



1. Improve Your Slam bidding

Notes on the Match point Scores:

This hand came up in the 2018 Stratified Pairs session 1, hand 13, played by 34 Tables.

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	4	2	7	7	7
South	4	2	6	6	7

N/S must bid Slam to score well!

	Lead	NS Score	NS MP	EW MP	Played	NS %	EW %
6♠	N 13	K♦ 1460	64	2	3x	97% TOP=	3%
6♠	N 12	K♦ 1430	48	18	13x	73%	27%
4♠	N 13	K♦ 710	27	39	8x	41% AVE -	59%
4♠	N 12	K♦ 680	12	54	7x	18%	82%
4NT	S 11	2♣ 660	3	63	2x	5%	95%
3NT	S 10	630	0	66	1x	0% Bottom	100%

34 Tables

To score an **equal top** you have to bid 6♠, find the Q♠ and make **13 tricks**.

Only 16 pairs bid slam. **18 Pairs failed to reach the slam.**

South knows they have at least 30+ HCP and 5/3 spade fit, that's slam territory!

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Bid a slam for a good result

97% is top when you bid 6♠ and find the Q♠ to make all 13 tricks.

73% when you bid 6♠ and lose to the Q♠ but make 12 tricks.

Underbidding with a game scores poorly

41% is average, when you only bid game, but find the Q♠ and make all 13 tricks.

18% when you only bid game and only make 12 tricks.

5% is nearly bottom, for 4NT making 11 tricks.

0% is a **bottom** for 3NT making just 10 tricks.

Key Messages:

You must **bid your slams** to score well when everybody is likely to bid slam.

Stay with the field.

Even if you go down, everybody else probably does as well and you obtain about average score!

North		D V
♠ A J 7 4 2		
♥ K Q 10 9 8		
♦ 3		
♣ K 6		
West	East	
♠ 5 3	♠ Q 9 6	
♥ 4 2	♥ 7 6 5 3	
♦ 7 5 4	♦ K Q J 10 9 2	
♣ Q 10 8 4 3 2	♣	
South		HCPs
♠ K 10 8		13
♥ A J		2 8
♦ A 8 6		17
♣ A J 9 7 5		

Hand repeated for convenience

Suggested bidding with a more likely interference (**East overcalls 2♦ when vulnerable**) after the 1♠ opening:

North	East	South
1♠	<2♦>	3♦ Cue raise Agrees ♠
4♦ (Shortage)		4NT Keycard in ♠
5♣ (1 or 4)		5♦ Ask for Q♠
5♠ (no Q)		6♠

we have 30+ HCP and a fit. 6♠ should make.

Key Tools: Cue raise

A Cue Raise of opponent's overcall suit **shows** a strong fit in your partner's suit, forcing to at least the next bid in the suit.

1♠ opened, 2♦ overcalled.

How to support partner?

- 3♦ **Cue Raise (strong fit) forcing to 3♠**
- 2♠ Weak support, maybe less than 6 HCPs
- 3♠ Limited Support, maybe 7-9 HCPs
- 4♠ Pre-emptive, maybe just long spades
- X Negative, shows 4-4 in the other suits

X first, then followed by a Cue **asks** for a stopper

Notes on bidding the slam

North opens 1♠, the higher of 5-card touching equal length suits

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|---------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1♠ | 2NT | Jacoby 2NT |
| 3♦ (shortage) | 4NT | Keycard for Aces |
| 5♣ (1 or 4) | 5♦ | Asks about the Q♠ |
| 5♠ (no Q) | 6♠ | Contract |

Notes:

2NT **Jacoby Game Force** in ♠, asking for information on shortages.

3♦ Shortage, fits well with Axx opposite x.

4NT Keycard or Blackwood finds 1 Keycard (Ace)

5♦ Ask for Q♠ – maybe 7 is on?

5♠ (no Q)

We have 30+ HCP, nothing wasted in diamonds. 6♠ should make.

Alternatively: by partnership agreement 4 of a suit is a second 5-card suit

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| North | South |
| 1♠ | 2NT Jacoby 2NT |
| 4♥ 5-card suit | 4NT Keycard in ♠ |
| 5♣ (1 or 4) | 5♦ Asks about the Q♠ |
| 5♠ (no Q) | 6♠ Contract |

We have 30+ HCP so 6♠ should make.

Key Messages:

Hands with fitting shortages make extra tricks. For example, Axx opposite x allows you to ruff the xx.

Hands with unfitting shortages are potential misfits. For example, AKQx opposite x has wasted values. Consider a signoff in game

Useful tips and tools

Jacoby 2NT, Game Force, agrees partner's major and requests shortage information to assess the fit.

1♠ – P – 2NT

3♣, 3♦, 3♥ these are shortages

3♠ shows six spades, no singleton, maximum strength

3NT shows maximum strength, no singleton

4♠ is a signoff, no shortage, minimum HCPs (11-12)

4♣, 4♦, 4♥ responses are 5/5 hands

4NT Keycard or Blackwood, check for Aces

5♣ (1 or 4) keycards

5♦ (0 or 3) keycards

5♥ (2 or 5) keycards – no Q trumps

5♠ (2 or 5) keycards – with Q trumps

Note: 5 Keycards = 4 Aces + K trumps

This is often written on system cards "1430"

Bidding the next suit in Keycard asks for the Queen of trumps (if missing).

5NT asks for Kings. This is used when looking for a grand slam. By agreement either:

- Bid specific Kings up the line, but not past the trump suit
- Give a count of Kings, 0,1,2 etc.

2. Stratified and Congress Results

2a. 2018 TBIB Stratified Match Point Pairs

A stratified pairs event was run over the four Saturdays in August, in parallel at Club Willoughby and at East Lindfield. The board scores were merged from both venues, and then match pointed across the whole field. Your best three scores were counted & totaled to provide your total MP score (i.e. % Scores)

Over the four weeks 34, 40, 34 and 35 tables participated in the event.

Pairs were graded on their average current ABF Masterpoint status (A+B)/2 and a number of winners were declared in the 5 categories:

Pairs with Ave, MP >750 - Category A

1st Hymie Osie & Liz Wilkinson
2nd Sandra Da Silva & Liz McEwen

Pairs with Ave MP 500 to 750 - Category B

1st Judy Osie & David Osie
2nd Jillian Hagley & June Straw

Pairs with Ave MP 300 to 500 - Category C

1st Sandy & Sandra MacGregor
2nd Pat Black & Lesley Giles

Pairs with Ave MP 100 to 300 - Category D

1st Kathryn Stewart & Susan Feeney
2nd Michelle Levy & Yvonne Rawack

Pairs with Ave MP <100 - Category E

1st Janice Heath & Lynne Kerry
2nd Pierre Tennant & Kay Tennant

Individual Session Winners

East Lindfield

Elaine Dignan & Ian Maclaren
Sandy & Sandra Macgregor (2 sessions)
Joyce Edwards & Sally Quarles
Nan Stevenson & Heather Wilson
Margaret Booth & Claire Dixon
Graham & Judith Murray
Margot Lander & Judy Sharp

Club Willoughby

Judy Osie & David Osie (2 sessions)
Ken & Susan McMahon
Beverley Callaway & Jill Harrison
Mischa Solar & Alice Balog
Mike & Penny Clarey
Les Varadi & Tom Goodyer
Judy Twigg & Trish Matheson

2b. East Lindfield Swiss Teams Congress

A "teams of four" Swiss congress was held on Sunday 25th August at our East Lindfield venue, with 32 teams competing. There were two sessions with a 10am start, each session having 3 rounds of 9-board matches.

The field was seeded with the stronger teams on the first row. The first round was a +-16 draw, then the results were used to arrange the matches so that 1 played 2, 3 played 4 etc. each round. Scoring was Teams (IMPS converted into Victory Points) for each match.

The winners (having the highest VPs) were:



1st Liam Milne, James Coutts, Jessica Brake, Susan Humphries



2nd Witold Chylewski (Jun), Warren Dobes, Les Grewcock, Marek Kolodziejczyk

3rd Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Sophie Ashton, Sartaj Hans

Best Restricted Team



Neil Williams, Rob Holgate, Carolyn Greenwich, Gale Spalvins

2c. Club Congress News

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

COFFS ABF Congress

COFFS – Welcome pairs

- 1st **Derek Maltz – David Smee**
3rd **Bijan Assae – Dominic Kwok**

COFFS – Open Swiss Pairs

- 1st **Johnno Newman**, Nye Griffiths



Intermediate Swiss:

- 4th **Edward Truscott, Alexis Ngan**

COFFS – Open Swiss Teams

- 1st **Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas** and Roy Nixon, **David Weston**,



Open Teams winners
Bob, Richard, Roy, David

- 2nd Lakshmi Sunderasan (npc), **Johnno Newman**, Nye Griffiths, Liam Milne, James Coutts,



2nd in Open Teams
Lakshmi, Johnno, Nye,
Liam, James

- 4th **Roslyn Howes, Margaret Foster** and Ross Crichton, Pam Crichton

COFFS - Restricted Teams

4th **Hans Van Weeren, Peter Clarke**, Jeff Conroy, Jill Blenkey

INGLEBURN Congress - Teams

1st **Steven Bock**, Rakesh Kumar, **Kevin Davies and Julian Abel**

Also doing very well from EL: **Kit Meyers, Kerry Rymer, Fiona Lavery and Esther Lee**

ORANGE Congress - Teams

1st **Margaret Foster, Robbie Feyder, Phillip Beeby, Jane Beeby**

2nd **David Weston, Richard Douglas**, Bob Dillon, Lyn Dillon

NSW State Individual Champion

1st **Yumin LI**



3. Manager's and Editor's Columns

3a. Our Manager's column



Every Friday morning at East Lindfield at 9.30am I am giving a **free half hour lesson on different topics**. Each week you receive notes to take away and study. Please join me for these lessons as they suit all standards of players. The open session starts at 10am.

No need to have a partner you will always get a game so please join us.

North Shore Bridge Club

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

3b. The Editor's Column



As my second issue I find myself struggling with the intricacies of Word and its hidden formatting controls.

I've added a few more features including Congress news, an expanded teaching column and a club history snapshot.

I want to acknowledge my support and reviewing team (Leo Goorevich, Kay Moyes, Pat O'Connor).

3c. North Shore Bridge Club Personnel



Our president of the NSBC for the last 10 years is John Brownie, a retired lawyer. He is a regular bridge player at both our East Lindfield and Club Willoughby venues.

Master Point Rank: Bronze Life (740 MP)

Active Tennis player

Favourite bidding System: Standard

3d. Readers' Feedback

Congratulations on your appointment as the editor of the NSBC newsletter. I like the structure and look forward to receiving it every month.

Pat O'Connor

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 Organiser: Mike Prescott (0435 528 872)

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/spnot/2018/> email: sn@abf.com.au
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The Sydney Spring Nationals are again being held at the Canterbury Racetrack (but we do play bridge!). Whilst the venue is a bit of a hike, it is well worth the trip, there are competitions for all grades of players.


Our esteemed manager is the tournament organizer. If you do not want to play, Mike needs volunteers to help run the event.

2018 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


The Hybrid Teams event

The Hybrid Teams event, run over three Thursday nights at Club Willoughby, is a "team of 4+" event. The scoring is a mixture of BAM (Board A Match – almost pairs) and normal teams IMPS / Victory Points.

The event will probably be run in a Swiss team format. Players of all capabilities are welcome.



Hybrid Teams
Club Willoughby



Thursday Nights: 7:30pm

27th September
4th October
11th October

Red Point Event
\$45 Members
\$60 Non Members

The NSBC honour board shows:

Year	NSBC Club Championships – Hybrid TEAMS (BAM + Vps)
2018	???
2017	Peter Jeffery, Julian Abel, A Wilsmore, Tony Burke
2016	Judy Osie, Withold Chylewski (Jun), Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets
2014	Judy Osie, Withold Chylewski, Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets
2013	Julian Abel, Peter Jeffery, Gary Lane, David Smee

Will your team be the 2018 champion?

4. Improve your card play skills

This hand on play analysis was provided by Pat O'Connor, our resident bridge book author!

North
 ♠ Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K Q J 10 9

South
 ♠ A K 7 6
 ♥ Q 6 5
 ♦ 7 5 4 3
 ♣ 6 3

The bidding was:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

North opens 1♣ and East overcalls 1♥. You have nine HCP and four spades, so you respond 1♠, which partner, with a minimum opening hand and four spades, raises to 2♠ and everyone passes.

West leads the ♥2. What is your plan?

Initial Analysis

You have two possible losers in hearts, four in diamonds and one in clubs. However, things are promising because three of your diamond losers can be ruffed in dummy and/or thrown on the long club winners.

East surely has the ♥K for the overcall so if you duck in dummy and East takes the ♥K, your ♥Q will be set up.

But is this the best way to proceed?

The lead of the ♥2 is ominous.

A **two** is often the **lowest card from four** because the common lead from a long suit is the fourth highest.

It cannot be from a doubleton because the standard lead from a **doubleton is the higher card**.

But here, because East has bid he has at least five hearts for the overcall. The ♥2 is **clearly a singleton!**

The Full Deal

North
 ♠ Q 9 8 4
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K Q J 10 9

West
 ♠ J 10 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K Q J 2
 ♣ A 8 5 4 2

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

South
 ♠ A K 7 6
 ♥ Q 6 5
 ♦ 7 5 4 3
 ♣ 6 3

Look what happens if you duck the lead in dummy.

East wins the ♥K and returns the ♥J (suit preference for diamonds, the higher of the other two suits) which West ruffs. West then leads a diamond to East's Ace and East leads the ♥4 (suit preference for clubs, the lower of the other two suits) which West ruffs. Then West leads the ♣A and another club for East to ruff. You have just **lost six tricks** whilst watching helplessly from the sideline. Your partner is looking equally stunned!

The sight of the ♥2 **should ring alarm bells.**

- You should immediately win with the ♥A,
- Cash **three rounds of trumps** to deprive the defenders of their fun,
- and then play clubs until the defenders take their ♣A.
- Then they can cash their ♦A, and possibly the ♥K which will set up your ♥Q as a winner.
- In any case you will be able to dispose of three losers on the established clubs and still ruff a diamond in dummy.

You will end up with only three losers. That gives you **ten tricks** instead of seven!

Key Point

The opening lead of the two of a suit can be quite revealing.

Pat O'Connor NSBC member and Author

My third bridge book has been published recently and it is all about defence for novices.

After carefully going through the basic concepts, it takes the reader through forty problems, using an 'over the shoulder' style, and explaining every play as it is made. It is called

Demystifying Defense

There is a copy in the Novice Section of the NSBC club library at Club Willoughby.

5. NSBC Teaching Teams

5a. Starting with the Beginners

We run structured beginners' lessons at both our Club Willoughby and East Lindfield venues. They run for an initial 6 weeks and are repeated twice a year. After the initial course, students are encouraged to participate in the ongoing teaching and supervised play options that are provided.



Teacher



Teacher

Our teachers are Liz Wilkinson at Club Willoughby and Ed Barnes at East Lindfield.

Want to start a bridge beginner or a refresher course?

For enquiries call Sue on 0416 290 867

The current beginners' lessons at Club Willoughby started late July with Liz and the lessons at East Lindfield with Ed Barnes started late August.

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!

For follow-up bridge after the beginner's lessons, NSBC encourages new players to attend Supervised bridge sessions,

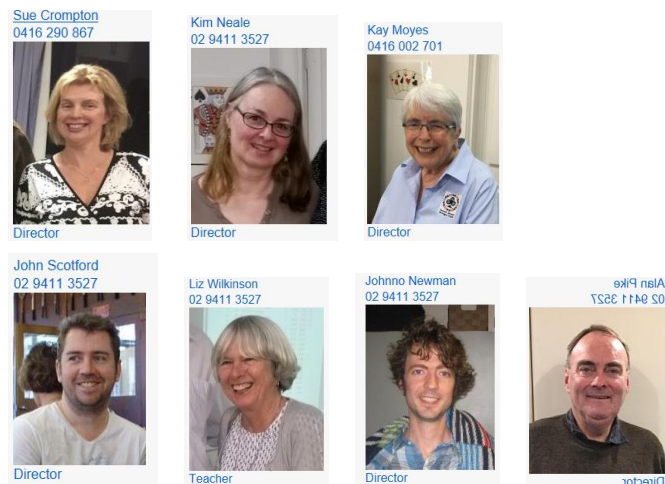
As players become more confident they move into Rookie & then Restricted bridge sessions.

For further development lessons that follow from Liz's and Ed's classes, see "Build on the Basics" and "Develop Your Skills" below.

5b. Supervised and Rookie Team

After the beginners' lessons, players join our Supervised Bridge sessions where they can ask for help during the play.

When they are ready, they move to the Rookie level where they play more boards, without questions! These sessions are all 2-hour games, starting with a pre-session 15-minute talk on bridge bidding and / or play. Here is our new player team:



When they feel that Rookie is too slow or too easy for them, we offer the 3-hour Restricted level games, suitable for players with less than 300 Masterpoints.

In this way the Northshore Bridge Club offers new players a route to the OPEN competitive game, at their own pace.

5c. Anita's Teaching Corner



A Poem by Margie Watson re classes with Anita

I try to open with a four-card major
Anita comes past and says I'll wager,
You've forgotten everything I've ever taught
you
But go play rookies — that'll sort you!

Now I recall - bid a five-card major first

But balanced hand — that's the worst
Because then No Trumps the bid will be
Yikes! I need help Anita — you'll see!
I know the rule that you can overcall with five
But partner? What's she doing? Great snakes
alive!
She's put a big cross - I think it means double
What do I do now? Anita! I'm in trouble!

Uh-oh, now shall I overcall No Trump?
This hand is really making my blood pump
Was it a stopper I needed? Was it Anita?
Oh, my brain is as useless as an amoeba!

My partner's opened with 1 No Trump - oh
dear
Am I meant to play Stayman - I'm sort of
unclear.

How many points should I have? Should they
be major?
Anita! Anita! Come be my saviour!

There was a lesson on transfers - yes!
Transfer with 5
I remember that bit, but where were we meant
to arrive?
Was it me or my partner who gets that choice?
Thank heavens the tea break is soon - let's all
rejoice.
I've lost track of the number of points that I
need
Please help me again Anita I plead!

I try to relax but OMG OMG!
I can't believe my eyes - partner's opened 2C!
I remember that means her hand must be
strong!
Or maybe it meant weak? I could be wrong!
No worries, just answer with something
automatic,
But oh, how I wish she and I were telepathic!

I have a nasty feeling that Stayman and
Transfers may come into play
But I really must chill cos at the end of the day,
It's only a game and I'm playing for fun
But if the game had "call a friend" - Anita you'd
be the one!

Build on the Basics, for Improvers

Each lesson covers a self-contained topic. Players are welcome to come to any single lesson but will gain most benefit from attendance on a regular basis. A second play session during the week is highly recommended.

BUILD ON THE BASICS with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Wed Sep 5 & Thur Sep 6	Now what do I do?	Responder's priorities & Opener's rebids; ruffing & trumping in the short hand & dummy
Wed Sep 12 & Thur Sep 13	Oh no – I'm in the wrong hand!	Plan ahead and untangle entries
Wed Sep 19 & Thur Sep 20	Sorry, partner—I can't support you!	Opener's rebids with 2 suited hands
Wed Sep 26 & Thur Sep 27	Responder's NT bids	Responder's NT bids
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

Want to join or attend a bridge lesson?

Email Anita on
ac210927@bigpond.net.au

Develop Your Skills, building to Intermediate level

The Develop Your Skills lessons with Anita extend your knowledge from Build on the Basics topics and prepare players for intermediate lessons and for unsupervised duplicate play.

This course covers a wide range of topics, including declarer play techniques and defensive skills, new bidding challenges such as slam bidding using Blackwood, what to do when the opponents pre-empt, forcing or not forcing bids, delayed game raises, hand evaluation and competitive auctions.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Thur Sep 6	Let's get into the bidding!	Weak Jump Overcalls
Thur Sep 13	Whose hand is it? One more for the road?	Competitive bidding
Thur Sep 20	Hand Analysis – all skills	Hand Analysis – all skills
Thur Sep 27	Signalling is Legal	Defence
Thur 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

Broaden Your Game / Intermediate Players

BYG is for intermediate level players, typically with a minimum of 3 years playing experience.

BROADEN YOUR GAME / INTERMEDIATE with Anita Curtis @ CW		
Fri, 7 Sep	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Skills 3 - all skills
Fri, 14 Sep	Suit Establishment 2	Eddie Kantar for Intermediate players - declarer play
Fri, 21 Sep	Bidding with a Misfit	Eddie Kantar for Intermediate players - bidding
Fri, 28 Sep	NO LESSON	
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

5d. NSBC Club library



This section is reserved for info on new acquisitions to our bridge library

From our Library index:





Labour Day Congress
Matchpoint Pairs

East Lindfield

Monday: 01 October

2 session event
Session 1 at 9:30am
Lunch orders taken
Before 1st session

Red Point Event

Entry \$30.00



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.

The Labour Day Congress

The North Shore Bridge Club is holding a 2-session pairs congress at our East Lindfield venue, on the **Monday** of the October long weekend (**Labour Day**).

We can only fit 35 tables, so book early via the North Shore Bridge Club website.

The likely format will be a 1-session qualifying round, followed by a 7-table final and a consolation.

The scoring will be normal Match Points

This is the 3rd year we are running the Labour day congress pairs. Our honour board shows

No	Year	Congress Labour Day Pairs (MP)	
3	2018		???
2	2017	NS	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu
		EW	Janet Rowlatt & Ian Plummer
1	2016	1 st	Janet Rowlatt & Shirley Lau

Will you be the 2018 champions?



SPRING

Matchpoint Pairs

Club Willoughby

Thursdays:

18th October

25th October

1st November

Red Point Event

\$15.00 Per session

Year	CW Club Championship – SPRING OPEN PAIRS	
2018	1 st	
2017	1 st	Jim Bean, Tim Mountjoy
2016	1 st	Lester Kalmin & Leo Goorevich

Will you be the 2018 Spring champions?



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

The East Lindfield Melbourne Cup event

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.

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

Last year’s Melbourne Cup bridge winners were bridge winners were:

2017 Melbourne Cup Party @ East Lindfield

NS Open **Judy Bardone & Fiona Lavery**

EW Open **Joyce & Bruce Edwards**

The Club Willoughby Melbourne Cup event

This is a 10am bridge session for both Open and Restricted 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.

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

Last year’s Melbourne Cup bridge winners at club Willoughby 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**



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



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

The MIXED Teams championship event

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 a Mixed Teams tournament, so at least one player must be of the other sex in all sessions

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

No	Year	1 st	NSBC Club Championship Mixed TEAMS
35	2018	1 st	
34	2017	1 st	Sally Clarke, Gary Clarke, Anita Curtis, David Fryda
33	2016	1 st	Helene Pitt, Ruth Tobin, Alex Johannsson, Arthur Ramer
32	2015	1 st	Hellina Dawson, Mike Smith, Waren Lazer, David Weston

Will you be the 2018 champion mixed team?

A Couple of Tips on how to Win at PAIRS BRIDGE:

Understand the Matchpoint scoring:

On any given hand's travelling score sheet, you get 2 points for every score you better, 1 point for every score you equal and zero points for having a lower score.

These are added up & translated to percentages on the Bridge-mates, and bridge players often comment on "**Top board**", "**Average board**" or "**Bottom board**" when they see their percentage scoring displayed in the bridge-mates during the session.

The NSBC stores all results for each board on **Pianola** after the session for access & review. An automated e-mail is sent to players e-mail addresses, with active links. Please do click on these links & explore the stored session results.

You are trying to score **against all the other pairs in your direction**, not just the pair you are playing against. Remember: Your score is the sum of (2 points, 1 point, 0 points) depending on how you compare with the other players in your direction. Usually expressed as a percentage. Any one board is only worth **4% of the total session scores**. So, don't get despondent about one poor score. Sessions are usually won on 60% to 65% total scores.

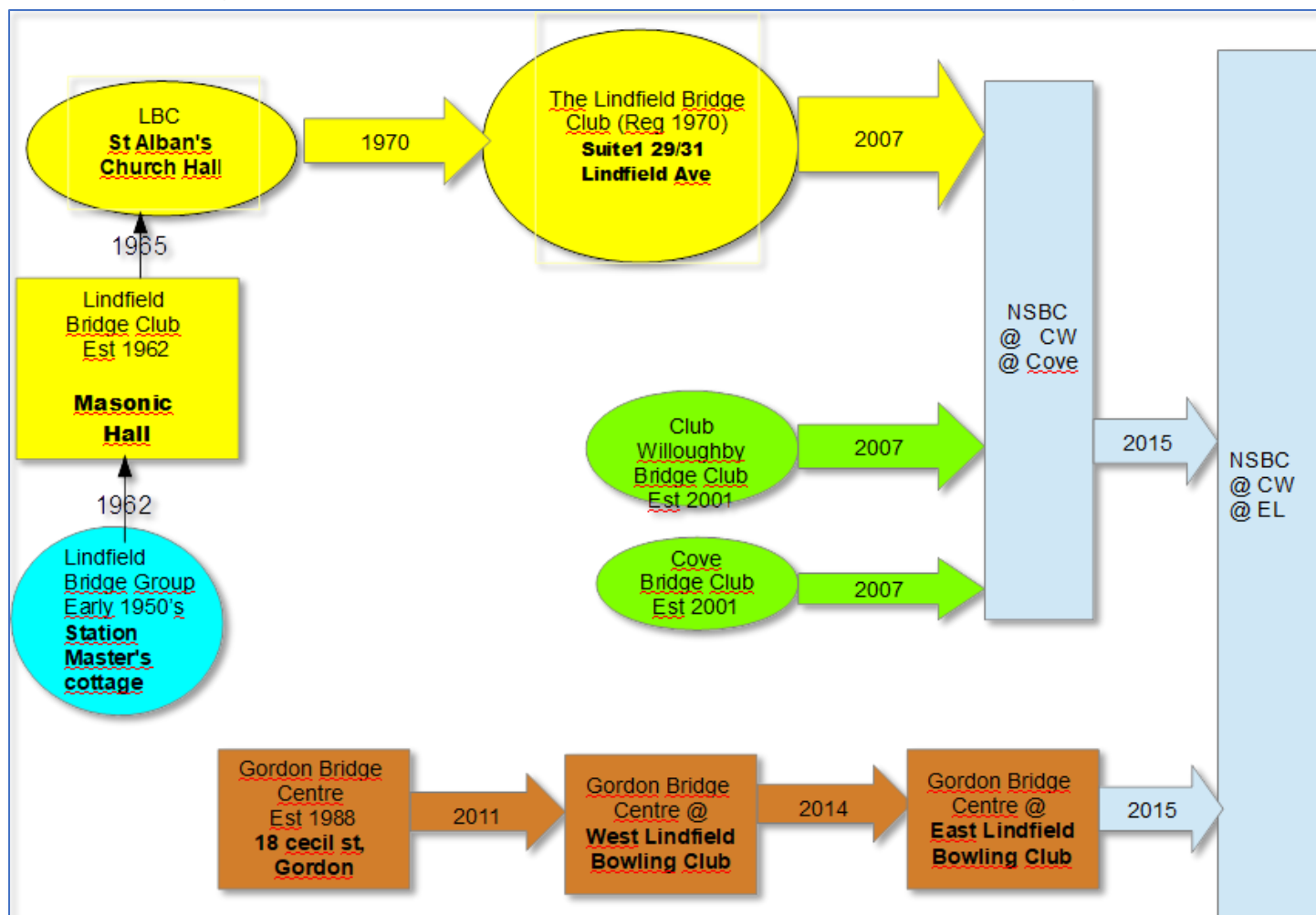
As Declarer: it's all about winning overtricks. An extra trick or 10 points gains many MPs. You **do not have to bid light or poor games and slams**, as extra overtricks score just as well.

As Defender: Make sure **you make what you're entitled to**. Don't give away any unnecessary tricks! If they make a game or slam hopefully this is just average, or a little below Average score.

Above all - Have fun!

6. The History of the North Shore Bridge Club

The NSBC was formed in 2007 with the merger of the Lindfield, Willoughby and Cove clubs. This was triggered by the need to relocate the Lindfield Bridge Club from the Lindfield arcade, now demolished and replaced with a block of units. Subsequently the Gordon club at East Lindfield joined in 2015. The diagram below tries to picture a historical perspective of the club mergers.



Lindfield Bridge Club:

1950s: The Lindfield Bridge Group, set up by Rex Knox's mother, starts playing at the Station Master's cottage in Lindfield.

1962: The **Lindfield Bridge Club** is formally established in the Masonic Hall in Lindfield. Rex Knox is installed as the initial president.

1965: The club moves to the St Albans Church Hall as the table numbers grow.

1970: A whole floor in the then new Lindfield arcade is leased, with half the space being sub leased to Flick & Co. A real home! No more putting out tables each play session!

2007: The move and merge to form the North Shore Bridge Club at Club Willoughby.

Club Willoughby Bridge Club

Pre-2001: Social Bridge Australia runs sessions as Willoughby Bridge Club at CW.

2001: John McIlrath starts the Club Willoughby Bridge Club as a business.

2007 Club Willoughby merges with Lindfield/Cove into the North Shore Bridge Club, playing at Club Willoughby.

Cove Bridge Club

2001 John McIlrath starts the Cove Bridge Club at Cove Tennis Centre as a business.

2007 Cove merges with Lindfield/Willoughby into the North Shore Bridge Club.

2014 The renamed Willis venue closes and members play at Club Willoughby and Mosman.

Mosman and Diggers

2014 The Mosman club starts up with the demise of Willis and some Mosman members not wanting to play at either Club Willoughby or Trumps. John McIlrath starts the Diggers club as a business opportunity with Watermark.

2016 As part of the settlement with John McIlrath, the Mosman and Diggers start-ups are taken off the North Shore Bridge Club books and transferred formally to John McIlrath's business.

Gordon Bridge Club

1988 Greg Quittner starts the Gordon Bridge Club at 11 Cecil St, as a business.

2011 The Gordon Bridge Club moves to the West Lindfield Bowling Club.

2014 The Gordon Bridge Club moves to the East Lindfield Bowling club. This was caused partially by the Lindfield Bridge Club seeking more permanent premises and courting the West Lindfield Bowling Club as a home.

2015 The Gordon Bridge Club merges with the North Shore Bridge Club and continues to expand at the East Lindfield Bowling Club.

Year	Est.	Club	Non-Profit	Home Club Member Numbers	Non Home Members	Total Members	President or Owner	Locations
2007	1962	The Lindfield Bridge Club	Yes	625	200	825	John Mottram	Lindfield
2007	2001	The Willoughby Bridge Club	No	399		399	John McIlrath	Club Willoughby
2007	2001	The Cove Bridge Club	No	196		196	John McIlrath	Cove
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2007	2007	The North Shore Bridge Club	Yes	1220	200	1420	John Mottram	CW and Cove
2008				?			John Brownie	CW and Cove
2009				?			John Brownie	CW and Cove
2010				?			John Brownie	CW and Cove
2011				931	200	1131	John Brownie	CW and Cove
2012				881	200	1081	John Brownie	CW and Cove
2013				988	200	1188	John Brownie	CW and Willis
2014				1129	200	1329	John Brownie	CW and Willis
2015	2007	The North Shore Bridge Club	Yes	1109		1109	John Brownie	CW and Willis
2015	1988	Gordon Bridge Centre	No	280		280	Greg Quittner	Gordon, WL and EL
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2015	2007	The North Shore Bridge Club	Yes	1389	200	1589	John Brownie	CW and EL
2016	2007	The North Shore Bridge Club	Yes	1371	200	1571	John Brownie	CW and EL
2017	2007	The North Shore Bridge Club	Yes	1439	200	1639	John Brownie	CW and EL
2018	2007	The North Shore Bridge Club	Yes	1503	246	1749	John Brownie	CW and EL

Some Current NSBC Statistics:

Number of Members (home Club)	Total	CW	EL
Number of members (another home club)	1503	1171	332
Total August membership	246		
	1749		

Average Number of Tables per Month 450

Number of employed staff: 25

1 fulltime Manager and 24 part time Directors, Teachers, Admin, card dealers and many **volunteers**.

Current 2018 NSBC Committee

President	John Brownie
Vice President	Graham Murray
Treasurer	Les Grewcock
Secretary	David Hagley
Committee Members	David Hudson, Elana Kohn, John McIlrath
Club Manager	Mike Prescott

7. July / August Monthly Session Winners

2018 Club Monthly Comp – EL Sessions	2018 July EL Winners	2018 August EL Winners
Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ EL 9:30	MARY HARRINGTON / DON MULLINEUX	MARGARET EASTON / JENNIE HOFFMANN
Monday Afternoon Open PAIRS @ EL 1pm	ANNE SYMONS / SALLIE QUARLES	LYNETTE MCDONALD / KIM BLACK
Tuesday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	FRAN CAMPBELL / SALLIE QUARLES	JAKE LIN / KEVIN WU
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 2pm	N/Q	MICHELLE JOKOVIC / PAMELA CAREW
Tuesday Rookie Bridge @ EL 2pm	TON VAN AMERONGEN / JEREMY LAYMAN	LEO VILENSKY / ILIA VILENSKY
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 7pm	JANE VAN-ROEKEL / CHRIS BERRY	CHRIS BERRY / JANE VAN-ROEKEL
Tuesday Evening Open @ EL 7.30pm	GREG QUITTNER / JANET CROCKER	
Wednesday OPEN pairs @ EL10am	RICHARD ULRICK / SALLIE QUARLES	JAN WILSON / ESTHER LEE
Thursday Afternoon OPEN PAIRS @ EL 1pm	DAVID HAGLEY / JILLIAN HAGLEY	MIKE CLAREY / PENNY CLAREY
Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	RICHARD ULRICK / ERIC DANIEL	PAM KOROKNAY / KIM BLACK
Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ EL 1:00pm	JILLIAN HAGLEY / JUNE STRAW	SANDRA MACGREGOR / SANDY MACGREGOR
2018 Club Monthly Comp – CW Sessions	2018 July CW Winners	2018 August CW Winners
Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	EDWARD TRUSCOTT / DAVID SMEE	NARELLE CLARK / JANN CATHELS
Monday Morning RESTRICTED PAIRS @ CW 10am	SUSAN JOHNSTON / JENNY SCULLY	ELANA SACKS / TINA OSIE
Monday Afternoon SUPERVISED PAIRS @ CW 2pm	GARRETT DWYER / GEOFF WILSON	SUSIE ZICAT / SALLY HAY
Monday Afternoon ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	KERI ROONEY / MOYA BARNETT	MONICA VILENSKY / ILIA VILENSKY
Monday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	PAT MCVEAN / ANNE O'DONNELL	ANNA KOHLER / HUBERT DITTRICH
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ CW 10am	N/Q	N/A
Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 10am	PENNY LANSER / SALLY MITCHELL	PENNY LANSER / SALLY MITCHELL
Tuesday OPEN PAIRS Bridge @ CW 1pm	JOAN POLIVNICK / PETER BENDELSTEIN	ALICE BALOG / VITA WINESTOCK
Tuesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	STACEY GARDINER / PETER BOULTON	JENNY BARNES / NOELENE HIRON
Tuesday Evening SUPERVISED @ CW 7.30pm	N/Q	
Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 7:30pm	DAVID BRAZIER / MICHELE MYERS	MICHELE MYERS / DAVID BRAZIER
Wednesday OPEN pairs @ CW 10am	ELLI URBACH / JUDY OSIE	LIDIA PUNTURIERO / JOHN MOTTRAM
Wednesday RESTRICTED pairs @ CW 10am	JILL BERRY / SUSAN FEENEY	SUSAN FEENEY / JILL BERRY
Wednesday SUPERVISED pairs @ CW 2pm	CHRISTINE ROBERTS / CAROLINE NEEDHAM	CAROLINE NEEDHAM / CHRISTINE ROBERTS
Wednesday ROOKIE pairs @ CW 2pm	ISOBEL SHAW / CATHY FRYIRS	CHRIS LEWIS / DON CHISHOLM
Wednesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	BIJAN ASSAEE / PETER LIPTHAY	MARK MOSKOW / PETER BENDELSTEIN
Thursday OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	NEIL PERRY / JOHN MOTTRAM	NEIL PERRY / JOHN MOTTRAM
Thursday ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	MICHAEL FISHBURN / DAVID HOLT	ILIA VILENSKY / MONICA VILENSKY
Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ CW 10am	WILLIAM WESTWOOD / TOM GOODYER	YOLANDE SCHNEIDER / LOIS TURNER
Friday Morning RESTRICTED Pairs @ CW 10am	JOHN ANDERSON / SUSAN FEENEY	JOHN ANDERSON / SUSAN FEENEY
Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	HYMIE OSIE / LIZ WILKINSON	JUDY OSIE / DAVID OSIE
Sunday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	PETER KOOREY / GUY JARVI	ALICE BALOG / EDITH SHELDON

The Pre-Paid SYSTEM

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