Red Masterpoints: at State Championship level (Grade B4s).
 Pre-dealt boards with hand records.

This is a handicap event scored across the state.
 Final results will be posted on the NSWBA's website at
<http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2018&E=uhmp>

This event is for any player who had <100 masterpoints on 1st September 2018.
 The only prerequisite is the masterpoint limit, i.e. you and partner MUST each have under 100 MPs.
 If you and partner are in two different categories, you will qualify under the higher range category.

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA.

All players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations

2017 UHMP Winners Honour Board

2017 NSBC Honour board – UHMP Congress (<100 Masterpoints)		
<100 MP	NS	Fiona Lavery
	EW	Kit Meyers
< 50 MP	NS	Warren King
	EW	Robyn King
< 25 MP	NS	Lis Moller
	EW	Thomas Karsai
< 10 MP	NS	Ricki Blackwell
	EW	Adrienne Cobby

3c. Looking ahead to December:

Christmas Pairs on Tuesday evenings at East Lindfield.

Christmas Teams on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday nights at Club Willoughby.

Christmas parties at EL and CW, on Saturday 8th December.

3d. NSBC Club Calendar

NOVEMBER	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
				Spring MP Pairs 3/3				
				1	2	3	4	
	5	Melbourne Cup  CW-Redpoint 10am EL-Redpoint 10am	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	CW-Mixed Teams Champ 7.30pm 2/4	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	CW-Mixed Teams Champ 7.30pm 3/4	22	23	State Open Pairs NSWBA	State Open Pairs NSWBA
26	27	28	CW-Mixed Teams Champ 7.30pm 4/4	29	GNOT Final Tweed	30		

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	DECEMBER			
						EL-UHMP Final 2 Sessions 10am				
31					GNOT Final Tweed	1		GNOT Final Tweed		
GNOT Final Tweed	3	4	5	6	7	8		9		
	CW-Xmas Teams 1pm 1/3 EL-Xmas Pairs 7.30pm 1/3			CW-Xmas Teams 7.30pm 1/3		Christmas Parties EL & CW-Redpoints 12pm for lunch				
10	CW-Xmas Teams 1pm 2/3 EL-Xmas Pairs 7.30pm 2/3	11	12	CW-Xmas Teams 7.30pm 2/3	13	14		15	16	
17	CW-Xmas Teams 1pm 3/3 EL-Xmas Pairs 7.30pm 3/3	18	19	CW-Xmas Teams 7.30pm 3/3	20	21	22	23		
No Night Session	24	CLOSED Christmas Day	25	CW-Only 1pm EL- 9.30am and 1pm All Red Points boxing Day (holiday)	26	No Night Session	27	28	29	30

3e. October Monthly Winners

2018 Club Monthly Comp – October Sessions at EL	2018 October Winners: East Lindfield	2018 Club Monthly Comp – October Sessions at CW	2018 October Winners: Club Willoughby
Monday Morning Open Pairs @ 9.30am	MARY SIFIS / ELIZABETH TRAVERS	Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ CW 10am	N/Q
Monday Afternoon Open PAIRS @ EL 1pm	PATRICIA LATIMER / MARGARET BOOTH	Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 10am	SUE MORGAN / FIONA RUSSELL
Tuesday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	DEIRDRE JAMES / JILLIAN HAGLEY	Tuesday OPEN PAIRS Bridge @ CW 1pm	JOHN RABONG / GWEN CORDINGLEY
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 2pm	N/Q	Tuesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	GORDON DALVAND / ROGER HORTON
Tuesday Rookie Bridge @ EL 2pm	VIRGINIA ANANIA / GERALD HOLDER	Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 7:30pm	LEN QUILTER / LYN QUILTER
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 7pm	IAN CHERINGTON / PAULA O'CONNELL	Wednesday OPEN pairs @ CW 10am	LIZ WILKINSON / HYMIE OSIE
Wednesday OPEN pairs @ EL 10am	BRIAN BURN / ERIC DANIEL	Wednesday RESTRICTED pairs @ CW 10am	JILL BERRY / SUSAN FEENEY
Thursday Afternoon OPEN PAIRS @ EL 1pm	IAN BAILEY / JANET CROCKER	Wednesday SUPERVISED pairs @ CW 2pm	N/Q
Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	LESLEY HARRADINE / PAM ROSS	Wednesday ROOKIE pairs @ CW 2pm	DOUGLAS IRVIN / MARY IRVIN
Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ EL 1:00pm	MARGOT LANDER / JUDY SHARP	Wednesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	DAVID OSIE / HYMIE OSIE
2018 Club Monthly Comp – October Sessions at CW	2018 October Winners: Club Willoughby	Thursday OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	GORDON RUDD / ANNE-MARIE HAZELL
Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	MAURICE LOOMES / RACHAEL LOOMES	Thursday ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	DAVID HOLT / MICHAEL FISHBURN
Monday Morning RESTRICTED PAIRS @ CW10am	JAN WILSON / MAUREEN EVERS	Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ CW 10am	WILLIAM WESTWOOD / TOM GOODYER
Monday Afternoon SUPERVISED PAIRS @ CW 2pm	BILL SARDANA / SHARON SHER	Friday Morning RESTRICTED Pairs @ CW 10am	SIGRID SMEE / KWI TAN
Monday Afternoon ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	DOUGLAS IRVIN / MARY IRVIN	Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	LIZ WILKINSON / HYMIE OSIE
Monday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	PETER BENDELSTEIN / PETER LIPTHAY	Sunday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	RUPERT MYERS / NANCY MYERS

4 Our Game of Bridge

4a. Useful Bidding Tools – BERGEN Raises

If you know about a 9-card fit in a major, it is **likely your opponents will also have a big fit**. It makes sense to jump, or pre-empt, thus consuming the opponents' bidding space, often bidding their suit, and at the same time **accurately defining your hand for your partner**. Bergen raises are a widely used and very useful bidding tool. They were created by American expert Marty Bergen.

1♥-P-?	Bergen Meaning	Notes
1S, 2C, 2D	Natural 4+♠, ♣, ♦	Natural forcing bids 1♠= 6+hcp, 2♠, ♠= 10+ hcp
2♥	6-9 hcp, 3♥	Constructive 2 level Limit raise showing 3 card support in ♥ of a normal 5 card opening
2♠	10-11 hcp, 3♥	Constructive 3 level Limit raise showing 3 card support in ♥ of a normal 5 card opening
2NT	Game Force (Jacoby)	Reserved for Game forcing hands (♥ fit)
3♣	5-9 hcp, 4♥	Pre-emptive with a 9 card fit in ♥
3♦	10-11 hcp, 4♥	Constructive with a 9 card fit in H
3♥	Pre-empive 0-5 hcp 4+♥	Pre-emptive with a 10 card fit in ♥
3♠, 4♠, 4♦	Splinter	Slam Try - Singleton shape in bid suit, Game Force in ♥
3NT	GF (13-15) Flat with 3♥	Constructive with a 8 card fit in♥, but a flat hand. Opener may choose to pass
4H	More Pre-empive 0-5 5+♥	Pre-emptive with a 10 card fit in ♥ usually used when you suspect they have a game somewhere

1♠-P-?	Bergen Meaning	Notes
2♠, 2♦, 2♥	Natural 4+♠, ♦ (5+♥)	Natural forcing bids 10+ Hcp
2♠	6-9 hcp, 3♠	Constructive Limit raise showing 3 card support in ♠ of a normal 5 card opening
2NT	Game Force (Jacoby)	Reserved for Game forcing hands (♠ fit)
3♠	5-9 hcp, 4♠	Pre-emptive showing a 9 card fit in ♠
3♦	10-11 hcp, 4♠	Constructive showing a 9 card fit in ♠
3♥	10-11 hcp, 3♠	Constructive 3 level Limit raise showing 3 card support in ♠ of a normal 5 card opening
3♠	Pre-empive 0-5 hcp 4+♠	Pre-emptive with a 9+ card fit in ♠
3NT	GF (13-15) Flat with 3♠	Constructive with a 8 card fit in ♠, but a flat hand. Opener may choose to pass
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A sample hand from a Club session:

North NV		West NV		East NV		South D NV		HCPs	
♠ K 6 3	♥ J 4 3 2	♠ Q J 9 8 5 2	♥ Q 6	♠ 4	♥ K 8	♠ A 10 7	♥ A 10 9 7 5	7	
♦ Q J 6 3	♣ 6 4	♦ 5 2	♣ A 5 2	♦ A 10 9 8 4	♣ K Q J 9 7	♦ K 7	♣ 10 8 3	9	13
								11	

S	Notes	W	N	Notes	E
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT + Bergen					
1H	5+♥, Aggressive Opening	P	3C	Bergen 4♥, 5-9 Hcp	X
3H	Signoff	3S	P		P

Using Bergen, North jump bids 3♣ meaning that they have 4 hearts and 5-9 HCPs. With a minimum opening, South signs off in 3♥.

An EW X of 3♣ is lead-directing Clubs? A strong hand? Agree this with your partner.

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	2	-	-
South	-	-	2	-	-
East	3	2	-	2	1
West	3	2	-	2	1

Likely Matchpoint Results for NS

- 4♣/E **+50** Top, pushed them too high
- 3S/W **+50** Top, pushed them too high
- 3♥/S **-50** One off, near top
- 3♥x/S **-100** +Average score
- 2♠/W **-110** Making near bottom
- 3♣/E **-110** Making near bottom

If they interfere with your bidding:

- a) You bid 2H (limit raise) allowing East to bid 2NT showing the minors, now 3H is a little riskier but should be bid by North.

American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT					
1H	5+♥, Aggressive Opening	P	2H	limit 3+♥, 6-9 Hcp	2NT
P	Min so cannot bid 3H	3C	P	3H now risks a X	P
P					
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT					
1H	5+♥, Aggressive Opening	2S	3H	limit support 3♥	P
P		P	P		P

- b) If West jumps to 2S (weak two) bid 3H, again placing you in the best NS spot.

Another Bergen example from a Club Session:



4b. Duplicate Bridge Scoring

The basic duplicate bridge scoring in all our pairs events is a **Matchpoint** scoring method. This is used by all bridge clubs for pairs events utilising standard duplicate movements such as Mitchells and Howells.

Historically: There was a traveller score sheet attached to the back of each physical duplicated board. Players updated their results onto the “traveller” and could see any previously entered results. The director collected all the travellers at the end of session and then had to manually work out a Matchpoint score for each pair.

As described last month, the Matchpoint scores were allocated to each partnership per board, giving:

- 2 points for each pair that your score beats
- 1 point for each pair with the same score
- 0 points if you didn't better, or even equal, another pair. In other words, your score was the lowest for that board.

These days almost everything is automated.

- Hands are generated by a computer program.
- These hands are transferred into dealing machines and dealt many times for the duplicate event.
- The director has real-time scoring computers and complex software
- Bridgemates are used on all tables. Scores are entered and collected using a wireless network, back to the director's computer.
- Results are available immediately after the last board is played. These can be displayed on overhead monitors.
- Printed hand records are made available immediately after play
- Through **Pianola**, analysis and scoring details of all played sessions are freely available, shortly after the session ends.

S	W	Notes	N	E	Notes
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT + Bergen					
	1S	5+♠, Opening	P	3C	Bergen 4♠ 5-9 Hcp
?	3S	Signoff	P	P	

West opens 1♠, North passes.

Now East jumps to 3♣ (Bergen, showing 4 spades, 5-9 HCPs).

South has only 11 HCPs and will pass.

West signs off even with 6♠, as minimum.

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	4	4	3	-	1
South	4	4	3	-	1
East	-	-	-	2	-
West	-	-	-	2	-

Likely Matchpoint Results for EW

3♠/W	-50	Top EW score
3♠X/W	-100	Good EW score
4♠/W	-100	Good EW score
4D/NS	-130	Poor EW score
4C/NS	-130	Poor EW score
3H/S	-140	Bottom Board

4c. The Australian Masterpoint System

In Australia the Masterpoint system is run by the ABF and it has several purposes:

- To stimulate interest in Contract Bridge.
- To provide a means of measuring player achievements.
- To assist with the financing of the ABF's national and international commitments.

The scheme allows affiliated bridge clubs to award Masterpoints to players at their clubs. The clubs submit **monthly awards** lists to the ABF data centre. The ABF compiles these awards against each player's ABF Number.

A number of Bridge Ranks have been defined, based on the Masterpoints earned. Some of the higher ranks demand a minimum number of Red and then Gold points. Masterpoints are earned as follows:

Types of Masterpoints

Green Points Clubs normally award green point for most local duplicate bridge sessions and club events.

Red Points - The NSWBA has control of awards for State sponsored championships and congress events.

Gold Points - ABF has control of awards for National Events. You generally have to play in national events to win Gold Points.

ABF Masterpoint scheme

You can find **your current Masterpoint ranking** at the ABF Masterpoint Centre by either your Name or ABF Number: Type this link into your browser and explore!

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/myawards.asp>

The ABF controls the number of **Red Point Sessions** that can be allocated during the year at each club, based on their **home club** membership numbers.

For our club the number of sessions we were allocated this year, and have been allocated for next year, are shown below in red:

	2018	2019
CW (ABF code 2-120)	62	79
and		
EL (ABF code 2-074)	34	37

In addition, we run some NSWBA sponsored events, which get us extra **Red Points** sessions, even though the finals are held at the NSWBA clubrooms.

These are:

- the State Mixed pairs,
- the State Open Pairs
- the State Open Teams

The NSBC runs 3 x **ABF sponsored GNOT** teams event qualifiers each year that issue **Gold Points** at our club sessions.

Come and enjoy playing Teams bridge. Form a team of 4 players and play next year!

EL GNOT - 3 Sessions night time
CW GNOT – 3 Sessions day time
GNOT Direct Qualifier – 5 x Thursday Nights

4d. Top 20 Ranks at our Willoughby Club

2-120 NSBC (Note 2-006 is the NSWBA)					
	NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	TOTAL
					MPs
1	Gumby, Pauline	24732	2-006	Emerald Grand	12,915.67
2	Gill, Peter	22381	2-006	Emerald Grand	10,822.36
3	Brown, Terry	7226	2-006	Gold Grand	9,841.83
4	Neill, Bruce	45632	2-006	Gold Grand	9,469.96
5	Beauchamp, David	3727	2-120	Gold Grand	8,920.48
6	Weston, David	65617	2-200	Gold Grand	7,587.72
7	Bloom, Martin	5266	2-006	Gold Grand	6,478.31
8	Chadwick, Marilyn	9911	2-006	Gold Grand	6,135.50
9	Watts, Marlene	270350	2-006	Gold Grand	5,745.21
10	Kaplan, Rena	31968	2-113	Gold Grand	5,499.71
11	Bock, Steven	5355	2-006	Gold Grand	5,458.05
12	Prescott, Michael	386464	2-120	Gold Grand	5,134.61
13	Hughes, Mike	29327	2-006	Silver Grand	4,858.55
14	Mottram, John	44512	2-120	Silver Grand	4,771.87
15	Goodyer, Tom	23140	2-120	Silver Grand	4,739.92
16	Westwood, William	65641	2-120	Silver Grand	4,585.50
17	Glanter, Inez	16721	2-006	Silver Grand	4,484.65
18	Wilkinson, Michael	497746	2-006	Silver Grand	4,439.89
19	Varadi, Les	62995	2-120	Silver Grand	4,319.08
20	Sebesfi, Bob	163260	2-006	Silver Grand	4,095.36

4f. Top 20 Ranks at our Lindfield Club

2-074 NSBC@LINDFIELD					
	NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	TOTAL
					MPs
1	Lane, Gary	34665	2-120	Silver Grand	2577.88
2	Da Silva, Sandra	274641	2-074	Grand	1549.47
3	Klassen, Charles	33588	3-301	Grand	1422.99
4	Quittner, Greg	50725	2-074	Grand	1343.98
5	Mason, Marilyn	305601	2-120	Grand	1132.24
6	Eriksson, Bjorn	243701	2-120	Grand	1062.50
7	Pattison, Betty	48186	2-266	Gold Life	1029.90
8	Straw, June	427901	2-074	Silver Life	970.10
9	Abrams, Jeanette	16179	2-120	Silver Life	716.37
10	Lang, Eva	290750	2-266	Life	705.93
11	Taylor, Dorit	60331	2-120	Life	597.51
12	Dixon, Ian	345008	2-074	*National	589.71
13	Van Poppel, Joe	62898	2-250	Bronze Life	556.82
14	Bosci, Colleen	457639	2-074	Bronze Life	556.80
15	Remedios, Maria	365068	2-074	Life	522.84
16	Smith, Glenys	57231	2-074	Silver Life	511.08
17	McDonald, Marguerita	364975	2-266	Life	509.44
18	Young, Michael	557900	2-074	Life	498.03
19	James, Deirdre	507164	2-074	*National	481.24
20	Phillips, Beth	69493	2-074	*National	468.02

Many players are members of more than one club but must nominate a single "Home Club". The Club Willoughby list contains players with Home Clubs other than ours (mainly Home Club 2-006, which is the NSWBA Club), however they play regularly at Club Willoughby so have been included here.

4e. How many Masterpoints for each ranking?

The table opposite shows you how many points you need for each ABF ranking.

You will notice that to get past the **"*Regional Master"** rank you need to acquire some Red or Gold Masterpoints.

To get past the **"**National"** rank you specifically need to acquire some Gold points.

To get to the exalted ranks of the various levels of Grand Master, you must be a pretty good player, you must have played a lot to amass that many points, and you need to have done well at State and National events to get all those Red and Gold points. We are fortunate to have many Grand Masters playing at our club.

ABF MASTER RANKINGS			
Rank	Minimum Requirements		
	Total	Red & Gold	Gold
Graduate	2		
Club	5		
Local	15		
*Local	25		
**Local	35		
Regional	50		
*Regional	100		
State	50	25	
*State	100	50	
National	150	75	
*National	200	100	
**National	300	150	
Life	300	180	30
Bronze Life	400	240	40
Silver Life	500	300	50
Gold Life	750	450	75
Grand	1000	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	1900	600
Gold Grand	5000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	13000	5000

5. Teaching Corner

5a. Pat O'Connor Bridge Problem

This month Pat has chosen another hand from "A First Book of Bridge Problems".

There are copies of his books in our library, but they are also available through the Bridge Shop on Penshurst Street. **You still have time to get you partner a copy, a great Christmas gift / hint!** Seriously, if you have a regular partner, it's a great idea to get copies of this book and to take the problems one at a time and discuss them together.

North

♠ A 4 2
♥ K J 10 9 8 2
♦ 6 5
♣ J 7

South

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ K J 4 3
♣ A K 9 5

The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	3♥	P	3NT
All Pass			

As South, you have an unbalanced hand with 16 HCP and no 4-card major, so you open 1♣.

Partner responds 1♥ and you bid 1♠, still looking for a fit. Partner with a good 6-card heart suit rebids 3♥ which is invitational to game.

You have no heart support but with the clubs well covered you bid 3NT. West leads the ♠Q.

How do you plan to play the hand?

Initial Analysis

Counting the tricks that you can win without losing the lead, you only have four winners, two in spades and two in clubs.

Where could the additional tricks come from? The defenders have led spades, so that is their suit. Diamonds look dodgy, best left alone, and there is no likelihood of any extra tricks in clubs.

However, you have five potential tricks in hearts once you knock out the ♥A. Sounds easy, so what is the trap?

How are you going to get to dummy to make the long heart tricks?

How will you play the hearts?

Read on for the solution!

Most of the new players come to the club through word-of-mouth, so if you have had a good experience with us, do pass on the message!

Start your bridge journey at our club with the lessons for beginners, or come along after you have learned somewhere else to take advantage of our extended teaching program and our many levels of play for the newer players.

5b. From one of our newer players

Robert started in the Beginners class with Liz Wilkinson, but has rarely had the time for more than one session a week. He chose to play a session, rather than go to more classes, so started with a weekly Supervised game. He now plays regularly at Rookie level.

Can you become a bridge player if you are time-poor?

“Can you learn bridge, if you are time poor? Can you play bridge competitively if you are time poor? It is my contention that you can. If I can do it, you can do it too.

Am I time poor? You bet I am. I currently run a professional practice that takes up a considerable part of my week. I am planning to retire in the not too distant future. However, retiring and not having anything to do scares me. Therefore I have started to put certain things into place, not only to occupy my time when I do retire, but to stimulate my brain and my body as well. To address the latter, I am playing Golf and to keep my brain in good working order I started Bridge. My dilemma is, that I only have limited time and can only commit to one session of card playing per week.

I was introduced to cards, playing Euchre with my grandmother. This was way back when I was aged in single figures. Most of all I remember that I did enjoy the experience playing with my Nan. I enjoyed the concentration it taught and the quick thinking it required. I enjoyed the partnership skills and I remember the great satisfaction it provided when I managed to get things right. Above all, I remember that it was fun.

So, with this background, and in the full knowledge that I am time poor, I set out to give bridge a go. I attended two lots of beginners' lessons run by the exuberant Liz Wilkinson at NSBC. Thereafter, I played some basic hands under supervision. This built up my confidence. Today, I have the opportunity to express and test myself

against some very accomplished players once a week at the Rookie session held at NSBC on a Tuesday morning.

Initially it was daunting playing with people who attend 3 or maybe 4 sessions of bridge a week. They were progressing at a much faster rate. To compensate and to keep pace with my peers they suggested two books by Paul Marston. The Principles of Card Play and The Language of Bidding. These books opened my eyes to what is possible. They provided the “know how” to be more competitive and I can consult them at any time. I highly commend them.

So, a couple of years on, what is my report card? To be brutally honest, I play bridge badly. I make many errors. But you know what, this encourages me to persevere. It is a fact that the best players make many errors in a session. Ask them. I nevertheless keep going because my brain needs to work harder and after all that is one reason for being there.

The other reason is for the social engagement. It is a well-established fact that participating in bridge keeps dementia at bay because it not only offers a cognitive challenge but does so with a large social component. From my experience, participants at the Tuesday sessions have a good sense of humour and we have lots of laughs. I have met some genuinely lovely people. Sure, there are times when one is looking to slaughter the innocent, to search for the guilty, to look for a hole to crawl into, but above all it is fun. And that is why I am there and will keep going.”

From Robert Harrington

In an ideal world, where bridge is your only priority, new players come at least twice a week. However, as we can see from Robert's experience, even if time permits only one visit a week, you can still develop and enjoy your game.

5c. The Solution to the Pat O'Connor problem

North
♠ A 4 2
♥ K J 10 9 8 2
♦ 6 5
♣ J 7

West
♠ Q J 10 6
♥ 5 3
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ 10 6 4

East
♠ 8 5
♥ A 7 6 4
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 8 3 2

South
♠ K 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ K J 4 3
♣ A K 9 5

It is best not to hold up a spade winner at trick 1, because if the opponents switch to diamonds at trick 2, before you have set up the hearts, they might be able to cause you some trouble. So, should you win with dummy's Ace or with the King in hand?

Remember that the problem here could be entries to the dummy, to get to your heart tricks once you have forced out the Ace. So, win the first trick in hand with the ♠K, preserving the ♠A in dummy to access the hearts.

Now you must set up the hearts, so start with the ♥Q from your hand. West plays a small heart, you call for a small heart from dummy and East also plays small. It's your trick, but the lead is in your hand. You can go to dummy with the A♠ and keep playing hearts until the Ace appears, but how do you get to dummy now? You have no more entries!

What is the answer? Play the ♥Q at trick 2, but when West plays small you **overtake** the ♥Q with dummy's ♥K. Now the lead is in the dummy and you can keep playing big hearts until the Ace appears. When you get the lead back you still have the ♠A in dummy as an entry.

This should be part of the planning process before you play to trick 1.

Key Point

**Be prepared to overtake an honour,
in order to preserve an entry.**

And if you were the defenders?

Looking at this hand from the defenders' point of view, when declarer starts with the ♥Q at trick 2, it should be obvious that they are planning to set up dummy's hearts as winners. You can see that dummy only has one entry with the ♠A, so this is the perfect time for the defenders to duck the ♥Q and make declarer work for the Ace!

5d. Suggested Bridge website for the newer player (from Johnno Newman)

BRIDGE BASE ONLINE

<http://www.bridgebase.com>

This is the best-known bridge site on the internet. You can register for a free account very easily, and access many free resources including free bridge lessons for beginners and intermediates.

The most valuable part of the site is Bridge Master 2000 which allows you to learn declarer play strategies in an interactive setting. You can access some of Bridge Master 2000 for free within the Practice section.

The most popular use for Bridge Base Online is to play against players from all over the world! A word of warning though - you will probably encounter some impolite players, so I would not recommend the play function unless you have very thick skin!

5e. Developing your playing skills

We provide progressive levels of bridge sessions, so that the newer players can develop their skills, and above all their confidence, at their own pace and in an environment where they are comfortable. These levels are:

“Supervised” bridge sessions are the first level of game. They run for 2 hours and players usually get through 12 boards. During these games a director is on hand to help players with both the bidding and the play.

“Rookie” bridge sessions come next. They are still only 2 hours, but 18 boards are played so the pace is the same as in the Open game where 27 boards are played in 3 hours. The director is not available for help.

Note that there is a 15-minute talk on bidding or play, before both the Supervised and Rookie sessions.

“Restricted” bridge sessions are the next level again. They are full 3-hour bridge sessions, playing 27 boards, but players with more than 300 Masterpoints are encouraged not to play in these sessions.

And then the sky's the limit, it's on to the Open game!

There are also some special events for the newer players, including the “Under a Hundred Masterpoints Tournament”, held at East Lindfield (see section 5f).

When are these sessions?

**** Supervised sessions** at Club Willoughby:

- Monday afternoons at 2pm with Sue,
- Tuesday mornings at 10am with Kim,
- Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm with John,
- Wednesday afternoons at 2pm with Liz.

**** Supervised sessions** at East Lindfield:

- Tuesday afternoons at 2pm with Sue,
- Tuesday evenings at 7pm with Sue.

Rookie sessions at Club Willoughby:

- Monday afternoons at 2:00pm with Sue,
- Tuesday mornings at 10am with Kim,
- Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm, with John,
- Wednesday afternoons at 2pm with Liz,
- Thursday afternoon at 2pm with Johnno.

Rookie sessions at East Lindfield:

- Tuesday afternoon at 2pm with Sue.

Restricted sessions at Club Willoughby:

- Monday morning at 10am,
- Wednesday mornings at 10am,
- Friday mornings at 10am.

**** Note that at the moment, not all Supervised sessions have enough players for a scored game. Numbers should return to normal soon, but in the meantime be aware.**

5f. Ready for even more challenges?

For the more adventurous newer players there are some special upcoming events in November:

- State Under Hundred MP Pairs event at our **NSBC East Lindfield Venue**, on Sunday 2nd December. You'll play two sessions from 10am.
- Women's "teams of 3" event: Run by the NSW Bridge Association (the NSWBA). You enter as a threesome and you are allocated an experienced captain. You all partner the captain for 2 matches. It's being played at the **NSWBA Club Rooms** in the City on Sunday 11th November.
- The State Novice and Restricted Teams championships will be held in **Wollongong** this year. It will be a 2-day "Teams of 4" event, held over the weekend of 17th and 18th November.

5g. Beginners Courses next in 2019:

Learn T♠ Play♥ Brdg♣

With leading teacher, Liz Wilkinson

Monday 4th February at 7pm (2hrs)
or Tues 5th February at 10:30am (2hrs)

at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes avenue

6 lessons \$99

Whether you're seeking a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Liz has the experience and the touch to help you get the best out of your new passion.

Bookings

scrompton67@hotmail.com
www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au
or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867



Learn T♠ Play♥ Brdg♣

With leading teacher, Ed Barnes

Tuesday March 5th 2019 2pm or 7pm
(2 hours)

at East Lindfield 2B Carlyle Road

6 lessons \$99

Whether you're seeking a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Ed has decades of experience with new players and a gentle touch that makes learning the game fun and easy

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Teacher

Ed Barnes
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Teacher

“Introduction to Bridge”, is a 6-week course, run at both Club Willoughby and at East Lindfield, for new players.

The **2019 semesters** with Liz Wilkinson are scheduled to start at Club Willoughby on:

- Mondays at 7pm, from 4th February and
- Tuesdays at 10:30am from 5th February.

Want to start a bridge beginner course?

Call Sue Crompton on 0416 290 867

The **2019 semesters** with Ed Barnes are scheduled to start at East Lindfield on:

- Tuesdays at 2pm, from 5th February and
- Tuesdays at 7pm from 5th February.

5h. Bridge Magazines

Bridge World

Bridge World is America's oldest bridge magazine starting in 1929. Their website has a Learn Bridge section with lessons for beginners, novices and intermediate players. It is free. The address is:

<http://www.bridgeworld.com>

The Australian Bridge Magazine

Novice Edition

The Novice Edition of Australian Bridge is an online magazine, whereas the printed version of Australian Bridge is printed and contains a lot of expert material. The Novice Edition contains stories, photos, and tips to improve your game, written by the world's most popular writers and teachers. Subscription is \$25 a year for six issues. The address is:

<http://www.australianbridge.com/novice.php>

5i. Short Classes at East Lindfield

Have you tried the free half-hour lessons aimed at all levels of player, given by our manager Mike Prescott? They are on Friday mornings at East Lindfield at 9:30am.

They precede the 10am Open game at East Lindfield and we encourage class attendees to stay and play, and to enjoy the facilities.

5j. After the Introduction to Bridge course

Bridge Basics with Liz Wilkinson expands the Introduction to Bridge to give players a further appreciation of basic bidding, and declarer / defender play. Liz combines some teaching each week with Supervised play.

The next levels of class are run by Anita Curtis. Because these classes can get very full, it's best to email Anita when you start classes.

North Shore Bridge Club

Manager: Mike Prescott Phone: 0435 528 872
Editor: Kevin Davies Phone: 040 301 8979

Build on the Basics continues to introduce new ideas, together with play analysis and techniques.

BUILD ON THE BASICS with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Wed Oct 31 & Thur Nov 1	I can't count that high!	2C Opening & 2D response
Wed Nov 7 & Thur Nov 8	Dumping Losers	Counting losers & forming a plan: dumping
Wed Nov 14 & Thur Nov 15	Hand Analysis 2 & consolidation	Hand Analysis 2 & consolidation
Wed Nov 21 & Thur Nov 22	Just because they opened, doesn't mean I have to pass!	Overcalls 1
Wed Nov 28 & Thur Nov 29	Just because they opened, doesn't mean I have to pass!	Overcalls 2
Wed Dec 5 & Thur Dec 6	I want to bid but I don't have an overcall!	Takeout Xs part 1
Wed Dec 12 & Thur Dec 13	I want to bid but I don't have an overcall!	Takeout Xs part 2 - responding with stronger hands
Wed Jan 2 & Thur Jan 3, 2019	Hand Analysis 3 & consolidation	Hand Analysis 3 & consolidation

Develop Your Skills provides further development of bidding and play to bring players up to an intermediate level.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Nov 1	I don't know how to play this suit!	Suit combinations part 1 - declarer play
Nov 8	Where is this auction going?	Advancer's options in the bidding
Nov 15	Unblocking in defence	Unblocking in defence
Nov 22	Hand Analysis - all skills	Hand Analysis - all skills
Nov 29	Crossruffing	Declarer play
Dec 6	Life after transfers: 2 suited hands; minor suit transfers	What happens after you transfer?
Dec 13	I love your transfer! Super-accepts	Super-accepts
Jan 3, 2019	Do you know how to play this NT contract?	Declarer play

Broaden Your Skills is for intermediate players with typically 3 years of Bridge experience.

BROADEN YOUR GAME / INTERMEDIATE with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Fri, 2 Nov	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Skills 5 - all skills
Fri, 9 Nov	Ducking at Suit Contracts	Eddie Kantar for Intermediate players - declarer play
Fri, 16 Nov	Counting Declarer's Tricks	Eddie Kantar - Defence
Fri, 23 Nov	I hate NTs - Improve your NT play by setting up bad suits	Broaden Your Game - declarer play
Fri, 30 Nov	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Skills 6 - all skills
Fri, 9 Nov	Ducking at Suit Contracts	Eddie Kantar for Intermediate players - declarer play

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6. Focus on Club Willoughby



6a. Sessions

Day	Time	Directors	CW Bridge Session Type
Monday	10:00 AM	Johnno Newman	OPEN & RESTRICTED
	2:00 PM	Sue Crompton, Allan Pike	SUPERVISED & ROOKIE
	7:30 PM	Eric Lam	OPEN PAIRS
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Kim Neale, Kay Moyes	SUPERVISED & ROOKIE
	1:00 PM	Mike Prescott	OPEN PAIRS
	7:30 PM	Angie Boulton	OPEN PAIRS
	7:30 PM	John Scofford	SUPERVISED & ROOKIE
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Tony Howes	OPEN & RESTRICTED
	2:00 PM	Liz Wilkinson, Kay Moyes	SUPERVISED & ROOKIE
	7:30 PM	Craig Mietzke	OPEN PAIRS
Thursday	10:00 AM	Angie Boulton	OPEN PAIRS
	2:00 PM	Johnno Newman	ROOKIE
	7:30 PM	John McIlrath	CHAMPIONSHIP BRIDGE (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)
Friday	10:00 AM	Brian Soutter	OPEN & RESTRICTED
Saturday	1:00 PM	Brian Soutter	OPEN & RESTRICTED
Sunday	1:00 PM	Malcolm Martin	OPEN PAIRS

6b. Club Willoughby Directors

<p>Johnno Newman 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Sue Crompton 0416 290 867</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Kim Neale 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Mike Prescott 0435 528 872</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Angie Boulton 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>John Scofford 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Alan Pike 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Eric Lam 0405 354 283</p>  <p>Director</p>
<p>Tony Howes 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Liz Wilkinson 0433 389 952</p>  <p>Teacher</p>	<p>Craig Mietzke 0439 585 147</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>John McIlrath</p>  <p>Committee member</p>	<p>Brian Soutter 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Malcolm Martin 0411 113 622</p>  <p>Director</p>	<p>Kay Moyes 0416 002 701</p>  <p>Director</p>	

Club Registered Number: **2-120 NSBC**
 ABF Members registered as Home Club 2-120
 NSBC Total Paid Memberships at 2-120

(2-120 was previously Lindfield Bridge Club)
 1268 Source: ABF Datacentre
 1770 current members

7. Congress News

(Any NSBC members in **top 3 places** in **red**)

7a. ABF News and Events

The ABF has agreed to host the 2020 Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Congress in Perth.

7b. ABF Canberra in Bloom

Only a few members took the trip to Canberra (missing out on our EL Congress!).

"Canberra in Bloom" Royal Bluebell (Matchpoint Swiss Pairs) 38 Pairs			VPs	W-D-L
1	Shane Harrison & Stephen Williams		83.68	5-0-1
2	Jody Tutty & David Beauchamp		80.35	4-0-2
3	Jan Clarke & Di Coats		78.71	6-0-0
Best NSBC	Mark & Julie Guthrie (7th)		72.78	4-0-2
"Canberra in Bloom" Spider Orchid Novice & Restricted (Matchpoint Swiss Pairs) 24 Pairs			VPs	W-D-L
1	Neil Williams & Peter Fitzmaurice		84.6	5-0-1
2	Michael Brassil & Louise Brassil		75.52	5-0-1
3	Gary Kembrey & Andrew Rob Grace		74.43	4-0-2
"Canberra in Bloom" - Canberra Bells (Open Swiss Pairs) 50 Pairs			VPs	W-D-L
1	Stephen Williams & Jessica Blake		114.95	5-2-1
2	David Hoffman & Elizabeth Havas		108.97	6-0-2
3	Alison Farthing & Dorothy Jesner		103.98	7-0-1
Best NSBC	Pauline Evans & Jan Clarke (4)		101.5	5-1-2
"Canberra in Bloom" - Federation Rose Novice & Restricted (Swiss Pairs) 30 Pairs			VPs	W-D-L
1	Chris Crane & Caroline Dawson		101.65	
2	Andrew Kettle & Deborah Milner		101.11	
3	Cathy Nichols & John Niven		98.22	
"Canberra in Bloom" - Golden Wattle (Open Swiss Teams) 32 Teams			VPs	W-D-L
1	Richard Hills , Chris Stead, Michael Cullen, John Brockwell		124.31	7-0-2
2	Marianne Bookallil , Stephen Fischer, Michael Wilkinson , Christy Geromboux		120.46	7-0-2
3	David Hoffman , Elizabeth Havas, Bernard Walters, Stephen Mendick		118.72	6-1-2
Best NSBC	Judy Tutty , Anita Curtis , Bill Tutty, David Beauchamp (5th)		113.06	6-1-2

7c. NZ National Congress

NZ National Congress - NZ Pairs (144 Pairs)		%
1	James Coutts & Liam Milne	60%
2	Michael Courtney & Paul Wyrer	55%
3	Sam Simpson & Jo Simpson	56%
Best NSBC	Yumin Li & Andrew Liu (6)	54%

NZ National Congress - NZ Teams 108 Teams		IMP
1	Graeme Stout , Jeff Miller, Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby	156
2	Martin Reid , Michael Ware, James Coutts, Liam Milne, Peter Newell, Justin Mill	148

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7d. ABF Sydney Spring Nationals



The Spring Nationals started with:

The TBIB Open Teams was played over 3 days; 60 teams in the qualifying playing 7 x 20-board pool matches, then a Semi Final and a Grand Final.

Sydney Spring National - Open Teams Grand Final (21/10 - 4x14 Board Stanza)			IMP	
GF	Simon Hinge , Stephen Lester, Nye Griffiths, Ella Pattison		153	
	Brian Mace , Tom Jacob, Justin Williams, Johnno Newman		98	
Sydney Spring National - Open Teams Semi Finals (20/10 4x14 Board Stanza)			IMP	
SF1	Simon Hinge , Stephen Lester, Nye Griffiths, Ella Pattison		161	
	Vanessa Brown , Shane Harrison, Susan Humphries, Will Jenner-O'Shea		110	
SF2	Stephen Burgess , Gabi Lorentz, Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Jonathan Free, Ron Klinger		77	
	Brian Mace , Tom Jacob, Justin Williams, Johnno Newman		129	
Sydney Spring National - Open Teams Qualifying Wed 17/10-19/10 (3 days 9x20b) 60 Teams			VPs	W-D-L
Q1	Simon Hinge , Stephen Lester, Nye Griffiths, Ella Pattison		126	6-1-2
Q2	Stephen Burgess , Gabi Lorentz, Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Jonathan Free, Ron Klinger		124	7-0-2
Q3	Brian Mace , Tom Jacob, Justin Williams, Johnno Newman		122	6-0-3
Q4	Vanessa Brown , Shane Harrison, Susan Humphries, Will Jenner-O'Shea		122	7-0-2
Best NSBC	Yixiang Zhang , Wei Zhang, Yumin Li, Wayne Zhu (13th)		101	5-0-4



Winners: Simon, Stephen, Ella, Nye



Second: Brian, Tom, Justin, Johnno

The Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams

was played over 2 days, with 6 x 20-board matches.

"Sydney Spring National " - Restricted Swiss Teams Wed 17/10-18/10 (2 days 6x20b) 17 Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Craig Mietzke, Denis Kristanda , Peter Bardos, David Emmerson	92	6-0-0
2	Kit Meyers, Kerry Rymer, Fiona Fawcett, Catherine Else	81	4-0-2
3	Robbie Feyder, Barry Feyder, Martin Brown, Gail McKenzie	74	4-0-2



Winners: Peter David, Craig and Dennis



2nd: Fiona, Richard Kuipers(sponsor) & Catherine

The Dick Cummings Open Swiss

was played over 2 days, with 12 x 10-board matches.

"Sydney Spring National " - Dick Cummings Open Swiss Pairs 20/10-21/10 (Weekend) 12x10 board matches - 120 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Philip Markey & Michael Whibley	173	11-1-0
2	Susan Humphries & Will Jenner-O'Shea	157	3-2-1
3	Maurits Van Der Vlugt & Andre Korenhof	156	8-1-3
4	Tony Hutton & David Weston	154	7-3-2
Best NSBC	David Hudson & Gary Lane (15)	143	



Winners: Michael & Philip

The Ted Chadwick Restricted Swiss

was played over 2 days, with 12 x 10-board matches.

"Sydney Spring National " - Ted Chadwick Restricted Swiss Pairs 20/10-21/10 12x10 board matches - 40 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Philip Halloran & Martin Clear	203	11-1-0
2	Neil Williams & Rob Holgate	185	7-4-1
3	Ray Hurst & Heili Colenbrander	150	8-1-3
Best NSBC	Jenny Barnes & Catherine Else (9)	130	7-3-2
"Sydney Spring National " -Novice Swiss Pairs 20/10-21/10 12x10 board matches - 20 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Martin Brown & Gail McKenzie	148	6-4-2
2	Jay Novak & Hiigh Makin	146	8-0-4
3	Maria Douglas & Mary Perrett	145	5-4-3

The Linda Stern Women's Teams

was played over 3 days: qualifying with 7 x 20-board pool matches, a Semi Final and a Grand Final.

"Sydney Spring National " - Linda Stern Women's Teams Finals (26/10 Thursday - 4x14 Board Stanza)		IMP	
GF	Jenna Gibbons , Christine Gibbons, Stephanie Jacob, Rebecca Johnston	153	
	Barbara Travis , Candice Ginsberg, Margaret Bourke, Jane Reynolds, Marianne Bookallil, Jodi Tutty	97	
"Sydney Spring National " - Linda Stern Women's Teams Semi Finals (25/10 Wednesday - 4x10 Board Stanza)		IMP	
SF1	Jenna Gibbons, Christine Gibbons, Stephanie Jacob, Rebecca Johnston	82	
	Greer Tucker , Liz Sylvester, Anna St Clair, Eva Caplan	52	
SF2	Barbara Travis , Candice Ginsberg, Margaret Bourke, Jane Reynolds, Marianne Bookallil, Jodi Tutty	107	
	Giselle Mundell , Avril Zets, Helene Pitt, Ruth Tobin	33	
"Sydney Spring National " - Linda Stern Women's Teams Qual 22/10-25/10 (3 days 9x20b) 16 Teams		VPs	W-D-L
Pool A 1	Jenna Gibbons, Christine Gibbons, Stephanie Jacob, Rebecca Johnston	96	6-0-1
Pool A 2	Barbara Travis , Candice Ginsberg, Margaret Bourke, Jane Reynolds, Marianne Bookallil, Jodi Tutty	86	5-0-2
Pool B 1	Giselle Mundell , Avril Zets, Helene Pitt, Ruth Tobin	99	6-0-1
Pool B 2	Greer Tucker , Liz Sylvester, Anna St Clair, Eva Caplan	87	4-0-3



Winners: Jenna, Christine, Stephanie, Rebecca

The Penline Matchpoint Pairs was a two session (27 boards each) Match Point Pairs event. Penline sponsors the event by providing all the pens.

Penline Matchpoint Pairs (Thursday) 21 Pairs		%
1	Simon Hinge & Allison Stralow	64%
2	Liz Sylvester & Peter Gill	58%
Best NSBC	Ann Fitzpatrick & Helen Crott (15)	



Winners: Simon and Allison

The Bobby Evans Seniors Teams was played over 3 days qualifying, with 9 x 20-board matches and then a Grand Final.

"Sydney Spring National " -Bobby Evans Seniors Teams Finals (26/10 Thursday - 4x14 Board Stanza)		IMP	
GF	Stephen Burgess , Gabi Lorentz, Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Kim Morrison, Paul Wyrer	130	
	Martin Bloom , Nigel Rosendorff, Terry Brown, Jeanette Reitzer	100	
"Sydney Spring National " - Bobby Evans Seniors Teams Qual 22/10-25/10 (3 days 9x20b) 21 teams		VPs	W-D-L
Q1	Stephen Burgess , Gabi Lorentz, Robert Krochmalik, Paul Lavings, Kim Morrison, Paul Wyrer	119	7-0-2
Q2	Martin Bloom , Nigel Rosendorff, Terry Brown, Jeanette Reitzer	113	6-0-3
3	Peter Fordham , Chris Sunstrom, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Barbara McDonald, Alan Walsh	111	6-0-3
Best NSBC	George Finikiotis , Cevat Emul, Kevin Davies, Leo Goorevich (9)	96	4-0-5



The winners' trophy was presented by Michael Evans, son of Bobby Evans. Shown here are Michael, Gabi, Paul L, Robert and Stephen (Kim and Paul W missing).

7e. NSW Congress Pairs Events

Camden Haven (Swiss Pairs) 32 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Carol Briscoe & Barbara Griffiths	86	5-0-1
2	Terry Bodycote & Jenny Michael	85	5-0-1
3	Rosalie Broughton & Ken Wilks	80	4-0-2
Tenterfield Club (Matchpoints --> VPs Pairs) 36 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Ian Price & Malcom Saunders	100	8-0-1
2	Rachel Rich & Michael Johnson	98	7-0-2
3	Anne Riley & Gary Lynn	78	6-0-3
Muswellbrook (Pairs) 50 Pairs		VPs	
1	Ian McKinnon & Virginia Dressler	182	
2	Pam Woodage & Laraine Parker	177	
3	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	176	
Wollstonecraft Matchpoint Pairs (40 Pairs)			
Pos	Winners	%	
1	Fraser Rew & Kim Morrison	63.30%	
2	Eugene Graczynski & Barry Dalsto	61.20%	
3	Ranjit Limaye & Michael Draper	60.70%	
Best NSBC	Kevin Davies & Julian Abel	50.00%	

Albury Commercial Club (Swiss Pairs) 60 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	S McConnel & R Brown	87	6-0-1
2	S Klofa & A Czapnik	86	5-1-1
3	T Colye & L Nickolson	54	6-0-1

Dubbo Pairs (26 Pairs)		%
1	Ian Lincoln & Jane North	59
2	Anne Hazelton & Sanjay Sinha	55
3	Sue Pillans & Barbara Toohey	54

Camden Haven (Swiss Pairs) 32 Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Carol Briscoe & Barbara Griffiths	86	5-0-1
2	Terry Bodycote & Jenny Michael	85	5-0-1
3	Rosalie Broughton & Ken Wilks	80	4-0-2

7f. NSW Congress Teams Events

Commercial Club (Albury) Bridge Club (Swiss Teams) 23 Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Stan Klofa , Alex Czapnik, Dee Harley, Neil Ewart	97	6-0-0
2	Jeff Carberry , Kaye Hart, Ian Lisle , Vicky Lisle	83	5-0-1
3	Chelliah Arul , Robert Ellery, David Sharman, Irene Hamilton	77	4-0-2

Dubbo Bridge Club (Swiss Teams) 16 Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Jeff Carberry & Kaye Hart, Ian Lisle & Vicky Lisle	91	5-0-1
2	David Lander & Helene Lander, John Brockwell & Michael Cullen	88	5-0-1
3	Ian Lincoln , Jane North, Anne Hazelton, Sanjay Sinha	75	3-1-2

Muswellbrook Bridge Club (Swiss Teams) 25 Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Sharon Mayo & Greg Mayo, Michael Simes & Michael Johnson	102	6-0-0
2	Emil Battista & Barbara Hunter, Roger Yandle & Ken Berr	81	5-0-1
3	Bernie Adcock & Janet Hill, Pam Robinson - Christo Moskovsky	74	4-0-2

Pennant Hills Bridge Club (Swiss Teams) 41 Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Pauline Gumby , Warren Lazer, Peter Liversey, Peter Gill	101	5-2-0
2	Vanessa Brown , Shane Harrison, Susan Humphries, Will Jenner-O'Shea	98	5-2-0
3	Edward Truscott , Alexis Ngan, Gary Lane , David Hudson	93	4-2-1
Best NSBC	Pauline Evans , Judy Osie, Rena Kaplan , Anita Curtis (4th)	90	5-0-2



Warren, Pauline, President, Peter & Peter

7g. NSWBA News and Events

The State Matchpoint Swiss Pairs was run on Monday nights in October at the NSWBA.

NSWBA State (Matchpointed Swiss Pairs)		VPs
1	Martin Bloom & Peter Gill	113.97
2	Maurits van der Vlugt & Paul Dalley	113.10
3	Kinga Moses & Nazife Bashar	112.94

7h. Upcoming Congress Events (NSWBA Calendar)

SATURDAY		SUNDAY		
3	Mudgee Swiss Pairs Taree Teams Tumbarumba Swiss Pairs	4	Mudgee Teams Parramatta Teams Taree Teams Tumbarumba Teams	N O V E M B E R
10	ABF-2019 Open Playoff Armidale Teams Southern Highlands Swiss Pairs	11	ABF-2019 Open Playoff NSWBA Women's Teams of Three Armidale Teams Southern Highlands Teams	
17	ABF-GWSP State Novice and Restricted Teams-IBA	18	ABF-GWSP State Novice and Restricted Teams-IBA Hawks Nest Swiss Pairs Manly Teams	
24	State Open Pairs Championships	25	State Open Pairs Championships NSWBA Spring Swiss Pairs	
1	ABF-GNOT Tweed Heads	2	ABF-GNOT Tweed Heads State Under 100MP Finals Wollstonecraft Swiss Pairs	D E C E M B E R
8	ABF-2019 W/S Playoffs State Youth Pairs	9	ABF-2019 W/S Playoffs State Youth Teams Central Coast Teams	
15	State Open Teams Finals	16	State Open Teams Finals NSWBA Summer Swiss Pairs	
22		23		
29	Trumps Festival	30	Trumps Festival	

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