



# NSBC Newsletter



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## 1. Improve Your Slam bidding

October 10 EL Wed 10.00am Dup-Open

Board 27 Traveller

North NV  
 ♠ A 4  
 ♥ 9 8 7 4  
 ♦ 10 6 4 2  
 ♣ Q 8 6

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

South D NV HCPs  
 ♠  
 ♥ Q 6 5 3  
 ♦ Q J 9 8 5 3  
 ♣ 10 3 2

HCPs: 6, 10, 19, 5

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	-	-	-
South	-	-	-	-	-
East	6	1	2	6	6
West	5	-	1	6	6

From the Traveller view in Pianola.

	EW	NS	EW	East/West Score
Contact Freq	Score	MP	MP	Comment
4H W	1 -150	32	0	Bottom - dropped in a Cue Bid
4S W	1 450	30	2	Near Bottom - how do you lose 2 tricks?
4S W	6 480	23	9	Below Average - must bid slams!
6S W	9 980	8	24	Shared Top

17 Tables

Bidding 6♠ 24/32 **75% Shared top**  
 Bidding 4♠ 9/32 **33% Well below Average**  
 Bidding 4♣ 2/32 **5% Undertrick costs 30%**  
 Bidding 4♥ 0/32 **0% Dropped in a cue bid?**

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### The Bidding:

South	West	Notes	N	East	Notes
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT					
Pass	1S	5+♠, Opening, Very strong 10 HCP	Pass	2NT	Game Force in ♠
Pass	4S	Min Opening, No shortage	Pass	4NT	Keycard in ♠
Pass	5S	2 Keycards (A♠ + K♠), + Q♠	Pass	6S	To Play
American 2/1 Game Force, 2455, 15-17NT					
Pass	1S	5+♠, Opening, Very strong 10 HCP	Pass	2NT	Game Force in ♠
Pass	4S	Min Opening, No shortage	Pass	4NT	Keycard in ♠
Pass	5S	2 Keycards (A♠ + K♠), + Q♠	Pass	6S	To Play
English Acol, 4444, 12-14 NT, Strong 2					
Pass	1S	4+♠, Opening, Very strong 10 HCP	Pass	2NT	Game Force in ♠
Pass	4S	Min Opening, No shortage	Pass	4NT	Keycard in ♠
Pass	5S	2 Keycards (A♠ + K♠), + Q♠	Pass	6S	To Play
Precision, 1C Strong, 0355, 13-15NT					
Pass	1S	5+♠, Opening, Very strong 10 HCP	Pass	2NT	Game Force in ♠
Pass	4S	Min Opening, No shortage	Pass	4NT	Keycard in ♠
Pass	5S	2 Keycards (A♠ + K♠), + Q♠	Pass	6S	To Play

All systems get to 6♠ the same way!

West: 1♠ Too strong to preempt

East: 2NT Jacoby GF in spades

West: 4♠ Minimum, no outside shortage

East: 4NT Keycard in spades

West 5♠ Two keycards (A♠, K♠), + Q♠

East 6♠

Even if South starts with a weak 2♦ (a poor opening holding a 4-card major), a 2♠ or 3♠ overcall by West will trigger a keycard ask in spades by East, and E/W should reach 6♠.

No play problems: Just draw trumps and take 6♠+2♥+2♦+2♣ for twelve tricks!

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## A more difficult Slam – with possible aggressive E/W interference

October 13 EL Sat 1.00pm Dup-Open

Board 11 Traveller

North NV  
 ♠ K Q J 10 5  
 ♥  
 ♦ K J 7 2  
 ♣ Q 7 6 4

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

South D NV HCPs  
 ♠ 9 7 3 2      12  
 ♥ Q 2      9  
 ♦ A Q 5 3      4  
 ♣ A K 10      15

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

Contract	Tricks	Score	Freq	NS MP	EW MP	NS %
4♠ or 5♠ / N	12	480	12x	21	11	66%
5♠ / N	11	450	2x	7	25	22%
5♥x/W	9	300	3x	2	30	6%
17 Tables						

Everybody should make 12 tricks in spades, 2♠+4♦+3♣+3 ruffs: **you just need to bid it!**

12 N/Ss bid 4♠ or 5♠ and made 12 tricks, for a **66% Shared Top**.

2 N/Ss made only 11 tricks in spades, lost **(14 MP - 44%)** on giving away an undertrick!

3 N/Ss settled for 5♥x, for a **bottom 6%**. North has a heart void and should bid on in spades.

How to enter the auction after a NT opening? I like the Reverse Cappelletti convention:

X	One long minor	6+	
2♣	Both majors	5/4	
2♦	One long major	6+	
2♥/♠	Major + minor	5/4	(5/5 Vul)
2NT	Minors	5/5	

The American systems have a chance with a strong NT opening and after they blast away in hearts, North can guess to bid 6♠ as all their points must be working.

South (D)	West	North	East
American Standard, better minor, 3355, 15-17NT			
1NT (15-17)	2♦ (Single Suited Major)	3♠ (5♠ Forcing)	4♥ (Pre-empt)
4♠	5♥ (extend Pre-empt)	5♠ or 6♠ (punt! With H Void)	Pass
Pass	Pass		
American 2/1 Game Force, 2455, 15-17NT			
1NT (15-17)	2D (Single Suited Major)	3♠ (5♠ Forcing)	4♥ (Pre-empt)
4♠	5♥ (extend Pre-empt)	5♠ or 6♠ (punt! With H Void)	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Acoul starts with 1♦ and signs off with 4♠ after the heart preempt. Again 5♥ push, then **Pass** is a forcing action on partner (<2 hearts); then 5♠ rather than **X** as you know that partner has a singleton or a void.

South (D)	West	North	East
English Acoul, 4444, 12-14 NT, Strong 2			
1♦ (4+, 13+hcp)	2♥ long hearts (weak)	3♠ (5♠ Forcing)	4♥ (Pre-empt)
4♠	5♥ (extend Pre-empt)	Pass 0-1♠ (Forcing interested in bidding on)	Pass
5♠ better than X	Pass	PASS 5♠ or 6♠ (punt! With H Void)	Pass
Precision, 1C Strong, 0355, 13-15NT			
1NT (12-15)	2D (Single Suited Major)	3♠ (5♠ Forcing)	4♥ (Pre-empt)
4♠	5♥ (extend Pre-empt)	5♠ or 6♠ (punt! With H Void)	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Precision NT shows a weaker hand than Standard and they never get to 6♠ unless North makes a major decision!

**East's Lead?** The standard lead is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest heart, **or better is K♥**, just in case it wins and you need to find a killer switch at trick 2 (but not on this hand!).

### North's Play of the Hand:

Counting winners: likely 2 heart ruffs + 2 top ♠ (N) + 4♦ + 3♣ + the last ♠ in South's hand=12

Counting losers: Only A♠, cannot be avoided.

1. North ruffs K♥ with 5♠.
2. Leads K♠, East wins A♠.
3. East continues ♥, North ruffs with T♠.
4. Draws last two trumps with QJ♠.
5. Now cashes 4 top diamonds, 3 top clubs.
6. The 4<sup>th</sup> spade in South's hand takes the last trick.

## 2 Club News

### 2a. From the Manager



#### Membership Renewals

Just a reminder that, as mentioned last month, memberships need to be renewed by the end of December. Pre-paid members will be automatically debited with \$65. Other members need to pay through their director, or through the club's website.

#### Christmas and New Year changes:

**Christmas Day** this year falls on a Tuesday, so the club will be closed and all sessions for that day will be cancelled.

**Boxing Day:** Normal Wednesday games are cancelled, but there will be **Red-Point** Open sessions at 1pm at both venues.

**New Year's Day** is on a Tuesday. Normal games are cancelled, but there will be **Red-Point** Open sessions at 1pm at both venues.

#### Thank You and Greetings

Lastly, a big "Thank You" to our members, to our volunteers, to our Committee and to all our staff; you have all helped to make this a very successful year for the North Shore Bridge Club.

**Best wishes for the Festive Season and a Happy New Year to you all!**

### 2b. From the committee

On the vexed issue of recycling, thanks to all of you who are remembering to put paper and bottles in the recycling bins provided.

We have as yet no practical solution for the polystyrene cups, however the plastic cups can be put into the "bottles" recycling. Do bring your own mugs and drinking vessels, but **PLEASE wash them yourselves and take them home with you.** They are often left at tables or in the sink, and the director ends up having to wash them for you. And we don't have space to store them.

### 2c. From Club Willoughby (Matt Vertzonis)

After a long period where intense activity has been happening behind the scenes, November 2018 has seen the start of preliminary physical work with a series of boreholes being drilled in the car park and bowling greens. These geo-technical studies are required to determine the soil and rock composition under the site. With the future car parking being underground, this is an important part of the process to determine how the future excavation will occur in the safest and most efficient manner.

Members' understanding of the drill rig impact on some car spaces is appreciated. Such activity will occur from time to time and is necessary to the construction of the new Club premises.



The Club Board is also pleased to announce that a new Club Manager has been appointed. Ruth Colla has worked in three Sydney clubs over the past seventeen years and will be joining us at the end of November. As a hands-on manager, she will be looking forward to meeting as many Club members as possible in the lead up to Christmas.

Members will be advised shortly regarding the redevelopment consultation session for Club members.

Members can check in to [www.heartofwilloughby.com.au](http://www.heartofwilloughby.com.au) and register to receive updates as they occur.

As this is the last NSBC newsletter before Christmas, the Club Willoughby President Mr Jack Seatter, the Directors and Staff wish everyone at NSBC an enjoyable and safe Christmas period as we look forward to an exciting 2019.

## 2d. Book Review by Nick Fahrer

**The Big Payoff – Slam Bidding at Bridge** by **Bill Treble**: Available from The Bridge Shop for \$34.95 or just \$30 for NSBC members.

Bidding and making slams is one of the great joys that come to us as bridge players. We score more points and take almost all the tricks and leave the opponents wondering whether everyone else will also get to slam.

But getting to the best slam is much more than just asking for Aces when you partner makes a bid that makes you happy. In this book, Bill Treble explains how we really need to adopt a safe and scientific approach to exploring slams. And the tools you use will depend on what you know about your partner's hand and how well it complements your own. Further, major suit slams, minor suit slams and notrump slams all require different bidding techniques and agreements.

All the methods Treble discusses – Jacoby 2NT, splinter bids, cue bidding, Blackwood, quantitative raises, Fourth Suit Forcing etc are all conventions we have heard of and all are covered in depth with plenty of examples for you and your favourite partner to practice on.

Here's a good example of some of the techniques recommended:

### North

♠ AQT972  
♥ AT7  
♦ A64  
♣ 6

### South

♠ KJ543  
♥ KQ  
♦ T2  
♣ A984

Here's a good auction with those cards:

North	South	Key
1S	2NT <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Jacoby GF raise, with 4+spades)
3C <sup>2</sup>	3S <sup>3</sup>	<sup>2</sup> Club shortage
4D <sup>4</sup>	4NT <sup>5</sup>	<sup>3</sup> Tell me more
5D <sup>6</sup>	7S <sup>7</sup>	<sup>4</sup> Diamond Ace
		<sup>5</sup> Keycard Blackwood
		<sup>6</sup> 3 keycards
		<sup>7</sup> Happy

You can download a sample chapter here:

<https://bit.ly/2zchu4z>

Drop in or call Nick on 9967 0644.

## From the newsletter editors:

Our thanks to Nick for providing a monthly book review and to Pat O'Connor for providing the Teaching Corner problems. If you visit the Bridge Shop, be sure to let them know that you're an NSBC member and you will receive a discount on all Nick's products, including Pat's latest book:



## HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Whatever your preferred system, The Bridge Shop would like to extend our warmest seasonal wishes to all members of The North Shore Bridge Club.


We invite to you to visit us (just down the road from the Club at 182 Penshurst Street) for all your holiday bridge gift giving requirements.

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### 3a, Results

#### Spring Pairs

From late October to the first week in November the Spring Match Point pairs was run on Thursday nights at Club Willoughby. As it overlapped the Spring Nationals, the sum of the best two scores from any of the three nights was needed to win the event.

Spring Matchpoint Championship		
Pos	Pair	Over all
1	Wenjie Liu & Ming Xie	58.16%
2	Mary O'Toole & Tina Strickland	57.52%
3	Jim Bean & Tim Mountjoy	56.83%
Weekly Session Winners		
W1	Jim Bean & Tim Mountjoy	61.57%
W2	Mary O'Toole & Tina Strickland	61.81%
W3	Jeanette Abrams & Derek Maltz	62.50%



Winners: Wenjie Liu & Ming Xie



Runners Up: Mary O'Toole & Tina Strickland

**Mixed teams**

The 35<sup>th</sup> running of the NSBC Club Mixed Teams Championships was held over four Thursday nights in November at Club Willoughby. This was contested by 20 quality mixed teams.

The winners were:

35th NSBC Mixed Teams Championship			
Pos	Team	VP	W-L-D
1	Linda <b>King</b> , Kim Neale, Micheal Cartmell, Nick Fahrer	108	5-2-1
2	Ian <b>Lisle</b> , Vicky Lisle, Julian Abel, Gary Lane, Marilyn Chadwick	105	7-0-1
3	Helena <b>Dawson</b> , David Weston, Richard Douglas, Bob Senesfi, Margaret Owen (sub) - Lakshmi Sunderasan (sub) - Fraser Rew (sub) -	98	6-1-1



**Winners: Michael, Linda, Nick & Kim**



**Second: Ian, Julian, Vicky & Gary**



**Third: Helena, Richard, Fraser, Lakshmi**

**NSBC Teams in the State Open Teams (Metro Finals) and NSWBA**

Well done the **Jeffery Team**, who just missed out on the finals

NSBC Teams @ STATE Metro Finals - Performance of our teams		Pos	VPS	Swiss W-D-L
	Peter <b>Jeffery</b> , Julian Abel, Steven Bock, Les Grewcock	3rd	75	5-0-1
CW	Patricia <b>Lacey</b> , Carmel Bourke, Robert Case, Margaret Gidley-Baird	4th	74	4-0-2
EL	Kit <b>Meyers</b> , Fiona Fawcett, Fiona Lavery, Jenny Barnes	15th	58	2-1-3
CW	Elaine <b>Dignan</b> , Ian Maclaren, John Mottram, Lorraine Schaap,	20th	53	2-0-4

Of the 3 teams who qualified from the club events, the **Lacey team** had the best result, in the face of very tough competition.

**State Open Pairs (NSBC entrants)**

Our representatives did not fare too well, but it was a tough field.

NSBC Representatives @ State Open Pairs		
Pos	Pair	Qual
34	Bill Webster, Brian Jacobson (EL)	No
13	Alicia Mercer, Leo Goorevich (CW)	No

**Melbourne Cup Day at CW and at EL**



The Melbourne Cup @ Club Willoughby		
Pos	Open Section	%
1 NS	Margaret Owen & Sunny Pang	66%
2 NS	Liz Sylvester & Jeanette Reitzer	60%
1 EW	Bruce Daglish & Frances Garrick	66%
2 EW	Brian Soutter & Chris Gaskell	63%
Pos	Rookie Section	%
1 NS	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	65%
2 NS	Shirley Gatliff & Elizabeth Wright	62%
1 EW	Jackie Choules & Georgie Serventi	60%
2 EW	Loretta Cappie-Wood & Judy Chapple	56%



**Club Willoughby – Open Winners**



**Club Willoughby – Rookie Winners**

The Melbourne Cup @ East Lindfield		
Pos	Open Section	%
1 NS	Elaine Dignan & Jill Hagley	67%
2 NS	Virginia Cohen & Winston Horne	59%
1 EW	Les Varadi & Eva Shand	68%
2 EW	Ian Bailey & Peter Robinson	67%



**East Lindfield – Open Winners**

### 3b, Upcoming Events

#### Under a Hundred Master Points (UHMP)

This congress will again be held at our East Lindfield venue on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

The event is reserved for restricted players (under 100 ABF Match Points) and is graded into four sections.

It will be a two-session pairs event. Restricted players from other Clubs are also welcome to play.

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

Divisions for:

- 0-10
- 10-25
- 25-50
- 50-100

Each player must be below the threshold for that category

Entry is restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints. ¶

Enter at one of the following venues via the NSWBA's website ¶  
[www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp](http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp) ¶

**NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 am ¶**  
 Lindfield Bowling Club, 2b Carlyle Road, EAST LINDFIELD ¶  
 TEL: 9411 3527... EMAIL: [office@bridgeclub.com.au](mailto:office@bridgeclub.com.au) ¶

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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

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

#### The CW and EL Xmas Parties

Don't forget to book in on our website for our annual members' Xmas parties and bridge: **12pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** (your choice of venue.)

*It's a Christmas Party at Club Willoughby*



**SAT: 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**LUNCH AT 12:00 PM**  
 (FOLLOWED BY BRIDGE, RED POINT EVENT)

**Members Only**  
 (NUMBERS LIMITED so must book early)

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### Club Willoughby Daytime XMAS Teams

**Merry Christmas**

**"Tuesday Daytime"**  
**Xmas Teams**

**Club Willoughby**

**3 Sessions: 1:00pm**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Red Point Event**  
**\$45.00 Entry**



This is the final Club Willoughby daytime club championship for the 2018 year, to be held on Tuesdays at 1pm. It's a 3-session Teams event. The format will be dependent on entries.

Why not form a team of 4 and try out the team's format competition?

This is a **RED Point** daytime event.

**XMAS Teams (Thursday night at Club Willoughby)**

This will be the final NSBC championship for the 2018 year at Club Willoughby on Thursday nights. It will be a 3-session Swiss Teams event.

Last year's winners were:

2017 CW XMAS Teams Champions	
1st	Judy <b>Osie</b> , Witold Chylewski (Jun), Avril Zets, Giselle Mundell

**Public Holiday Sessions**

**Christmas Day**

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There will be no bridge at either venue.

**Boxing Day**

All normal sessions have been cancelled, however the good news is that Club Willoughby is open on Boxing Day for a 1-session **RED point** duplicate game at 1pm.

East Lindfield is also open for normal session times (9:30 and 1:00) but both will be **RED point** duplicate games.



## New Year's Day

All normal sessions have been cancelled, however the good news is that both East Lindfield and Club Willoughby are open on New Year's Day for 1-session **RED point** duplicate games at 1pm.



- Missing the Seniors/Women – play on 10<sup>th</sup>
- Missing the Open teams – Play on the 17<sup>th</sup>

Last year's winners were:

2018 - Canberra Pairs Champions	
1st	Arthur Ramer & Axel Johannsson



The Australia Day holiday is on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**, for more **RED point** events!

East Lindfield is open for normal session times (9:30 and 1:00) but both will be **RED point** duplicate games.

Club Willoughby is also open for a 1-session **RED point** duplicate game at 1pm.

## Blue Ribbon Pairs

The "Blue Ribbon Pairs" is the **premiere East Lindfield pairs championship**. It is run over three sessions on Tuesday nights (7:30pm) at East Lindfield starting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Format: Sum of 3 sessions percentages to determine the winner.

This is a **RED Point event** at East Lindfield.

Last year's winners were:

2018 - EL Blue Ribbon Pairs Champions	
1st	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies



## Canberra Match Point Pairs

As the Canberra Summer Nationals are early this year, the first Club Willoughby Thursday night championship event of the year is a 2/3 "Canberra Match Point Pairs".

In this **RED Point event** you can play in any of the three sessions, but to win the championship event you need to play in 2 sessions.

- Warm-up for Canberra on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan



## CW State Mixed Pairs (Day time qualifying)

The State Mixed Pairs (day time) qualifying is run over 3 sessions on Tuesdays at 1pm at Club Willoughby, starting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Format: Sum of 3 sessions percentages to determine the winners.

This is a **RED Point Event** at CW on a day time session. The winners will be requested to represent NSBC in the State Mixed Pairs finals at the NSWBA.

Last year's winners were:

2018 CW State Mixed Pairs (Day time) Winners	
1st	Angie Boulton & Peter Boulton

### NSBC Men's and Women's Pairs Championship

This is the first major NSBC pairs championship for 2019 being run over 4 Thursday nights at Club Willoughby, starting on 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7:30 pm. This is a **RED Point** championship event.

Last year's winners were:

2018 Men's Pairs Champions	
1st	George Finikiotis & Cevat Emul
2018 Women's Pairs Champions	
1st	Giselle Mundell & Rena Kaplan

This is the 56<sup>th</sup> Year that this event has been run at Lindfield and then NSBC. Will you get your names engraved on our honour boards?

**ABF Masterpoint scheme**

You can find **your current Masterpoint ranking** at the ABF Masterpoint Centre, using either your Name or ABF Number:

Type this link into your browser and explore!

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

4 Thursday Night Sessions: 7.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> January  
31<sup>st</sup> January  
7<sup>th</sup> February  
14<sup>th</sup> February

**Red Point Event**  
\$60 Members  
\$80 Non Members



### 3c. NSBC Club Congresses and Special Events Calendar

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

DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	EL - 1pm CW - 1pm All Red Points		CW - Canberra Matchpoint Pairs 7.30pm 1/3			
	NEW YEARS DAY	1	2	3	4	5
						6
		Summer Festival	CW - Canberra Matchpoint Pairs 7.30pm 2/3 Summer Festival	10	Summer Festival	11
					Summer Festival	12
Summer Festival	14	Summer Festival	15	Summer Festival	16	17
			CW - Canberra Matchpoint Pairs 7.30pm 3/3	18	Summer Festival	19
					Summer Festival	20
			CW - Men's & Women's Pairs 7.30pm 1/4	24		25
					Australia Day	26
						27
EL-9.30am & 1pm CW-1pm All Redpoints Australia Day (holiday)	28	EL-Pairs Blue Ribbon Pairs 7.30pm 1/3 CW-Mixed State Pairs 1pm 1/3	29	CW - Men's & Women's Pairs 7.30pm 2/4		30
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### 3d. November Monthly Winners

2018 Club Monthly Comp – EL Sessions	2018 November EL Winners	2018 Club Monthly Comp – CW Sessions	2018 November CW Winners
Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ EL 9:30	Mary Sifis & Elizabeth Travers	Monday Morning OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	Mischa Solar & George Bilski
Monday Afternoon Open PAIRS @ EL 1pm	Marilyn Grass & Barbara Madeley	Monday Morning RESTRICTED PAIRS @ CW 10am	Tony Halse & Brett Slater
Tuesday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	Joyce Edwards & Bruce Edwards	Monday Afternoon SUPERVISED PAIRS @ CW 2pm	John Brodie & Russell Summerhayes
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 2pm	Anna Smit & Jill Hawker	Monday Afternoon ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	Keri Rooney & Moya Barnett
Tuesday Rookie Bridge @ EL 2pm	Felix Shteyman & Robyn Walker	Monday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	John Stack & Bruce Daglish
Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ EL 7pm	N/Q	Tuesday SUPERVISED Bridge @ CW 10am	N/Q
Wednesday OPEN pairs @ EL 10am	Linda Temple & Joyce Ng	Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 10am	Kevin Melville & Helena Boden
Thursday Afternoon OPEN PAIRS @ EL 1pm	Jack Sandilands & Moira Sandilands	Tuesday OPEN PAIRS Bridge @ CW 1pm	Lyn Smith & Jocelyn Bertram
Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ EL 10am	Janet Crocker & June Straw	Tuesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	Wendy Whalley & John Heike
Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ EL 1:00pm	Jillian Hagley & June Straw	Tuesday Evening SUPERVISED @ CW 7:30pm	
2018 Club Monthly Comp – CW Sessions	2018 November CW Winners	Tuesday ROOKIE Bridge @ CW 7:30pm	Len Quilter & Lyn Quilter
Thursday OPEN PAIRS @ CW 10am	Joan Polivnick & Peter Bendelstein	Wednesday OPEN pairs @ CW 10am	Yolande Schneider & Fran Campbell
Thursday ROOKIE PAIRS @ CW 2pm	Jennifer Corrigan & Rose Braude	Wednesday RESTRICTED pairs @ CW 10am	Helen Pavi & Jeetha Withana
Friday Morning OPEN Pairs @ CW 10am	Malcolm Martin & Ian Maclaren	Wednesday SUPERVISED pairs @ CW 2pm	Helen Turpin & Jenny Blain
Friday Morning RESTRICTED Pairs @ CW 10am	Robyn Rogers & Judy Bihari	Wednesday ROOKIE pairs @ CW 2pm	Jan Freemantle & Moya Barnett
Saturday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	Judy Osie & David Osie	Wednesday Evening OPEN PAIRS @ CW 7:30pm	Marilyn Grass & Barbara Madeley
Sunday Afternoon OPEN Pairs @ CW 1pm	Margi Kindl & Kate McRae		

## 4 Our Game of Bridge

### 4a. For Bridge Players only (from a reader)

A cleaning woman was applying for a new position. When asked why she left her last position, she replied:

“Yessir, they paid good wages, but it was the most ridiculous place I ever worked. They played a game called “BRIDGE” and last night a lot of folks were there.

As I was about to bring in the refreshments, I heard a man say “lay down and let’s see what you’ve got”. Another man says “I’ve got strength but no length”. And another man says to the lady “take your hands off my trick”. I pretty near dropped dead just then when the lady answered “You forced me – you jumped me twice when you didn’t have the strength for one raise”.

Another lady was talking about protecting her honour, and the other two ladies were talking and saying, “now it’s time for me to play with your husband and you can play with mine”.

Well, I just got my hat and coat and as I was leaving, I hope to die, if one of them didn’t say: “Well, I guess we’ll go home now. This is the last rubber”!

### 4b. Swiss Pairs

**SWISS Pairs** is **very popular**, and most congress events use this scoring method. It takes away the vagueness of **Match Point percentages scoring**, and replaces it with:

- Team-like “head-to-head” matches;
- IMP (International Match Points) scoring;
- Victory Points for the match winner;
- Swiss draws (play pairs on same score)
- Sum of VPs for the event winner.

It is played in a similar fashion to teams. You play a series of “matches” against other pairs on a similar total Victory Point score. As there is no team, your team mates are assigned the “**average score**” achieved by all tables on any given board.

At the end of a match (usually 7-8 boards), a pair can review their results against the declared **board averages** for that match. The director will often read them out.

#### Key Points

- The computer scores and produces a match result, then draws your next opponent. You do not have to work out the match scores, **but most do and its fun!**
- Your score is compared against the field average PAIR result.
- You can review each board and derive any scoring differences between your score and the average score. (e.g. your +400 vs average +430 = **-30 difference**).
- Many boards are “Push” boards, meaning that there is ZERO difference between your score and the average score.
- You can convert these score differences to **IMPs** using the provided table. For example, a net score of **-30 = -1 IMP**.
- Add up your score of net **IMPs**. This can be positive (**match win**) or negative (**match loss**) total.
- Convert this Net IMPs total into **Victory Points** using the provided table.
- Your next match will be Swiss drawn, and you will play another pair on a similar total Victory Point score to yourselves.

#### **Winning Swiss Pairs/Teams Strategies**

You need to bid the risky games and slams, as the bonuses are very significant. For example, an extra **10-13 IMPs** if you make game, against a **5 IMPs** loss if you do not. So most **50% games are worth bidding**. Often heard: **“bid game on the smell of an oily rag”**

When in any contract, make sure you make it. Good IMP scoring players will analyse likely problems and take risk-averse plays, **giving away tricks** if necessary, to ensure the contract result.

**Note:** this is the opposite to **Match Point pairs** where you are always chasing the overtricks.

Difference in points from your score	IMPs	Total Win/Loss IMPs	8B Win Victory Points	8B Loss Victory Points
0 - 20	0	0	10.00	10.00
20-40	1	1	10.44	9.56
50-80	2	2	10.86	9.14
90-120	3	3	11.27	8.73
130-160	4	4	11.67	8.33
170-210	5	5	12.05	7.95
220-260	6	6	12.42	7.58
270-310	7	7	12.77	7.23
320-360	8	8	13.12	6.88
370-420	9	9	13.45	6.55
430-490	10	10	13.78	6.22
500-590	11	11	14.09	5.91
600-740	12	12	14.39	5.61
750-890	13	13	14.68	5.32
900-1090	14	14	14.96	5.04
1100-1290	15	15	15.23	4.77
1300-1490	16	16	15.50	4.50
1500-1740	17	17	15.75	4.25
1750-1990	18	18	16.00	4.00
2000-2240	19	19	16.23	3.77
2250-2490	20	20	16.46	3.54
2500-2990	21	21	16.68	3.32
3000-3490	22	22	16.90	3.10
3500-3990	23	23	17.11	2.89
4000+	24	24	17.31	2.69
		25	17.50	2.50
		26	17.69	2.31
		27	17.87	2.13
		28	18.04	1.96
		29	18.21	1.79
		30	18.37	1.63
		31	18.53	1.47
		32	18.68	1.32
		33	18.83	1.17
		34	18.97	1.03
		35	19.11	0.89
		36	19.24	0.76
		37	19.37	0.63
		38	19.50	0.50
		39	19.62	0.38
		40	19.74	0.26
		41	19.85	0.15
		42	19.95	0.05
		43+	20.00	0.00

#### 4c. Match Point scoring review

This is the scoring system used at all regular duplicate sessions. You are playing head to head against another pair and your result for each board will be compared against the result achieved at all the other tables for the same board.

Match Points are scored as follows:

- **2 points** for each pair that you beat.
- **1 point** for each pair with the same score.
- **0 points** if you didn't beat, or even equal, another pair.

These Match Points are usually expressed as **percentages**, since the total MPs on any board is a function of how many times it is played.

Pairs bridge players use terms such as

- **Top board** (high scoring MPs).
- **Bottom board** (low scoring MPs).
- **Average board** (mid-range MPs).
- A **top N/S = bottom E/W** on every board.
- A score of **60%-70%** is a typical overall winning score in a session.
- Playing 27 boards, each board is worth a **maximum of only 4%** of your final score. So, if you have a bad score on a board you should not get despondent... there's 96% still to play for!

#### Winning Matchpoint Pairs Strategies

- **Overtricks** are worth **GOLD** in Match Point pairs. You score many extra Match Points just for an overtrick against the field!
- **Undertricks** always result in a very poor Match Point score. **You must win your share or entitlement of tricks.**
- With Match Point scoring, you **do not need to bid very risky games or slams**. The game or slam bonus does not count for much.
- **Stay with the field**, bidding games and slams where obvious; else you are just gambling on results.

The above Tables are

- IMP Conversion scale
- Typical 8-Board Victory Point scale.

In any match the 20 VPs are shared between the teams based on the Net IMPs scored. For example, an 18 IMP win will be Victory Pointed to give 16 VPs to the winners and 4 VPs to the losers.

You can only win a maximum of 20 VPs for a 43+ IMP win.

A one-day Swiss Pairs event is typically 6 or 7 matches. The "**Total Victory Points**" and the "**W-D-L**" are often shown in results. See the Congress section of the newsletter

**W-D-L** is a count of **W**ins, **D**raws & **L**osses.

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## 5. Teaching Corner

### 5a. Pat O'Connor Bridge Problem

Here is another hand from Pat's excellent book "A First Book of Bridge Problems".

#### North

♠ 42  
♥ A75  
♦ AJ952  
♣ K86

#### South (dealer)

♠ AKT  
♥ 42  
♦ K86  
♣ AJ953

The bidding was:

West	North	East	South
			1NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

Sitting South, you have a balanced hand with 15 HCPs so you open with 1NT. Partner with 12 HCPs and no 4-card or longer major jumps to game in NT. West leads the Q♥.

**How do you plan to take nine tricks?**

#### Initial Analysis

You can take seven tricks without losing the lead (two each in spades, diamonds and clubs, and one in hearts), so you need to find two more tricks. The diamond and club suits are both possible sources of extra tricks. The Queen is missing in both suits.

First, you duck the first two heart tricks and only take the 3<sup>rd</sup> trick with the A♥, so that if West led from a 5-card heart suit (the danger situation), East would have started with only 3 hearts and will now have no hearts left.

You now have a choice of finessing for the Q♦ or finessing for the Q♣.

**Which finesse will you take? Read on for the solution!**

## 5b. Keep learning with Anita Curtis

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

BUILD ON THE BASICS with Anita Curtis @ CW 2hr sessions Wednesday @ 7:30pm & Thursdays @ 10:30am		
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
Wed Jan 9 & Thur Jan 10, 2019	Hello - is anyone there? with Liz Wilkinson	Stayman over 1NT, 2NT & 1NT overcalls
No Lessons on January 16th & 17th		
Wed Jan 23 & Thu Jan 24, 2019	I am NOT playing this contract!	Major suit Transfers over 1NT, 2NT & 1NT Overcalls
Wed Jan 30 & Thu Jan 31, 2019	Hand Analysis & consolidation	Final Hand Analysis

**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 (2 Hr Sessions Thursdays @ 2pm)		
Thur Dec 6	Life after transfers: 2 suited hands; minor suit transfers	What happens after you transfer?
Thur Dec 13	I love your transfer! Super-accepts	Super-accepts
Thur Jan 3, 2019	Do you know how to play this NT contract?	Declarer play
No Lessons on January 10th & 17th		
Thur Jan 24, 2019	Do you know how to play this SUIT contract?	Declarer play
Thur Jan 31, 2019	DYS Hand Analysis - all skills	Hand Analysis

**Broaden Your Skills** is for intermediate players with typically 3 years of Bridge experience will recommence Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

#### Want to keep learning?

Call Anita Curtis on 0405 449 767  
or email [ac210927@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ac210927@bigpond.net.au)

## 5c. Short Classes at East Lindfield

On Friday mornings at East Lindfield at 9:30am, our manager Mike Prescott gives a free half-hour lesson aimed at all levels of player.

Do then stay on to enjoy the facilities and play in the **10am Open game**.

## 5d. From one of our newer players

Mary Craven started in the Beginners class with Liz Wilkinson, as you will see, in 2016. She has been able to attend Anita's ongoing lessons and is now playing regularly at the Rookie level.

### "Circa 2016

Ah, retirement. Time now to do all those things I had wanted to do but never got around to doing. And top of the list was bridge. A game that from memory, was played in a quietened lounge room, with two packs of cards (that were strictly off limits to children), and with what appeared to be a very serious intent by the matronly players.

A 6-week "Learn to Play Bridge" course beckoned. At a bridge club no less. I had only ever belonged to a tennis and a golf club so to hear you could belong to a bridge club, well that sounded different. I could not imagine why it would take six weeks to learn a card game, but for a modest price, it seemed a bargain. Little did I know, two years later, I was in for much more than I had bargained for!

Eagerly I scaled a very steep staircase and arrived somewhat out of breath at the top, to be warmly welcomed by Liz and Kay. I found my allocated seat and it soon became apparent that I must need a compass to play bridge as everyone was being directed to a point of a compass. I was allocated a South seat. A northerly aspect is preferred in the southern hemisphere but I figured since I was facing a big N, that must count for something.

The room was filled with other participants chattering or emitting nervous laughter, their faces displaying a mixture of anticipation, cluelessness, amusement and trepidation. I started looking around for some cards to shuffle as I had been practicing this in anticipation of becoming a card player. None were in sight which was curious, I only hoped this course was not going to be six weeks of theory and note taking. I really had become a good shuffler.

In the centre of the table were 6 numbered yellow plastic rectangles and again, enforcing the need for a compass, a bold North, South, East and West was printed on the front. I later learnt they were called boards.... another curiosity as they bore no resemblance to wood.

Even more amazing was that a deck of cards was within. And so I began playing bridge.

### Circa 2018

I have transitioned from being a 'retiree' to a 'Rookie'. Bridge has me hook, line and sinker. Which reminds me, fishing was also on the 'to do' list in retirement ... well it will just have to wait."

## From Mary Craven

### **Beware the Bridge Bug!**

Bridge isn't of course for everyone, but if it's for you, it can become an all-absorbing pastime.

Not only do studies show that it's very good for the brain, it's also a social activity; an opportunity to interact with like-minded people.

Our goal at the "newer" end of the game is to provide an environment where the game of Bridge can be learnt and developed in a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere.

## 5e. The Solution to Pat's Problem

### The Full Deal

	<b>North</b>	
	♠ 42	
<b>West</b>	♥ A75	<b>East</b>
♠ QJ3	♦ AJ952	♠ 98765
♥ QJT98	♣ K86	♥ K63
♦ 43		♦ QT7
♣ QT7	<b>South (dealer)</b>	♣ 42
	♠ AKT	
	♥ 42	
	♦ K86	
	♣ AJ953	

This is a deal where you need to recognise the “**danger hand**” and try to avoid giving that hand the lead. As mentioned in the analysis above, you will need to finesse for either the Q♣ or the Q♦ in order to make this contract. If the finesse loses, you want the lead to pass to the “**safe**” hand.

Here, West is the “**danger**” hand. West attacked hearts and if they started with 5 hearts, they have 2 hearts left; you need to keep West off lead if possible. If you finesse for the Q♣ and it loses, the lead will be in West hand – disaster. They will now take 2 more heart tricks and you are down!

If you finesse for the Q♦ however, and it loses, the lead is in the East hand. Now, if the hearts were originally 5-3 in West's favour, you are safe as East has no hearts left and must give the lead back to declarer.

So, the way home is to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> trick with the AH, draw trumps and then lead a small diamond to the K♦ in your hand. Lead the 6♦ and play the J♦ from dummy. East will take a trick with the Q♦ but cannot hurt you because there is no choice but to lead a suit other than hearts. Fortunately, the diamonds are split 3-2 (which happens about two thirds of the time), so you will take four diamond tricks bringing your total to nine.

### Key Point

Lose tricks to the “**safe**” hand.

## 5f. Your playing opportunities

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

### Rookie sessions at East Lindfield:

- Tuesday afternoons at 2pm with Sue.

### Restricted sessions at Club Willoughby:

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

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

Want to play in these sessions?

Just come along,  
with or without a partner.



## 5g. Ready for even more challenges?

Here are the upcoming opportunities for those of you who are looking for more of a challenge! Of course, there are many Open events, but these are designed for the newer players wanting a challenge:

- Under Hundred Master Points **Match Point Pairs** Tournament at our club, **NSBC East Lindfield venue**, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. It's a 2-session event from 10am. **\$30/pp**
- The **Trumps (Mosman)** bridge festival is offering a **Restricted Match Point Pairs** event on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December. It's a 2-session event from 10am. **\$35/pp**, including a light lunch.
- The **ABF Summer Nationals** bridge festival in **Canberra** is offering a few novice events:
  1. 1-day Novice **TEAMS** (<100 MP) on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. The entry fee is **\$200/team**, category prizes for various grades.
  2. 2-day National Novice (<100MP) **Match Point Swiss Pairs** on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January. The entry fee is **\$220/Pair**, category prizes for various grades.
  3. 2-day Novice (<100MP) **IMP Swiss Pairs** on the weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January. The entry fee is **\$250/Pair**, category prizes for various grades.

## 5h. A couple more resources (suggested by Johnno Newman)

### Bridge Bum

Bridge Bum dot com is a fantastic website whose most useful section is called Bidding, Conventions A-Z. You'll find a 1-2 page summary of almost all popular conventions, and also carding techniques and so on. There are many sites that detail bridge conventions on the internet, but no other that is as succinct and friendly to read.

<http://www.bridgebum.com/>

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## BBO Counting Game

This simple website is an excellent way to practice counting to thirteen. If it were easy, we'd all be world champions! Using this website for five minutes in a row a few times will make counting automatic, which will be a very useful foundation as your bridge advances.

<http://bbi.bridgebase.com/game/game.html>

## 5i. And an anecdote from the table

Fiona Lavery, one of our librarians, was sitting North recently, playing against a couple braving the Open game for the first time; they had previously only played at the Supervised level.

John Scotford, their supervisor, had told them not to be anxious since they could always ask the opponents about a bid if they didn't know what it meant.

After their rather convoluted bidding sequence involving many confused looks, West finally asked South "What does this bid mean?" pointing to his own partner's bid on the bidding pad.

Stifling a smile, my partner politely explained that "You can only ask what **our** bids mean, not your own!"

Such a lot to learn!!

## 5j. Beginners Courses next in 2019:



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

Want to start a bridge beginner course?

Call Sue Crompton on 0416 290 867

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

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

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

- Tuesdays at 2pm, from 5<sup>th</sup> February and
- Tuesdays at 7pm from 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Know anyone who would like to learn to play Bridge?

Give them the best Christmas present ever, introduce them to Bridge!

Get them to call Sue Crompton on 0416 290 867 to enrol!

## Learn To Play Bridge

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](mailto:scrompton67@hotmail.com)

[www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au](http://www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au)

or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867



## Learn To Play Bridge

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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## 6. Exploring Pianola for Your Bridge Session Results

### Access via the NSBC website:

You can enter Pianola directly via the NSBC website and the “**Results**” tab, from your computer, from your tablet or from your phone.

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We cater for all types of bridge players: novice, intermediate and expert

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Pianola will present a weekly view of NSBC result files. You can navigate back to various dates and result files. You click on the desired results file to see the session results.

North Shore Bridge Club Inc: w/c 8 October 2018					
Mon 8/10	Tue 9/10	Wed 10/10	Thu 11/10	Fri 12/10	Sat 13/10
CW Mon 10.00am Dup - C	CW Tue 1.00pm Dup_ope				
CW Mon 10.00am Dup - R	CW Tue 10:00am Rookie				
CW Mon 2.00pm Rookie	EL Tue 10:00am Dup - Op				
CW Mon 2.00pm Supervis	EL Tue 2.00pm Rookie				
CW Mon 7.00PM - Bridge	EL Tue 2.00pm Supervise				
CW Mon 7:30pm Dup - Op	Tuesday AM Bridge Basic				
EL Mon 1.00pm Dup Ope					
EL Mon 9.30am Dup-Ope					

### Access to Pianola from your email:

After your session completes at both the NSBC venues, the director saves the session results into the Pianola database and the club systems issue an email to your registered address, containing:

- A general message from the Manager
- Your session results outcome (i.e. score, position and awarded ABF Masterpoints)
- embedded control data behind the button that points to the session data.

You open the email, navigate down to the results in the email sent to you by the club system,

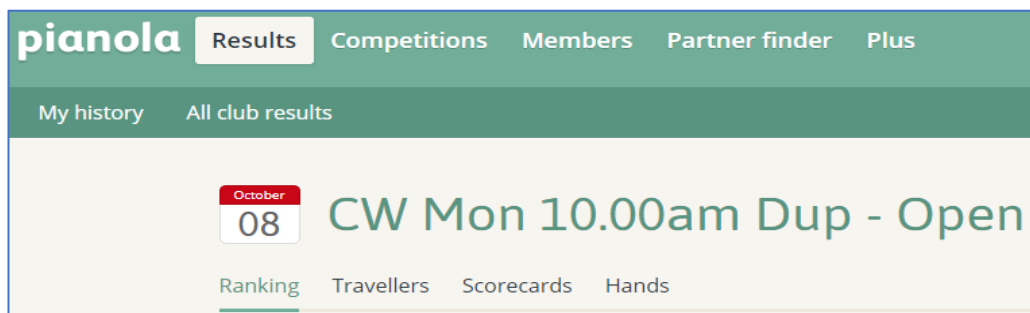
**OVERALL RESULT** [View full results](#)

SCORE	POSITION	MASTERPOINTS
<b>67.51%</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>0.48 Green</b>

Click on the “**View full results**” button shown above in your email. This activates your browser and a Pianola web session is started.

You will now see the full results for your session. Note that if you want to see the results of other sessions, you need to access Pianola via the club website.

Whether you entered via your email, or selected the session from Pianola lists, the following session data screen is displayed:



The Date and Session identifiers are shown (8<sup>th</sup> Oct, Club Willoughby 10am Open session).

The session results have 4 sub menu items: Ranking, Travellers, Scorecards and Hands. The display opens on the ranking menu.

### Ranking:

This is the results listing of winners in order by percentage and Masterpoint awards. The N/S field is listed first, followed by the E/W field as you scroll down.

North South Pairs			
Place ▲	Players	Score %	Masterpoints
1	<a href="#">Leo Goorevich &amp; Kevin Davies</a>	67.51%	Green: 0.48
2	<a href="#">Vita Winestock &amp; Kathryn Hawke</a>	61.44%	Green: 0.34
3	<a href="#">Kit Meyers &amp; Fiona Fawcett</a>	59.00%	Green: 0.24
4	<a href="#">Ed Truscott &amp; Gary Lane</a>	56.92%	Green: 0.16

### And further down:

East West Pairs			
Place ▲	Players	Score %	Masterpoints
1	<a href="#">Judy Twigg &amp; Derek Maltz</a>	65.75%	Green: 0.48
2	<a href="#">Helen Christie &amp; Julia Connor</a>	59.37%	Green: 0.34
3	<a href="#">Maurice Loomes &amp; Rachael Loomes</a>	58.30%	Green: 0.24
4	<a href="#">Shirley Smith &amp; Judy de Flamingh</a>	57.23%	Green: 0.16

This is the overall result with your scores on all boards added together and expressed as a final session percentage score.

**Travellers:** When you select the Travellers sub menu you see the scoring **for each board** that you played in the session. Select a board and you will see all the results for that board and you can find your Match Point result for that board. See below where "board 2" was selected:

**Board 2**

Pairs		Contract				Scores		MPs	
NS	EW	Bid	By	Maki...	Lead	NS	EW	NS	EW
L Goorevich & K Davies	I Russ & J Reitzer	2♦	N	10	2♣	130	-	27	3
I Katz & E Sheldon	D Blackman & A Mercer	3♦	N	10	J♥	130	-	27	3
A Boulton & P Boulton	S Burn & B Burn	2♦	S	10	2♣	130	-	27	3
A Ngan & D Kwok	F Purdy & N Hiron	3♦	S	10	5♣	130	-	27	3
I Bailey & A Pike	A Sternhell & R Rolston	2♥	N	8	J♥	110	-	19	11
L Kelly & M Sanderson	S Smith & J de Flamingh	2♥	N	8	3♣	110	-	19	11
H Hohnen & J Mottram	T Matheson & J Harris	2♥	N	8	2♠	110	-	19	11
E Truscott & G Lane	I Williams & K O'Connor	2♥	N	8	2♠	110	-	19	11
G Cordingley & J Hazell	H Christie & I Conner	2NT	S	7	2♣	-	100	10	20
S Gill & M Carter	M Synnott & N Brownie	2NT	S	7	2♣	-	100	10	20
V Winestock & K Hawke	P Pang & C Sharoe	3NT	S	8	5♣	-	100	10	20
K Meyers & F Fawcett	I Barnes & C Else	2NT	S	7	9♠	-	100	10	20
G Samuel & S Braham	G Rudd & J Harrison	2NT	S	7	2♣	-	100	10	20
K Luiker & T Goodyer	I Twigg & D Maltz	4♥	N	8	A♣	-	200	2	28
M Solar & G Bilski	M Loomes & R Loomes	3NT	S	7	T♦	-	200	2	28
Y Center & S Center	C Cathels & I Legge	2NT	S	6	2♣	-	200	2	28

Replay this hand with card-by-card guidance

**North**

♠ 5 3  
♥ K Q 8 7 6 5  
♦ J 7 6 4  
♣ K

**West**      **East**

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

**South**

♠ A K 8 4  
♥ 3  
♦ K Q 8 3  
♣ Q 9 7 6

HCPs: 9, 6, 11, 14

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

This is a very detailed view on Match Pointing. It shows all the details you entered into the Bridgemates and the duplicate **Match Points** calculated by the central software. The hand card display and potential tricks are also shown to enable you to review the bidding or play.

This hand was played at **16 Tables**, all listed by player names.

Match Point scoring allocates 2 points for each score that you beat, 1 point for each score that you equal, and 0 points if your score is the lower than all the other scores.

If your score beats everybody else then here, 2 points x beat 15 pairs = **30 MP**, giving you the maximum score of 100% and an outright TOP board.

Looking at the N/S Scores on **board 2** from above, note that there are only 4 different bridge results recorded (130, 110, -100 and -200), although they were achieved through a variety of contracts.

Freq:	Score:	MP		E/W	
4 x	130	27	<b>=TOP</b>	3	N/S= (2 x beat 12) + (1 x =3) + (0x0) = 27 MPs
4 x	110	19		11	N/S= (2 x beat 8) + (1 x =3) + (0x0) = 19 MPs
5 x	-100	10		20	N/S= (2 x beat 3) + (1 x =4) + (0x0) = 10 MPs
3 x	-200	2	<b>=Bottom</b>	28	N/S= (2 x beat 0) + (1 x =2) + (0x12) = 2 MPs

16 Tables

Note: E/W points can be calculated in the same way or you can subtract the N/S score from the maximum score to get the E/W score. So here, the best N/S score of 27 MPs would give E/W 3 MPs. A maximum of 30 MPs is available on any board, if you are the only pair with the best result.

## Scorecard

Many players keep a personal scorecard during the session and estimate the Match Point or percentage or just (Top, Bottom or Average) achieved on each board as it is played. The Bridgemates provide a view of the results already stored, after you enter the result at your table. But these are only estimates, as the board is still to be played at other tables.

This report on Pianola is the final **scorecard for all players**.

The screen shot below shows the first 9 boards of my scorecard results for “Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies” after all results are entered into the computer. You select your partnership and the display details presented per board include: **Board number**, **Opponents**, **Bridgemate details entered**, **actual Match Points scored**, **max Match Points available** and board **Percentage** and “stars”.

Board	Versus	Bid	By	Making	Score	Bidding	Card Play	MPs	Top MPs	Percentage
1	Janie Russ & Jeanette Reitzer	2♠	N	10	+170	🔒	🔒	21	30	70% ★★★★★☆
2	Janie Russ & Jeanette Reitzer	2♦	N	10	+130	🔒	🔒	27	30	90% ★★★★★
3	Janie Russ & Jeanette Reitzer	2♥X	E	7	+200	🔒	🔒	28.9	30	96% ★★★★★
4	Margaret Synnott & Nancye Brownie	1♣	N	6	-100	🔒	🔒	22	30	73% ★★★★★☆
5	Margaret Synnott & Nancye Brownie	3♠	E	8	+50	🔒	🔒	27	30	90% ★★★★★
6	Margaret Synnott & Nancye Brownie	3♥	E	7	+200	🔒	🔒	30	30	100% ★★★★★
7	Judy Twigg & Derek Maltz	4♠	E	11	-650	🔒	🔒	14	30	47% ★★☆☆☆
8	Judy Twigg & Derek Maltz	4♥	E	9	+50	🔒	🔒	15	30	50% ★★☆☆☆
9	Judy Twigg & Derek Maltz	6♣	N	11	-50	🔒	🔒	9	30	30% ★☆☆☆☆

Looking at my results on **board 2**, the same board we used for the Traveller View:

We played **board 2** against Jane Russ & Jeanette Reitzer:

The contract was 2♦ by North, making 10 tricks, score **+130**.

Match Points: The director's computer allocated 27 out of the maximum of 30 Match Points to us. It was the best score for the board, BUT it was shared with 3 other pairs.

Percentage: A **90% score (= Top)** and **4½ Green Stars** are shown.

A quick glance also shows one of our average results.

We played **board 8** against Judy Twigg & Derek Maltz:

The contract was 4♥ by E/W, one off for +50 to N/S. Everybody was in game going down one!

Match Points: 15 out of 30.

Percentage: A **50% score (Average)** now shown in **YELLOW with 2½ yellow stars**.

A quick glance also shows one of our poor results.

We played **board 9** against Judy Twigg & Derek Maltz:

The contract: We overbid to 6♣ by N, but only made 11 tricks for **-50**.

We scored **9 Match Points** out of max 30 on this board.

A **30% score (Near Bottom)** now shown in **ORANGE** with only 1½ stars.

## 7. Congress News

### 7a. ABF News and events

#### 2019 Australian Open Team Selection

Well done the **HANS team** who will form the core of the **Australian Open Team in 2019**.

ABF Australian Open Team Selection Grand Final 128 B		128 Match IMPS
GF	Avinash Kanetkar, Bruce <b>Neil</b> , <b>David Beauchamp</b> , Matthew Thomson, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer	188
	Sartaj Hans, Peter Gill, Nabil Edgton, Andy Hung	277
ABF Australian Open Teams Semi Finals - 128 Board Matches, Team 1 Chooses Opponents first		128 Match IMPS
SF1	Avinash Kanetkar, Bruce <b>Neil</b> , <b>David Beauchamp</b> , Matthew Thomson, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer	256
	Peter <b>Reynolds</b> , David Appleton, Joachim Haffer, Howard Melbourne, Stephen Fischer, David Morgan	200
SF2	Ian <b>Thomson</b> , Matthew Mullamphy, Arjuna De Livera, Andrew Braithwaite, Jonathan Free, Ron Klinger	174
	Sartaj Hans, Peter Gill, Nabil Edgton, Andy Hung	303
ABF Australian Open Teams Qualifying - 128 Board Matches, Team 1 Chooses Opponents first		128b Match IMPS
QF1	Avinash Kanetkar, Bruce <b>Neil</b> , <b>David Beauchamp</b> , Matthew Thomson, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer	276
	George <b>Kozakos</b> , George Smolanko, Fraser Rew, Michael Wilkinson	171
QF2	Ian <b>Thomson</b> , Matthew Mullamphy, Arjuna De Livera, Andrew Braithwaite, Jonathan Free, Ron Klinger	353
	<b>Johnno Newman</b> , Nye Griffiths, Michael Courtney, Paul Wyer, Philip Markey, Justin Williams	240
QF3	Sartaj Hans, Peter Gill, Nabil Edgton, Andy Hung	330
	Max <b>Henbest</b> , David Wiltshire, James Coutts, Liam Milne, Justin Mill, Tony Nunn	269
QF4	Peter <b>Reynolds</b> , David Appleton, Joachim Haffer, Howard Melbourne, Stephen Fischer, David Morgan	244
	Ben <b>Thompson</b> , Renee Cooper, Matt Smith, Jamie Thompson, Shane Harrison, Andrew Peake	227

### 7b. NSWBA News and Events

Golden West Swiss Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Kaipen Chen & Fiske Warren	134	8-0-1
2	Nigel Dutton & Marie-France Merven	125	7-0-2
3	Trevor Fuller & Nick Cantatore	120	6-1-2

NSWBA Spring TEAMS - incorporating STATE OPEN Team Metro Finals		VPS	W-D-L	
1	Martin Bloom, Tony Nunn, Peter Gill, Warren Lazer	102	6-0-0	Qual to State Final
2	Sophie Ashton, Shane Harrison, Nye Griffiths, Johnno Newman	76	4-0-2	
3	<b>Peter Jeffery, Julian Abel, Steven Bock, Les Grewcock</b>	75	5-0-1	
5	<b>Withold Chylewski, Linda Aubusson, David Boga, Rosa Pang</b> (Pennant Hills Bridge club)	71	3-0-3	Qual to State final

NSWBA State Mixed Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	<b>David Wiltshire (sub) - Elizabeth Adams - Andrew Peake - Paul Dalley - Yumin Li</b>	83	4-0-2
2	<b>Giselle Mundell - Avril Zets - Julian Foster - Les Grewcock</b>	79	5-0-1

NSWBA State Open Pairs		MP's
1	<b>Avon Wiltshire - Kim Morrison</b>	360
2	<b>Ron Speiser - Andrew Peake</b>	358
3	<b>Jane Beeby - Michael Wilkinson</b>	345

STATE - Restricted teams Champions		VPS	W-D-L
1	Marianna <b>Xerri</b> , Nola Daly, Pamela Leathley, Forde Leathley	91	6-1-0
2	John <b>Russell</b> , Judith Parsons, Ken Cahill, Vicky Cahill	90	5-1-1

STATE - Novice Teams Champions		VPS	W-D-L
1	Robbie <b>Feyder</b> , Michael Hogan, Gail McKenzie, Martin Brown	92	6-0-1
2	Sharon <b>Versteeg</b> , Merlyn Morris, Wanda Little, Sharon Hart	88	4-0-3

NSWBA Spring Congress SWISS Pairs		VPs
1	<b>Simon Stancu - Alexandra Bradley</b>	98
2	<b>Mark Guthrie - Julie Guthrie</b>	94
3	<b>Elliott Kaplan - Nigel Rosendorff</b>	92

Tomaree (Swiss Pairs)		VPs	W-D-L
1	<b>Patrica Grigson &amp; Titus Ling</b>	103	5-1-1
2	Sharon Mayo & Greg Mayo	101	7-0-0

Southern Highlands Open Swiss Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Wendy Boxall & Sean Mullamphy	94.24	6-1-0
2	Neil Williams & Peter Fitzmaurice	93.66	5-1-1
3	<b>Cevat Emul &amp; Catherine Zhang</b>	93.25	4-1-2
Southern Highlands Restricted Swiss Pairs		VPs	W-D-L
1	Lynette Lalor & Joanna Maher	96.68	6-0-1
2	Michael Brassil & Louise Brassil	91.58	4-1-2

Parramatta Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Avinash <b>KANETKAR</b> - Bruce NEILL - Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER	118	7-0-0
2	Peter <b>GILL</b> - Sartaj HANS - Sophie ASHTON - Paul DALLEY	97	5-0-2
3	Catherine <b>ZHANG</b> - Cevat EMUL - Bob SEBESFI - Richard DOUGLAS	95	5-0-2
Taree Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Sharon <b>MAYO</b> , Rosalie BROUGHTON, Greg MAYO, Ken WILKS	128	7-0-1
2	Johnno <b>NEWMAN</b> , Shane HARRISON, Stephen WILLIAMS, Rachel RICH	121	6-0-2
3	Gil <b>CLARKE</b> , Pauline ERBY, Roslyn <b>HOWES</b> , Judy SCOTT	110	6-0-2
Armidale Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Sharon <b>MAYO</b> , Greg MAYO, Michael SIMES, Rachel RICH	132	7-0-1
2	Tony <b>SORENSEN</b> , Edward HAHN, David TUCKER, Sarah STRICKLAND	105	5-0-3
Tomaree Open Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Pam <b>ROBINSON</b> , Christo MOSKOVSKY, Jan NICOL, Chris WILLIAMS	105	6-0-1
2	Helena <b>DAWSON</b> , David WESTON, Sharon MAYO, Greg MAYO	99	5-0-2
Southern Highlands - Open Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	Warren <b>Dobes</b> , Withold Chylewski (Jun), Marek Kolodziejczyk, George Bilski	90.91	5-0-1
2	Les <b>Grewcock</b> , Rakesh Kumar, Steven Bock, Kevin Davies	87.7	4-1-1
3	Vicky <b>Lisle</b> , Ian Lisle, Helena Dawson, David Weston	87.29	4-0-2

Manly Teams		VPs	W-D-L
1	David <b>Hudson</b> , Anita Curtis, Linda King, Nick Fahrer	84	4-0-2
2	Ashley <b>Bach</b> , Ervin Otvosi, Anthony Burke, Julian Abel	81	5-0-1
3	Neil Perry, Fiona Lavery, Lorraine Schaap, John Mottram	80	6-0-0



Winners: Manly Teams

### Upcoming weekend Congress Events (NSWBA Calendar)

Saturday		Sunday		D E C E M B E R
11	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	Trumpet Festival	30	Trumpet Festival	
5		6		
Saturday		Sunday		

Saturday		Sunday		J A N U A R Y
5	ABF-Youth Week	6	ABF-Youth Week	
12	ABF-Summer Festival	13	ABF-Summer Festival	
19	ABF-Summer Festival	20	ABF-Summer Festival	
26	ABF-2019 Mixed Playoff Australia Day	27	ABF-2019 Mixed Playoff NSWBA Matchpointed Swiss Pairs	



Winners: Southern Highlands Teams



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