



NSBC Newsletter



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1. Improve Your Slam bidding

Let's look at board 4 from week two of the 2018 Stratified Pairs, across-the-field scoring.

Hand layout for Board 4:

North (v): ♠ Q 9 8, ♥ Q J 9 7 4, ♦ 4, ♣ Q 7 6 4

West (D v): ♠ K J 10 5 4, ♥ A K 6, ♦ Q, ♣ J 10 9 3

East (v): ♠ A 7 6 2, ♥ 8, ♦ A K 6 5 3, ♣ A K 5

South (v): ♠ 3, ♥ 10 5 3 2, ♦ J 10 9 8 7 2, ♣ 8 2

HCPs: North 14, South 18, West 7, East 1

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	-	-	-
South	-	-	-	-	-
East	6	4	2	7	7
West	6	4	2	7	7

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Notes on the Match Point scores:

To score an **equal top** as EW you had to bid 6♠, find the Q♠ and make **13 tricks**. 28 of the 39 pairs bid the slam, with 11 pairs stopping at game level. After the 1♠ opening by West, East knows they have at least 30+ HCP and a 5/4 spade fit; that's slam territory!

Reviewing the EW Scores at the 39 tables:

- 4♥, 2 off, maybe passed a splinter bid? =0%
- 6♠, 1 off, declarer missed something =5%
- 7♠, 1 off, aggressive, missing the Q♠ =5%
- 4♠ / 3NT, depends on tricks made, ave =18%
- 6♠, 12 tricks, AVERAGE + =57%
- 6NT, 12 tricks, gets an extra 10 pts =87%
- 6♠, 13 tricks, TOP, aggressive (no Q♠) =95%

EW must bid Slam to score well!

Contr	By	Tks	Lead	N/S	EW	Fequ	N/S %	E/W %	E/W
4♥	E	8	J♦	200	-	1	100%	0%	Bottom
6♠	W	11		100	-	1	95%	5%	
7♠	W	12	Q♥, 2♦	100	-	2	95%	5%	
3NT	W	10		630	1	89%	11%		
4♠	W	11	Q♥	650	1	87%	13%		
5♠	W	12	Q♥	680	3	82%	18%		
4♠	W	13		710	2	75%	25%		
6♠	W	12	Q♥, 4♦	1430	22	43%	57%	AVR	
6NT	W	12	4♥	1440	1	13%	87%		
6♠	W	13	Q♥, 4♦	1460	5	5%	95%	TOP=	
						39			

Key Messages

You must **bid your slams** to score well when everybody else is likely to. **Stay with the field.**

The **extra 10 points** in 6NT v 6♠ is worth **gold at MP scoring** (87% rather than 57%), but only on suitable hands. A hand with shortages usually plays better in Trumps.

North V	
♠ Q 9 8 ♥ Q J 9 7 4 ♦ 4 ♣ Q 7 6 4	
West D V	East V
♠ K J 10 5 4 ♥ A K 6 ♦ Q ♣ J 10 9 3	♠ A 7 6 2 ♥ 8 ♦ A K 6 5 3 ♣ A K 5
South V	
♠ 3 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 2 ♣ 8 2	HCPs 7 14 18 1

Hand repeated for convenience

Notes on suggested bidding for the slam

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
1♠	2NT Jacoby 2NT
3♦ Shortage	4NT Keycard for Aces
5♥ 2 KCs, no Q♠	6♠ Contract

Notes:

2NT is Jacoby Game Force in spades, asking for information on shortages.

3♦ shows a shortage, this fits well with AKxxx opposite x as you can ruff the xxx.

4NT Roman Keycard Blackwood (1430)

5♥ 2 Keycards (must be AH + KS), no QS

6♠ hope to make 13 tricks if QS comes down.

Play of the hand in the common 6♠ contract

North's opening Lead?

- Q♥ (QJ9xx combination) or
- singleton diamond, looking for an over ruff as West has also shown shortage in diamonds during the bidding.

West Planning - **Count your tricks:**

Winners: 3D + 2H + 2C + (4 or 5 spades and ruffs).

Losers: No immediate losers.

Plan:

Draw AK♠ and cash winners. Ruff losing club and heart. If the spades break 3-1 then North will ruff in, but 12 tricks are always made.

Card by card play of the hand

If the spades break 2-2, it's easy:

Win the opening lead with A♥ or Q♦.

Cash AK♠, all the trumps are gone.

If hearts were led, unblock by cashing Q♦.

Play the 3♣ to the A♣.

Pitch 2 clubs on AK♦.

Cash AK♥, ruff the losing heart and club in opposite hands for 13 tricks.

If the spades break 3-1, and Q♠ doesn't drop

Win the opening lead with A♥ or Q♦.

Cash AK♠ and give away the losing Q♠.

Then take a similar line, ruffing one heart and one club in opposite hands for 12 tricks.

If the spades are 4-0 in the South hand

Win the opening lead with A♥ or Q♦.

Cash A♠ first! This is the only way to pick up four spades in the South hand. If North has four you must lose one.

Finesse a Spade with 10♠.

Cash AK♥ and ruff a heart.

Finesse a spade with J♠.

Cash K♠ and the Q♠ drops.

Then, as before, ruff the club loser with the remaining spade. 13 Tricks!

Aggressive bidders will ask for Kings, once they know they have all five keycards. They will find out about the K♥ and maybe bid 7♠.

They would be hoping for a trump lead to pick up the Q♠, or for the Q♠ to drop as there is at least a (5/4) 9-card fit.

Most declarers would want to have all the spade honours, before bidding a grand slam.

Most defenders would lead a trump against 7♠, to reduce declarer's ruffing options. Here, North will probably lead the Q♥ or the 4♦, so a thinking declarer may **guess to finesse North** for the Q♠ because of the non-trump lead.

2. Club Events

2a. Watermark Club Teams



The Watermark Club Teams is our **premier Teams event of the year**, restricted to Club members only. With our long-term sponsor **Watermark** providing significant monetary support, a prize pool of \$3,200 was on offer. 20 quality teams entered the event, held on five Thursday championship nights at Club Willoughby.

Event Format: A 6 round x 14-board Swiss qualified the top four teams into the knockout semi-final.

Watermark 4 Qualifying Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Lynn Kalmin , Lorna Ichilcik, David Weston, Helena Dawson	79.03	4-0-2
2	Gary & Sally Clarke , Linda King, Kim Neale, David Hudson, Anita Curtis	78.54	5-0-1
3	Julian Abel , Gary Lane, David Smee, Alexis Ngan, Ed Truscott (sub)	77.78	4-1-1
4	Andre Korenhof , Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Mike Hughes, Matthew Thompson, David Beauchamp	77.23	5-0-1
1st Chose to play 3rd, hence 2nd vs 4th			

The highest Swiss winner (on Victory Points) was allowed to choose which opponent to play. The semi-finals: A 28-board match (highest IMP score wins)

Watermark Semi Finals		IMP	Prize	W-D-L
1	Kalmin Team	-13	3v4	0-1-1
3	Abel Team	13	Final	1-1-0
2	Clarke team	-48	3v4	0-0-2
4	Korenhof Team	48	Final	2-0-0

The two winning teams then played a 28-board Grand Final on the last night with serious cash prizes on offer. The two losers played off for 3rd and 4th prizes.

The Grand Final line ups were:

Watermark Grand Final		IMP	Prize	W-D-L
1	Andre Korenhof , Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Mike Hughes, Matthew Thompson, David Beauchamp, Carola Hoogervorst (Sub)	35	\$1,600	2-0-0
2	Julian Abel , Gary Lane, David Smee, Alexis Ngan, Ed Truscott (sub)	-35	\$800	0-0-2
Watermark Playoff 3rd v 4th		IMP	Prize	W-D-L
1	Lynn Kalmin , Lorna Ichilcik, David Weston, Helena Dawson, Lester Kalmin (Sub)	36	\$400	2-0-0
2	Gary & Sally Clarke , Linda King, Kim Neale, David Hudson, Anita Curtis	-36	\$200	0-0-2



Winners: Maurits, David, Andre & Matthew



Runners up: Gary, Julian, Alexis, David



3rd Place: Lorna, David, Lynn, Helena



4th Place" David, Gary, Sally, Anita

The remaining 16 teams played for the minor championship. Their scores were reset to zero (no carry forward) and a 6-round, 9-board Swiss event was played over two nights. Results:

Watermark SWISS Minor Championship		VPs	Prize	W-D-L
1	Jane Beeby , Philip Beeby, Michael Wilkinson, Ian Lisle, Vicky Lisle	79.71	\$200	5-0-1
2	Giselle Mundell , Avril Zets, William Zhang, Yumin Li	78.53	Wine	4-0-2
3	Warren Dobes , Les Grewcock, Judy Osie, Withold Chylewski (Jun)	73.4		3-1-2



1st Swiss: Jane, Michael, Missing Philip, Vicky & Ian



2nd Swiss: Yumin, Giselle, Avril & William

2b. GNOT Metro (CW Final Qualifier)

The final qualifier to the NSWBA metro final attracted 8 teams at Club Willoughby on Tuesday afternoons. It was played as a 6 Match (14-board) Swiss. Winners by a very narrow margin:

GNOT Metro Final (Qualifying @ CW)		VPs	W-D-L
1	Alicia Mercer , Prue Siemsglues, Leo Goorevich, Colin Thomas	75.57	4-1-1
2	Toni Sharp , Frances Lyons, Kay O'Connor, Pat O'Connor	75.27	4-0-2
3	Lorraine Schaap , John Mottram, John Jongkind, Ian Lincoln	68.09	2-1-3

2c. Bridge for Brains (National Results)

The national results (re-scored across the whole 2250 pair field) have been published. The best results from our club were:

Bridge for Brains - Session Winners			Place	Score
CW 10am Open	NS	Angie Boulton & Peter Boulton	60	64%
	EW	Judy Marks & Adam Rutkowski	425	56%
CW 10am Restr	NS	Kerstin Gale & Elizabeth Platt	108	62%
	EW	Marg Betts & Shane Mahoney	734	53%
EL 9:30 Open	NS	Veronica O'Connell & Peter Koorey	230	59%
	EW	Marlaine Gahan & Gwen Cordingley	85	63%
EL 1pm Open	NS	John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey	265	59%
	EW	Fiona Lavery & Esther Lee	81	63%

2d. NSWBA - GNOT Metro Finals

The NSBC has run 3 GNOT events over the year, qualifying one team directly into the National Final in Tweed Heads, November 30th to December 3rd.

CW	David Beauchamp, Carola Hoogervorst, Mike Hughes, Peter Fordham, Maurits van der Vlugt, Andre Korenhof	Direct Qual to National Finals in Tweed Heads
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Another 6 Teams represented our club and played in the Metro final against other clubs and NSWBA teams, September 15th to 16th, where a further 4 teams won through to the National Finals in Tweed Heads.

The following table shows how well our 7 NSBC qualified teams performed:

	Pos	NSBC Teams @ GNOT Metro Finals @ NSWBA Performance	knock out	VPS	Swiss W-D-L
CW	5	Bob Sebesfi , Michael Cartmell, Richard Douglas, David Fryda, Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets	R2	95	3-0-3
CW	6	Arthur Ramer , Axel Johannsson, Liz Sylvester, Nicky Strasser	R4	91	1-0-1
CW	12	Warren Dobes , Les Grewcock, Witold Chylewski (Jun), Judy Osie	R2	73	3-0-3
EL	11	Peter Lipthay , Peter Bendelstein, Bijan Assaee, Sheena Arora	R2	76	2-1-3
EL	23	Philip Beeby , Jane Beeby, Ian Maclaren, Elaine Dignan	R1	58	3-0-4
CW	26	Kay O'Connor , Pat O'Connor, Jim Bean, Gus Liepins	R1	38	0-0-7
CW		Alicia Mercer, Prue Siemsgluess, Leo Goorevich, Colin Thomas	DNP		

Unfortunately, none have progressed to the National GNOT final at Tweed Heads.

Message from club Sponsor

T B I B	Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers	For all your professional and personal insurance needs – including travel insurance. Check out their website at www.tbib.com.au
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2e. Upcoming Club Events

The Spring Match Point Pairs event

This event starts on Thursday nights at Club Willoughby, in mid-October. Book early via the NSBC website.

The format will be dependent on entries:

- 2-session qualifying + final + consolation
- or 3 sessions cumulative

Best 2/3 scores to count.

Scoring: Match points

Note: With our stronger players committed at the Sydney Spring Nationals, this could be the event to join and win an NSBC championship.

Year	CW Club Championship – SPRING OPEN PAIRS	
2018	1 st	Is your Pair going to win the 2018 event?
2017	1 st	Jim Bean, Tim Mountjoy
2016	1 st	Lester Kalmin & Leo Goorevich

Will you be the 2018 Spring champions?

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Matchpoint Pairs

Club Willoughby

Thursdays:

- 🌸 18th October
- 🌸 25th October
- 🌸 1st November

Red Point Event

🌸 \$15.00 Per session 🌸

NSBC 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 team of 4+ event will be run over four Thursday nights at Club Willoughby in November. The scoring is normal teams IMPS / Victory Points.

The event will probably be run in a Swiss team format.

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.

The Honour board shows that this is the **35th year** we have run this event.

2f. Club Calendar for Special Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
CW-Duplicate 1pm EL-Labour Day Congress 2 Sessions 9.30am Labour Day (holiday)	1	2	3	CW-Hybrid Teams 7.30pm 2/3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	CW-Hybrid Teams 7.30pm 3/3	11	12	13	14	
15	16	Spring Nationals	17	Spring MP Pairs 1/3	18	19	20	21
22	Spring Nationals	23	Spring Nationals	24	Spring MP Pairs 2/3	25	26	27
28	29	30	31					

OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
			Spring MP Pairs 3/3	1	2	3	4
	Melbourne Cup CW-Redpoint 10am EL-Redpoint 10am	6	7	CW-Mixed Teams Champ 7.30pm 1/4	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	24
25	26	27	28	CW-Mixed Teams Champ 7.30pm 4/4	29	30	

NOVEMBER

2g. Monthly winners Table:

2018 Club Monthly Comp – EL Sessions	2018 September EL Winners	2018 Club Monthly Comp – CW Sessions	2018 September CW Winners
Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ EL 9:30	Kathryn Oaten & Christine McDonell	Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes
Monday Afternoon Open PAIRS @ EL 1pm	Shirley Smith & Judy de Flamingh	Monday Morning RESTRICTED PAIRS @ CW 10am	Denzil Seldon & Sarah Seldon
Tuesday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	John Wilson & Michael Harpur	Monday Afternoon SUPERVISED PAIRS @ CW 2pm	Russell Summerhayes & John Brodie
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 2pm		Monday Afternoon ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	Anna Wood & Trish May
Tuesday Rookie Bridge @ EL 2pm	Leo Vilensky & Ilia Vilensky	Monday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	Mike Murphy & Warren King
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 7pm	Richard Carey & Ann Carey	Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ CW 10am	
Wednesday OPEN pairs @ EL 10am	Richard Ulrick & Sallie Quarles	Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 10am	Yve Close & James McDonnell
Thursday Afternoon OPEN PAIRS @ EL 1pm	Russell Drake & Giles Drake	Tuesday OPEN PAIRS Bridge @ CW 1pm	Barbara Madeley & Lorraine Shiels
Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	Janet Crocker & June Straw	Tuesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	Alice Taylor & Emi Kaiwa
Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ EL 1:00pm	Kathryn Stewart & Susan Feeney	Tuesday Evening SUPERVISED @ CW 7.30pm	
		Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 7:30pm	Jo Boutros & Shona Robinson
		Wednesday OPEN pairs @ CW 10am	Marlaine Gahan & Carol McMurray
		Wednesday RESTRICTED pairs @ CW 10am	Margaret Rapsey & Maureen Evers
		Wednesday SUPERVISED pairs @ CW 2pm	
		Wednesday ROOKIE pairs @ CW 2pm	Christina Pender & David Goodliffe
		Wednesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	Eva Shand & Les Varadi
		Thursday OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	Peter Marshall & Peter Liphthay
		Thursday ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	Monica Vilensky & Ilia Vilensky
		Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ CW 10am	Bill Westward & Tom Goodyer
		Friday Morning RESTRICTED Pairs @ CW 10am	Denzil Seldon & Sarah Seldon
		Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes
		Sunday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	

The Club Willoughby Melbourne Cup event

The East Lindfield Melbourne Cup event



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

This is a 10am bridge session for both Open and Restricted / Rookie players with a Club Willoughby set lunch in the middle. There will be sweeps, wine and champagne and a hat parade, before we watch the race on the big TV screens. It's a day much enjoyed by all those who participate.

This is a 10am bridge session with a "bring a plate" lunch. There will be sweeps, wine and champagne and a hat parade, before we watch the race together. It's a day much enjoyed by all those who participate.

Club Willoughby needs to organise the lunch so please book in and enter early via the North Shore Bridge Club website.

NSBC@EL needs to organise the event so enter early via the NSBC website.

Last year's Melbourne Cup bridge winners at club Willoughby were:

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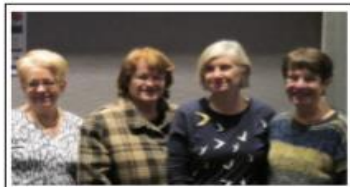
2017 Melbourne Cup Party @ Club Willoughby	
NS Open	Jean Williams & Margaret Wear
EW Open	Sheena Arora & Frank Budai
NS Res	Noni Glew & Judy Chapple
EW Res	Sandra McKenzie Joy Liddell

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

3. Congress News

3a. ABF Events

COFFS Intermediate/Restricted Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Rowan Corbett , Rob Hurst, Liz Shonk, Anita DeLorenzo	111	7-0-0
2	Penny Cockbill , Gillian Richmond , Chris Duggin, Faye Carnovale	106	6-0-2



2nd in Intermediate
Faye, Chris, Gillian, Penny

Territory Gold (Matchpoint Swiss Pairs)		Score
1	Chris Depasquale, Michael Courtney	205
2	Andrew Hegedus, Justin Mill	196
3	Martin Bloom , Tony Nunn	195
Territory Gold (Swiss Pairs)		Score
1	Shane Harrison, Andrew Peake	169
2	Liz Sylvester , Peter Gill	155
3	Michael Courtney, Linden Raymond	152
Swan River Open Swiss Pairs		Score
1	Peter Gill, Nabil Edgtton	150
2	David Matthews, Nick Cantatore	134
3	Ian Lisle, Vicky Lisle	132

ABF - Sydney Spring Nationals

The Sydney Spring Nationals are again being held at the Canterbury Racetrack (but we do play bridge!). While the venue is a bit of a hike, it is well worth the trip and there are competitions for all grades of players.

Our esteemed manager is the tournament organizer. Even if you don't want to play, Mike needs volunteers to help run the event.

Early bird entry discount expires 5th October

Keep up with the Congress scene by subscribing to the NSWBA's [eCongress Newsletter](#)

Sydney Spring Nationals

17 - 25 OCTOBER 2018

TBIB OPEN TEAMS
TWO MEN AND A TRUCK RESTRICTED TEAMS
DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS
TED CHADWICK RESTRICTED PAIRS
SPRING NATIONAL NOVICE PAIRS
LINDA STERN WOMEN'S TEAMS
BOBBY EVANS SENIORS' TEAMS

Gold Masterpoints & Playoff Qualifying Points

Venue: Level 2, Canterbury Park Racecourse
96 King St, Ashbury

Chief Tournament Director: Matthew McManus
Tournament Organizer: Mike Prescott (0435 528 872)

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/spnot/2018/> email: sn@abf.com.au

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Last years winners:

2017 Winners	
Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams	
Hans Van Weeren - Peter Clarke - Jeff Conroy - Jill Blenkey	
TBIB Spring National Open Teams	
Tom Jacob - Brian Mace - Justin Williams - Johnno Newman	
Dick Cummings Open Pairs	
Ron Klinger - Matthew Mullamphy	
Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs	
Martin Clear - Phillip Halloran	
Spring National Novice Pairs	
Martin Brown - Gail McKenzie	
Linda Stern Women's Teams	
Rena Kaplan - Anita Curtis - Judy Osie - Pauline Evans	
Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams	
David Hoffman - Richard Brightling - Stephen Mendick - Bernard Waters	

3b. NSWBA events

GNOT Metro final Results:

GNOT Metro Finals @ NSWBA (32 teams) to add 4 teams winning through to Tweed Heads National Final			W-D-L
Winner knockout	Nico Ranson , John McMahon, Tomer Libman, Lavy Libman	Qual to National	
Winner knockout	Peter Buchen , Terry Brown, Ron Klinger, Mat Mullamphy, Kim Morrison, Mathew Thomson	Qual to National	
1st Swiss	David Weston , Julian Foster, Tony Nunn, Martin Bloom	Qual to National	4-0-0
2nd Swiss	William Zhang , Yumin Li, Wayne Zhu, Yixiang Zhang, Paul Dalley	Qual to National	2-0-0
NSBC Direct	David Beauchamp , Carola Hoogervorst, Mike Hughes, Peter Fordham, Maurits van der Vlugt, Andre Korenhof	Previously Qual to National	
NSWBA Direct	Avi Kanetkar , Bruce Neill, Nye Griffiths, Johnno Newman	Previously Qual to National	
NSWBA Direct	Robert Krochmalik , Daniel Krochmalik, David Stern, Tom Moss, Robert Grynberg	Previously Qual to National	

State Teams Results:

NSWBA (State Teams Qual)		IMPS	W-D-L
Final	Julian Foster , David Weston , Paul Dalley, Yumin Li	59	
Final	Nicoleta Giura , Nick Hughes, Helena Dawson , Tony Ong	49	
Metro	Matthew Vadas , George Fleischer, Tina Zines, Dennis Zines, Peter Buchen, Matthew Thomson	46	
Metro	Maurits Van Der Vlugt , Andre Korenhof, Peter Fordham, Mike Hughes	38	
Metro	Avinash Kanetkar , Bruce Neill, Johnno Newman , Nye Griffiths	Top in Swiss	4-0-0
NSWBA (State Pairs Qual)		%	
1	Andre Korenhof & Fraser Rew	109.86	
2	Tim Mountjoy & Jim Bean	109.58	
3	John De Revin & Ben Chosid	108.36	
NSWBA State Swiss Pairs		VPs	
1	Elizabeth Adams & Andrew Peake	112.19	
2	Julian Foster & David Western	112.09	
3	Heather Cusworth & Helen Lowry	111.06	

NSWBA State Individual		Mps
1	Yumin Li	311
2	Julian Foster	301
3	Catherine Chaffey	299
4	Hans Van Weeren	295
NSWBA Men & Women Pairs		Mps
1	Yumin Li & Paul Dalley	117
2	Johnno Newman & Nye Griffiths	116
3	George Finikiotis & Steven Bock	111
1 (W)	Avril Zets & Giselle Mundell	103



Dally & Yumin Li



Giselle Mundell & Avril Zets

3c. Congress Pairs Results



Linda & Patrick



Yumin & Peter

Blue Mtns (Swiss Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
1 NS	Linda Aubusson & Patrick Neary	86	6-0-0
2 NS	Helena Dawson & Richard Douglas	83	5-0-1
1 EW	Yumin Li & Peter Jeffery	87	5-0-1
2 EW	Paul Lavings & Helen Lavings	82	6-0-0

COWRA (Swiss Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
1	John Brockwell & Chris Stead	88	5-0-1
2	David Lander & Helene Lander	82	5-0-1
3	Nico Ranson & David Weston	75	4-0-2



Terry & Michelle @ Great Lakes

Great Lakes (Swiss Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
1	Terry Bodycote & Michele Tredinnick	97	6-1-0
2	Michael Johnson & Bas Bolt	95	5-0-2
3	Ian McKinnon & Virginia Dressler	90	4-2-1

Illawarra (Swiss Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
1	David Beauchamp & Gary Clarke	83	5-0-1
2	Helen Lavings & Paul Lavings	82	6-0-0
3	Judy Kingston & Dave Gallagher	80	5-0-1

Mollybrook Bridge Club (Swiss Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
1	Stephen Mendick & Andrew Creet	86.30	4-1-1
2	Karen Creet & Richard Brightling	86.30	5-0-1
3	Helena Dawson & David Western	84.22	5-1-0

Under a Hundred Master Points (UHMP) Congress at **East Lindfield**

The **UHMP Congress** will again be held at our East Lindfield venue on Sunday 2nd December. This event is restricted to players with under 100 ABF match points. It is graded into four sections. It will be run as a two session pairs event.

Restricted (<100MP) bridge players from other clubs are welcome to play.

We recommend this tourney to NSBC members

2017 Winners Honour Board

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

Will your name be added to the honour board this year?

3d. Congress Teams



Helena, Richard, Blue Mts President, Sue, David

Blue Mtns (Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1	Helena Dawson , Richard Douglas, Sue Crompton, David Weston	91	4-0-2	
2	Tammy Schwarz , Alan Schwarz, Kelela Allen, Susan Capp	83	6-0-0	
3	Cheryl Dean , Christine Derrig, Margaret Phillipen, Amanda Ramsey	80	5-0-1	
4	Warren Dobes , Les Grewcock, Yixiang Zhang, Wayne Zhu	78	4-0-2	

COWRA (Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1	Anne Hazelton , Cath Sherwin, Jane North, Bettyanne McFarland	89	6-0-0	
2	Susan Fookes , Carole Vildzius, John Courtman, Chris Pippen	83	4-0-2	
3	Ailsa Peacock , Matt Smith, Nico Ranson, David Weston	74	4-0-2	

COWRA (Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1	Anne Hazelton , Cath Sherwin, Jane North, Bettyanne McFarland	89	6-0-0	
2	Susan Fookes , Carole Vildzius, John Courtman, Chris Pippen	83	4-0-2	
3	Ailsa Peacock , Matt Smith, Nico Ranson, David Weston	74	4-0-2	

Great Lakes (Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1	Ian Lisle , Vicky Lisle, Bas Bolt, Michael Johnson	102	6-0-1	
2	Jan Clarke , Di Coats - Helen Milward - Lorraine Lindsay	94	5-0-2	
3	Barry Fister - Henrietta Hohnen - Sylvia Foster - Jaan Oitmaa	92	6-0-1	



(Great Lakes Teams) : Vicky & Ian on right

Great Lakes (Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1	Ian Lisle , Vicky Lisle, Bas Bolt, Michael Johnson	102	6-0-1	
2	Jan Clarke , Di Coats - Helen Milward - Lorraine Lindsay	94	5-0-2	
3	Barry Fister - Henrietta Hohnen - Sylvia Foster - Jaan Oitmaa	92	6-0-1	

Port Macquarie / Hastings (Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1st	Sophie Ashton , Sartaj Hans, Wallace, Helena Dawson, Richard Douglas, David Wiltshire	120	7-0-1	
2nd	Ken Wilks , Rosalie Broughton, Bas Bolt, Michael Johnson	112	6-0-2	
3rd	Barry Thomas , Jenny Michael, Yvonne Cains, Bob Jess	102	7-0-1	

Hunters Hill (Open Swiss Teams)			VPs	W-D-L
1	David Hudson , Anita Curtis, Kim Neale, Linda King	99	6-0-1	
2	Marlene Watts , Peter Gill, Martin Bloom, Tony Nunn	98	5-0-2	
3	Yumin Li , Wei Zhang, William Zhang, Michael Wu	97	6-0-1	
4	Margaret Foster , Carolyn Molloy, Nazife Bashar, Kinga Moses	94	5-0-2	



David, Anita, Linda, Kim (Hunters Hill open Teams)

Trumps Spring (Swiss Teams)		VPs	W-D-L
1	Derrick Browne , Joshua Wyner, John Newman, Steven Bock	103	6-0-0
2	Lyn Smith , Jocelyn Bertram, Cath Whidden, David Farmer	84	5-0-1
3	Mark Kolodziejczyk , Warren Dobbes , Rakesh Kumar, Julian Abel	74	4-0-2

Moolybrook (Swiss Teams)		VPs	W-D-L
1	Stephen Mendick , Sue Neil, Robert Van Der Hoek, Richard Brightling	85.91	5-1-0
2	Louise Brassel , Micheal Brassil, Rita Wright, Joan Small	80.8	5-0-1
3	Liz Sylvester , Peter Gill, Helena Dawson, David Weston	78.74	3-1-2
4	Vicky lisle , Ian lisle, Toni Sharp, Martlyn Chadwick	74.54	4-0-2

A reminder about our Pre-Paid System

This system has been adopted by the majority of our players and it works very well.

If you haven't signed up yet, do consider joining.

3e. Coming Congress Events (NSWBA Calendar)

6	WBS-Orlando NZ National Congress Camden Haven Swiss Pairs Commercial Club (Albury) Super Congress Swiss Pairs Tenterfield Butler Pairs	7	Camden Haven Teams Commercial Club (Albury) Super Congress Teams Tenterfield Butler Pairs Wollstonecraft Pairs	O C T O B E R
13	Dubbo Pairs Muswellbrook Pairs	14	Dubbo Teams Muswellbrook Teams Pennant Hills Teams	
20	ABF-Spring Nationals	21	ABF-Spring Nationals	
27	Tomaree Swiss Pairs	28	NSWBA Spring Teams Tomaree Teams	N O V E M B E R
3	Mudgee Swiss Pairs Taree Teams Tumbarumba Swiss Pairs	4	Mudgee Teams Parramatta Teams Taree Teams Tumbarumba Teams	
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	

Are you one of our newer players?

Focus on upcoming events in Oct for the **adventurous inexperienced players:**

Sydney Spring Nationals at the Canterbury racetrack have 3 events:

Restricted Teams of 4 held over two days
Wed/Thur 17-18th Oct

Restricted Pairs held on Sat-Sun 20-21st
Oct

Novice pairs held on Sat-Sun 20-21st Oct

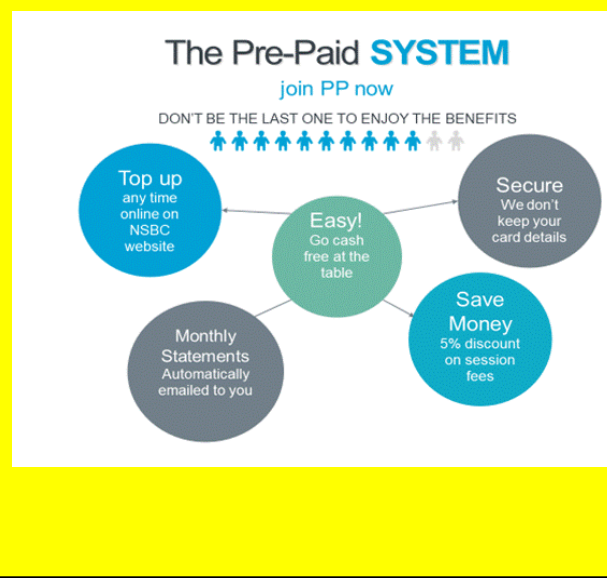
NSBC Pre-Paid System

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, and when your balance is low you will receive a reminder to top up.

You can top up your balance with the director at the club, or you can top up via the NSBC website.



4. Club News

4a. From John Brownie, NSBC President

Great News - Club Willoughby Building:

Some of our members will have received an email from Club Willoughby, reproduced below, advising that Planning NSW has issued the long-awaited site compatibility certificate, enabling a Development Application to be lodged with Willoughby Council.

The next steps to be taken are these: further community consultation (soon), finalisation of the drawings (once the community consultation process is complete), lodgment of the Development Application, granting of development consent (we all hope, fairly promptly), and then construction will start on the new clubhouse.

The plan is for the new clubhouse to be completed prior to the demolition of the current one, so that Club Willoughby activities can be transferred without disruption.

It is our hope and intention that we will have space, possibly half a floor, in the new building. There are of course still some unknowns, like the situation regarding rent and parking, but we will be working with Club Willoughby towards a successful resolution for both their club and ours.

The Heart of Willoughby Announcement:

Club Willoughby and Hycorp Property Group are pleased to announce receipt of the long-awaited Site Compatibility Certificate! With the Certificate, Club Willoughby has secured approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to advance a Development Application that seeks approval for building of a brand-new state of the art club as well as seniors' housing.

Where to from here?

The Club will now prepare a Development Application (DA) for submission to Willoughby City Council (WCC).

Following our initial round of successful community consultant events in 2017, which formed part of the Site Compatibility Certificate application, the next round of Community Consultations and Briefings will be held prior to the DA being lodged. We anticipate lodging the DA in early 2019.

We will have a copy of the application available for viewing at Club Willoughby during the time that the application is with Council. Please keep visiting our Heart of Willoughby website:

(www.heartofwilloughby.com.au) for more information.

We will be emailing updates to all those registered with us via the website. If you haven't yet done so, please register now so as to be kept up-to-date as we progress this very exciting project as we build a brand-new Club and amenities for the Willoughby community.

We look forward to working with our neighbours, the local community, interested stakeholders and the club members as we take this project forward.

Best regards,

The Heart of Willoughby Team

www.heartofwilloughby.com.au

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4b. NSBC Member triumphs in GOA!



Australia's golden Mixed Team, 3rd Asia Cup, Goa (India)
Left to right: Matthew Thomson, Cathryn Herden, David Beauchamp, Jodi Tutty

We have a budding world champion in our bridge club – very well done **David Beauchamp**! He was a member of the winning Australian Mixed Team at the Asia Cup held in GOA India this year. For more information, read the ABF Bulletin.

4c. NSBC Member – Joins the ABF committee



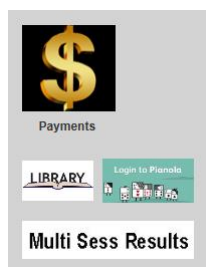
A club member has been appointed to a new role on the ABF (Australian Bridge Federation). Well done **Mark Guthrie**! He is taking on the role of the ABF Technology Officer. For more information, visit the ABF website, News.

4d. Our Manager's column

Mike Prescott



Manager



A new item has been added to our webpage, the "**Multi-Sess Results**", since the Pianola results system did not fully support multi session tournaments. Basic session results will be still stored for review in Pianola, but the complex multi-session results and

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associated reporting generally associated with Thursday Championship nights are now stored separately. This button provides access. The Watermark Club Teams is the first to be stored on the new database.

Click the button on our website and take a look!

4e. The Editor's Column



This third issue is the biggest yet. I've added a few more features and restructured the newsletter.

The next November issue will be a dual effort with initial preparation by myself and final completion by co-editor Kay Moyes.

I would always value any contributions to our club newsletter. A number of items have been included thanks to Pat O'Connor, our librarians Fiona & Marion, Yves Close and David Hagley.

So, sharpen your pens!

4f. North Shore Bridge Club Personnel

Graham Murray



Vice president

Graham Murray has been the Vice President of the North Shore Bridge Club for the last 6 years. He is a regular bridge player at our East Lindfield venue, Club Willoughby and Turramurra bridge club.

Master Point Rank: STATE Master (85 MPs)
Home Club: 2-120 NSBC @ CW
Favourite bidding system: Standard

4g. Readers' Feedback

Just wanted to say congratulations and well done. The newsletter looks fantastic and is providing some great info. Love the new format. Thank you so much.

Elana Kohn

PS - you are doing a great job with the newsletter – thanks

Gillian Richmond

From the outset please let me congratulate you on the new monthly newsletter. Well done.

David Hagley.

4h. North Shore Bridge Club library

One of our excellent teachers, Anita Curtis, recommends the following books to students, especially those who are in their early stages of learning. They are in the **Novice** section of the library:

- **"Introduction to Declarer Play"**, by Eddie Kantar;
- **"Introduction to Defense"**, by Eddie Kantar.
- Barbara Seagram's series of books.

This year the library has also acquired several other notable Kantar books most suitable for advanced players. These are available in the **Play** Section. Remember if you are looking for a book covering a certain topic you can search on the bridge library website:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/NSBCSydney>

Many thanks go to Joan Stobo and others for their donations.

From Fiona Lavery and Marion Stewart, the club librarians.

5. Our Game of Bridge

5a. Bridge Scoring

A number of scoring methods can be utilised in a Bridge session, depending on the style of the event.

The scoring method used in all our everyday pairs games is the Match Point (MP) scoring method. This is used by all bridge clubs using standard duplicate movements such as Mitchells and Howells.

5c. How does Matchpoint scoring work?

On any given hand's travelling score sheet (these days it's the Bridgemate), you get 2 match points for every score you beat, 1 point for every score you equal and zero points where you have the lowest score.

These match points are usually expressed as percentages on the Bridge Mates. Pairs bridge players use terms such as

- **Top board** (high scoring MPs)
- **Bottom board** (low scoring MPs)
- **Average board.**

In a Pairs event, a score of 60%-70% is a typically winning score and on any board, TOP N/S = BOTTOM E/W

Playing 27 boards, each board is worth only a maximum of 4% in your final score. So, if you have a bad score on a board you should not get despondent... 96% still to play for!

5d. How does Teams Scoring work?

Teams of 4 events and congresses are very popular, they utilise a number of features:

1. There are 6 to 8 matches per event.
2. There are 8 to 10 boards per match.
3. A Swiss draw, meaning that your next opponent will have about the same score as you.

Teams is a head-to-head match format, where one pair sits N/S at your "home" table

and your other pair sits E/W at the opponents' table. You play the same hands at both tables.

Teams scoring focuses on any **net difference in the Contract Results** between the two teams. At the end of each match a result in victory points (VP's) is determined.

The **computer calculates the results.**

A 4-step process is used for scoring each match, and this is often duplicated manually at the home tables by players wanting to quickly review and estimate results and discuss good and bad match outcomes.

For each board in a match

- Add together the scores achieved at both tables, for example 3NT +400 vs 3NT -430 at the other table gives a net score of -30. Often the contract and score are the same at both tables, giving a zero difference. This is expressed as a "Flat" or "Pass" board.
- These net scores are converted to International Match Points (IMPs) from a provided conversion table, for example -30 = -1 IMP. This is done to stop one **extreme board score dominating the match result.**

For the Match result

1. Calculate the total net IMPs on all the boards in the match.
2. This is then converted from the net IMP score to Victory Points per team.

Again, a conversion table is used and again this is done to stop one **extreme match result dominating the event results.**

Typically, VP scores range between a 10-10 draw and a 20-0 maximum win / loss per match. The Swiss draw for your next match opponents is done, and you again play teams on about your current total VP score. This is repeated for each match in the event.

5e. How does Swiss Pairs scoring work?

Many Congress events are run as Swiss Pairs, rather than match point formats. They are played in a similar fashion to teams, as a "match" against another pair on a similar Victory Point score.

As there is no team, your team mates are assigned the "**Average score**" achieved by all tables on any given board.

Again, at the end of a match, a pair can review their results against the declared averages for that match.

Key Points

- The computer produces a match result and draws your next opponent. You do not have to work out the match score, but most do and its fun!
- Your score vs Average pair result
- Review each board and derive any scoring differences between your score and the average score. For example your +400 vs an average 430 = -30.
- Convert these differences to **IMPS**
- Add up the **Net IMPS** and convert to **Victory points**
- Your next match will be Swiss-drawn and you will play another pair on a similar Victory Point score.
- Many hands are "Flat" or "Push" boards, having no difference between a pairs score and the average result.

This format of **Swiss Pairs is very popular**, and most congress events use this method. It takes away the vagueness of Matchpoint percentages scoring and replaces it with a team-like head-to-head IMP and Victory Point method.

Common Abbreviations:

MPs	Match Points
IMPs	International Match Points
VPs	Victory Points
W-D-L	Wins, Draws and Losses

5a. Useful Bidding Tool:

Fourth Suit Forcing (4SF) is a useful tool, and it comes up often. We recommend that you use 4SF as forcing to game.

West	East
♠ 9	♠ KQT86
♥ AT3	♥ J5
♦ AJ743	♦ KQ2
♣ KT42	♣ QJ5

Suggested Bidding:

West	East
1♦ (4+D, 12+)	1♠ (4+S, 6+ HCPs)
2♣ (5-4 minors)	2♥ (4SF, 5 spades)
2NT (min, heart stopper, <3 spades)	3NT to play

East's 4SF bid of 2♥ above is "game forcing"; it also promises 5+ spades.

Opener's bids after the 4SF typically show:

2♠	3 spades
2NT	minimum, a heart stopper, and <3 spades.
3♣	5-5 in the minors
3♦	4-6 in the minors
3♥	hearts, less than 3 spades
3NT	maximum, a heart stopper and <3 spades.

A straightforward example - East uses the **4SF tool** because the hand is too strong to rebid spades or support diamonds. 2NT is a minimum response, so East just signs off in 3NT as the best spot to play.

5b. Common Systems in use today

While bidding systems may have different structures, all generally lead to common best contracts. These tables show four common bidding systems in operation that you may meet in Open events.

- Standard American (5-card majors, 15-17 NT)
- American 2/1 Game force
- English Acol (4-card majors, weak NT)
- Precision Strong 1 Club (weak NT)

A simple hand, but different openings based on the system:

		North							
		♠ 95		A simple hand, EW pairs using American systems opening a prepared club, whilst Acol and Strong Club opening weak NT					
		♥ J6542							
		♦ A92							
		♣ K96							
D=E	West	East		♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	
♠	A843	♠	KQJT82	East	2		1	5	4
♥	AT8	♥	Q8	West	2		1	5	5
♦	J4	♦	KQ6	Easy bidding for all systems to reach the best spot 4♠. The american systems via limited raise to 2♠ (then 4♠) & the weak NT opens via a Transfer to 2♠, Super accept & 4♠.					
♣	AJ62	♣	72						
		South							
		♠ 7							
		♥ K73							
		♦ T8753							
		♣ QT84							
W	N	Notes		E	S	Notes			
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT									
1C	P	better minor 3+♠		1S	P	4♠ Nat 6+ Hcp			
2S	P	4♠ Support Min		4S	P	To Play			
American 2/1 Game Force, 2455, 15-17NT									
1C	P	2+♠		1S	P	4♠ Nat 6+ Hcp			
2S	P	4♠ Support Min		4S	P	To Play			
English Acol, 4444, 12-14 NT									
1NT	P	12-14 Bal, No 5 card Major		2H	P	Transfer 5+ ♠ maybe weak			
2NT	P	Super accept Max & 4♠		4S	P	To Play			
Precision, 1C Strong, 0355, 13-15NT									
1NT	P	13-15 Bal, No 5 card Maj		2H	P	Transfer 5+ ♠ maybe weak			
2NT	P	Super accept Max & 4♠		4S	P	To Play			

A more complex hand – 18HCPs then bidding 6 Spades

		North							
		♠ T3		A more complex hand, with N/S having a slam available in 3 suits. 18hcp bal hand vs very strong S/D hand					
		♥ KQJ							
		♦ A754							
		♣ AKJ2							
D=N	West	East		♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	
♠	2	♠	975	N	6	6	2	6	3
♥	AT9752	♥	843	S	6	6	2	6	3
♦	Q63	♦	82	Easy bidding for all systems to reach the best spot 6♠. The bidding is straight forward (wether or not W overcalls 2♥). All keycard in ♠ & singoff in 6♠ (missing a keycard).					
♣	543	♣	QT976						
		South							
		♠ AKQJ864							
		♥ 6							
		♦ KJT9							
		♣ 8							
W	N	Notes		E	S	Notes			
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT									
1C	P	better minor 3+♠		P	1S	4♠ Nat 6+ Hcp			
2H	2NT	18-19 Balanced, ♥ stops		P	4NT	Keycard in last suit (♠)			
P	5H	2 Keycards, No Q♣		P	6S	missing a Ace			
American 2/1 Game Force, 2455, 15-17NT									
1C	P	2+♠		P	1S	4♠ Nat 6+ Hcp			
2H	2NT	18-19 Balanced, ♥ stops		P	4NT	Keycard in last suit (♠)			
P	5H	2 Keycards, No Q♣		P	6S	missing a Ace			
English Acol, 4444, 12-14 NT									
1C	P	4C, Opening, >15 if Bal		P	1S	4♠ Nat 6+ Hcp			
2H	2NT	19-20 Balanced, ♥ stops		P	4NT	Keycard in last suit (♠)			
P	5H	2 Keycards, No Q♣		P	6S	missing a Ace			
Precision, 1C Strong, 0355, 13-15NT									
1C	P	Strong 16+ Any		P	1S	8+ HCP 5♠			
2H	1NT	Bal 16-18, No 3 ♠		P	4NT	Keycard in last suit (♠)			
P	5H	2 Keycards, No Q♣		P	6S	missing a Ace			
Note: 2H overcall against Precision is more danerous as N/S know about at least 26hcp fit & may Double for penalties.									

6. Teaching Corner for Newer Players

6a. A Teaching hand

Taken from “**A first book of bridge problems**” by Pat O’Connor, one of our regular players. There are copies of his books in our library, but they are also available through the Bridge Shop on Penshurst Street.

They are a good read and would make a great Christmas gift!

This month’s bridge problem:

North

♠ 10 9 8

♥ Q 9

♦ A K 10 8 6 4

♣ J 2

South

♠ A K 4

♥ A 8 7 2

♦ 3 2

♣ K Q 4 3

The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT		All Pass

You are sitting South with a balanced hand and 16 HCPs, so you open 1NT.

Partner has 10 HCPs with a promising diamond suit and raises you to game.

The lead is the ♣7.

How do you plan to play the hand?

Analysis of the Bridge Problem

The first thing to do is to count your winners. You have two in spades, one in hearts and two in diamonds – that’s five, a long way from nine.

Two tricks can be developed in clubs but that is not enough. The source of salvation is the diamond suit. If the opponents’ diamonds split 3-2 there are five tricks to be had. So, you have to assume that they will split 3-2. If you play the Ace, King and another first there will be no entry to dummy to enjoy the winners.

The answer is to lose a trick in diamonds first, that is duck the first round of diamonds in dummy. That way you retain an entry to dummy with your ♦3.

East plays the ♣10 on the opening lead and you win in your hand with the King. Now as per your plan, you play the ♦2. West plays the Queen! This is unexpected.

What do you do now?

Read on to find 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 player.

6b. Learning this absorbing game

Courses run at our club:

Introduction to Bridge, is a 6-week course, 2 hours per lesson, run at Club Willoughby **and** at East Lindfield, for the new player. The first semester of 2019 will begin as follows:

Monday 4th February at 7pm or
Tuesday 5th February at 10:30am
 at Club Willoughby, 20-26 Crabbes avenue.

Tuesday March 5th at 2pm or 7pm at East Lindfield, 2B Carlyle Road.

Want to join a bridge beginner course?

Call Sue Crompton on 0416 290 867

After that, at Club Willoughby:

Bridge Basics expands the Introduction to Bridge to give players a further appreciation of basic bidding, and declarer/defender play.

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

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

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

Want to keep learning?

Call Anita Curtis on 0405 449 767
 or email ac210927@bigpond.net.au

On Friday mornings at East Lindfield, before the 10am game, our manager Mike Prescott gives a half-hour lesson aimed at all levels of player.

Want to come to Mike's lessons?

Just turn up at East Lindfield at 9:30, with or without a partner.

BUILD ON THE BASICS with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Wed Oct 3 & Thur Oct 4	Focus on Defence:	Leads against suit contracts
Wed Oct 10 & Thur Oct 11	Let's get in the way!	Weak Twos & responses
Wed Oct 17 & Thur Oct 18	Hand Analysis 1 & consolidation	Hand Analysis 1 & consolidation
Wed Oct 24 & Thur Oct 25	They hate it when I interfere!	3 level pre-empts & responses
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 with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Oct 4	Brilliant switches	Defence
Oct 11	Double or nothing	Penalty Xs – bidding & defence
Oct 18	You CAN bid slams in Nts	Quantative or Blackwood?
Oct 25	Forcing or not forcing?	Invitational or forcing?
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 GAME / INTERMEDIATE with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Fri, 5 Oct	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Skills 4 - all skills
Fri, 12 Oct	Declarer decisions at Trick 1	Eddie Kantar for Intermediate players - declarer play
Fri, 19 Oct	NO LESSON	
Fri, 26 Oct	Hand Evaluation	Eddie Kantar for Intermediate players - bidding
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

The Solution to the Teaching Hand

6c. And from one of our newer players

The Full Deal

North

♠ 10 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ A K 10 8 6 4
♣ J 2

West

♠ Q J 6 5
♥ 6 5 4
♦ Q 7
♣ A 9 8 7

East

♠ 7 3 2
♥ K J 10 3
♦ J 9 5
♣ 10 6 5

South

♠ A K 4
♥ A 8 7 2
♦ 3 2
♣ K Q 4 3

Do not be diverted from your quest! It is tempting to capture the Queen with the Ace but you had already determined that you cannot make the contract unless the diamonds split 3-2.

So, duck the diamond as planned! If you capture the Queen, you will not make the contract.

It was extremely cunning of West to play the Queen on the first round of diamonds. Most people would be fooled by it, but not you.

Key Point

Don't be afraid to give up a trick early. Sometimes it is the only way to make your contract.

Do come and have some fun on Melbourne Cup Day!

Yve Close, one of our up and coming bridge players, started as a beginner with Liz Wilkinson. She has continued lessons with Anita Curtis and has progressed through Supervised, Rookie and Restricted games, where she plays regularly. Recently she also started to play in an Open game, that's quite an achievement! She sent us this article:

"In July 2015, after three quarters of a century wielding an artist's brush, I plunged headlong into the world of Bridge hoping to stimulate my flagging memory. An Introduction course with Liz Wilkinson, followed by Build on the Basics with Anita Curtis, furnished me with a rudimentary understanding of this complex, fascinating game and I commenced playing in a Supervised game.

Presently I practice twice each week at Rookie level and on Saturdays at the invitation of another club member, in the Open game with very advanced exponents. That really is a challenge. Their abilities, especially when bidding for a contract, certainly remind me that I still have a lot to learn. Periodically I undertake home revision but, once the cards are in my hand and the game commences at our Club, those myriad rules scatter far and wide. At times I play instinctively rather than knowledgeably. It is then that I comfort myself by remembering that my Mother was a Grand Master and hoping that a little of her ability has been passed down. Will it help me climb the ladder, at least a rung or two? Here's hoping!

Life has been rich and exciting. However, recent experiences are teaching me that I must tame the wild spirit that is mine - especially at the bridge table. There, it leads to overzealous bidding, puzzled partners, unfulfilled contracts and, at times, poor percentages. This taming is a work in progress - so please wish me luck when we meet at our Club Willoughby."

7. Focus on East Lindfield



7a. Playing Bridge at East Lindfield

Coincident with the closure of the Willis venue, the NSBC purchased the Gordon Bridge Centre in 2015 and thus took over the Lindfield Bowling Club as an additional club venue.

This magnificent bridge venue, off Wellington Road, boasts ample parking, modern facilities, a bright, open, air-conditioned bridge room, but most importantly, great camaraderie.

All NSBC facilities used at Club Willoughby are duplicated and available to you at this venue. In addition, the venue boasts a commercial coffee machine with a wide range of coffee strengths available.

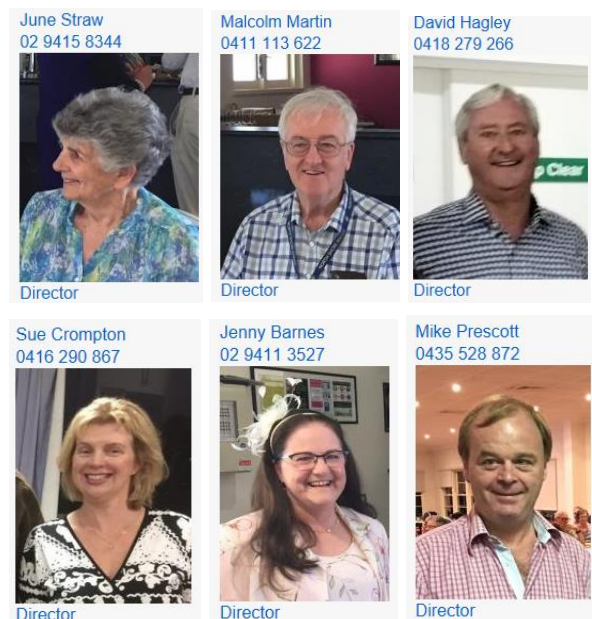
So, if you haven't visited our Club at Lindfield we implore you and your partner to come along, visit and play in one of our many open, supervised or rookie sessions. We offer bridge sessions six days a week.

David Hagley (Director East Lindfield)

7b. East Lindfield Sessions

Day	Time	Director	EL Bridge Sessions
Monday	9:30 AM	June Straw	Monday Morning Open PAIRS
	1:00 PM	Malcolm Martin	Monday Afternoon Open PAIRS
Tuesday	10:00 AM	David Hagley	Tuesday Morning Open Pairs
	2:00 PM	Sue Crompton	Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge
	7:00 PM	Sue Crompton	Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge
	7:30 PM		EL Championship events
Wednesday	10:00 AM	June Straw	Wednesday morning Open pairs
Thursday	1:00 PM	Sue Crompton	Thursday Afternoon Open PAIRS
Friday	9:30 AM	Mike Prescott	Talk on Bridge
	10:00 AM	Sue Crompton	Friday Morning Open Pairs
	10:00 AM	Sue Crompton	Friday Morning Restricted Pairs
Saturday	1:00 PM	Sue Crompton	Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

7c. East Lindfield Directors Team



7d. East Lindfield Statistics:

Club ABF Number :2-074

Club Name: NSBC@Lindfield

(was previously Gordon Bridge Centre)

ABF Home club Members 332

NSBC Membership 350

Some members have different Home Club registrations at the ABF data centre.

Sessions:

Monday at 9:30 up to 10 Tables
 Monday at 1pm About 20 Tables
 Tuesday at 10am up to 10 Tables
 Wednesday at 10am About 25 tables
 Thursday at 1pm About 25 Tables
 Friday at 10am up to 10 Tables
 Saturday at 1pm About 20 Tables

Note: The Tuesday night 7:30pm session has been closed as the numbers were very small.

Tuesday night continues, however, to be the focus of special East Lindfield championship events.