



# NSBC Newsletter



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## 1. 2019 NSBC AGM Reminder

The North Shore Bridge Club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11:30am at our Club Willoughby venue.**

The timing allows members from both East Lindfield and Club Willoughby to attend the AGM, have lunch, and get to their preferred playing venues for the 1:00pm games. Note that the Club Willoughby bridge session at 1:00pm will be a special **Red Point** event.

Two committee members are not standing for re-election. They are John Brownie (President) and John McIlrath (committee member):



President



Committee member

We would be delighted to see you at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend, then please make a proxy vote, see below.

## Proxy Voting

A member who attends the AGM may hold **one** proxy on behalf of another member who is unable to attend. So, if you can't be present yourself, please make sure that the person you would like to be your proxy will be present personally, is a financial club member and **does not hold any other proxy.** If you can't find someone to take your proxy, ask Mike Prescott or Margaret Owen in the office to find a proxy holder for you.

### One person, one proxy!

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Nominations as at end March		Current?
President	John Mottram	
Vice President	Graham Murray	Y
Secretary	David Hagley	Y
Treasurer	Les Grewcock	Y
Committee	David Fryda	
	Winston Horne	
	David Hudson	Y
	Peter Jeffery	
	Elana Kohn	Y
	Peter Koorey	

## Club Willoughby development update

As usual, Club Willoughby will be coming to the meeting to give us an update on progress with "The Heart of Willoughby" – the redevelopment of our site. And yes, there has been a lot of progress!

A preliminary design plan has been prepared, so we are now able to see what is to be built, and where.

Should be very interesting!

## Some key statistics (details in AGM papers)

NSBC Financials Summary by year				
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Income	\$1,076,026	\$1,003,928	\$945,121	\$753,242
Expense	\$1,012,017	\$906,778	\$828,352	\$693,395
Surplus before Tax	\$64,009	\$97,150	\$116,768	\$59,847
% Margin on Income	6%	10%	12%	8%
Table Fees	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$11

Club Memberships	2018	2017	2016	2015
Home Club Members	1584	1439	1371	1389
Members (other Home Club)	220	220	230	260
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>1601</b>	<b>1649</b>
Growth Rates:	8.04%	3.50%	-3.00%	16.36%
Note:				EL Joined

## From Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club and the North Shore Bridge Club

The Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club and the North Shore Bridge Club recently finalised a **5+5 year Licence Agreement** whereby the Bridge Club will lease the Bowling Club's clubhouse premises on an ongoing basis. At a time when many bowling clubs are experiencing financial difficulties, the 6-day per week Licence Agreement is seen to be a fillip for the bowlers. "The signing of this 10-year Agreement with the Bridge Club is a fabulous boost for our club and has ensured our club's financial stability" the President of the LRBC, Garth Aston, commented. "Together we are the perfect fit in this win/win scenario," he added.

In response, John Brownie, President of NSBC, said that "the Agreement further allows his club to prosper and grow. NSBC is now the largest bridge club in Australia. The ongoing lease of this venue will permit the club to continue with its beginners' lessons, supervised, rookie, open and competition sessions in the perfect bridge environment



**Roger Parks & Garth Aston (LRBC) with  
John Brownie & David Hagley (NSBC)**  
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## 2. Bidding & Play Challenges

### Bidding Challenges

#### Hand No 1

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

North opens 1♥, East makes a take-out X, South pre-empts with 3♥

#### Hand No 2

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

**Bid these hands with your regular partner.**  
Our solutions are later in the newsletter

### Defence Challenge

West (D)	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Standard or 2/1 Bidding Notes			
1NT	15-17 Balanced		
2♣	Stayman		
2♥	I have 4 hearts		
4♥	Heart fit, game is on		

The opponents have a straightforward Stayman sequence to a 4♥ contract, your partner passing. What do you lead and why, when you hold?

North	
♠	Qxx
♥	Axx
♦	Kxxx
♣	xxx



- Game scores **58%**, slam is aggressive
- Making slam – **95%**
- NS vulnerable saves are costly: **86%+**

You as East are in 6♠, now you have to make it! The full hand repeated:

	<b>North</b>	
	♠ J	
<b>West</b>	♥ JT65	<b>East (D)</b>
♠ KT85	♦ Q96	♠ AQ97642
♥ 2	♣ Q9432	♥ 4
♦ KJ753		♦ A84
♣ AKJ	<b>South</b>	♣ 65
	♠ 3	
	♥ AKQ9873	
	♦ T2	
	♣ T87	

**South Best Lead** K♥. I use a King lead to ask partner for a **count** card. An A♥ would be an **attitude** card asking partner if I should continue? Here the defence needs to know that North has an even number and avoid giving away a ruff / sluff. Count is critical.

### Initial planning by East the declarer

Count losers: 1 heart already cashed  
 Count winners: 7x♠ + 2x♦+2x♣= only 11  
 The 12<sup>th</sup> trick could come from:

1. Defensive error (continued ♥ lead, allowing a ruff / sluff by winning in the short trump hand).
2. ♣Q finesse against South
3. ♦Q finesse against South
4. A diamond or heart squeeze on North

Card by Card Play - East in 6♠ (C/D squeeze on North)			
T	H	Lead	Notes
1	S	♥ K	♥ K wins. Use K as count ask (5H or 6H = ♥ even count)
2	S	♣ 8	The heart count suggested not to give declarer a ruff and sluff! ♣ 8 is a safe switch; if N has Q, then no damage. West wins ♣ A
3	W	♠ K	♠ K wins, all outstanding trumps are drawn

After the first 3 tricks you need to make a decision on how to play the hand!  
 The ♣8 switch by South at trick 2 seems to rule out:

- Defensive error (they did not play another ♥ and switched a high ♣8)

- ♣Q / ♦Q finesses look unlikely, North likely to have the minors.

### Known at this stage:

South started with (7x♥ + 1x♠+1x♣) so most likely North has both the minors. A ♦/♣ squeeze on North looks better than ♦Q finesse against South.

**Revised Plan:** Check Blue squeeze conditions:

**B**oth minor Qs are assumed with North, OK

**L**oser: have 11 tricks, one loser, OK

**U**pper: The ♣J is under North's ♣Q, ♦8 is over North's ♦Q, OK

**E**nter: The diamonds have A/K in separate hands for communication, OK.

### Plan the Play of the cards

1. Cash ♣K, in case ♣Q drops from either North or South hands (no such luck!).
2. Run all 6 remaining spade tricks.
3. On the 10<sup>th</sup> trick (last spade) North must reduce to 3 minor cards, squeezing a winner in the ♣J or ♦8

	<b>North</b>	
	♠	
<b>West</b>	♥	<b>East (D)</b>
♠	♦ Q96	♠ 2
♥	♣ Q	♥
♦ KJ7	<b>South</b>	♦ A84
♣ J	♠	♣
	♥ Q	
	♦ T2	
	♣ T	

The above position just before the 10th trick (last spade ♠2) is played by East. West throws ♦7 and North must throw the ♦6 else the ♣J is high. Declarer now cashes the ♦K, noting the ♣J is not high, overtakes the J♦ (covered) with the ♦A and the ♦8 is high for your 12<sup>th</sup> trick!

### DOPI – Useful bidding tool

If your opponents interfere with your keycard enquiry, use the DOPI tool.

### DOPI: Double=0, Pass=1

- \* Double = 1st step (0 or 3)
- \* PASS = 2nd step (1 or 4)
- \* First available suit = 3rd Step (2 no Q)
- \* Next suit = 2+Q

### **3. Club News**



#### **From our manager,** **Mike Prescott**

#### **A thank you to our retiring** **committee members**

On behalf of all members and staff I would first like to thank John Brownie for his endless contribution to NSBC, not only as president but also being along to many of our sessions to help out and fill in. John, your presence as our President will be truly missed by all.

And yet another thank you to John McIlrath for all his hard work and for helping out on many levels at NSBC. Not only has he been on the committee, but he is always ready to give advice and help in the general running of the club when asked.

#### **And a tribute to John Brownie**

As President, John has led the Club for the past eleven years since the merger between Lindfield Bridge Club and John McIlrath's Club at Willoughby and the Cove. During this period John has provided the stability that an organization needs to grow and prosper. Under his stewardship the Club has grown to be the largest in Australia, with 1,800 members. Our teaching and training program is second to none, covering all levels of bridge and attracting a significant number of beginners to ensure the future of our Club.

NSBC has always been a leader in new technology. Our Club ran the pilot program for Pianola which is now widely used, including at the Gold Coast Congress. This technology has streamlined the operation of the Club and provided significant benefits to members such as the ease of payment of table money and the ability to access results during the session and via the internet. Our website has been constantly upgraded to provide as much information as possible and our Library has the latest editions.

Whilst these achievements have been a team effort, John has provided the leadership and

guidance for them to occur. The Club has also benefited enormously from John's unique skills and his tenacity. He has an outstanding memory which I have witnessed on many occasions at meetings with Council staff. He can recall verbatim the discussion and relay it to Committee members. He has excellent mediation skills which have been called upon to resolve the disputes and issues which inevitably arise with a Club of our size.

He has been totally dedicated to finding long term accommodation with adequate parking for the Club. He has visited every potential site on the North Shore during the past eleven years. He has liaised and negotiated with our landlords, with Councilors and staff at Willoughby and Ku-Ring-Gai Councils and many other organisations. It has been a frustrating journey, but for the past eleven years we have had adequate accommodation with plenty of parking. He has ensured that the Club is in a very strong position financially to assist with securing long-term accommodation in the future. This has been achieved by retaining part of the Club's earnings each year.

Finally, I would like to mention that John is always the first to volunteer when the Club needs extra help. This ranges from assisting with our move from The Cove to East Lindfield, standing in twice a week when partners are required for the Rookie sessions, moving furniture and bulk supplies at Willoughby and East Lindfield and playing in special events and other sessions to prevent sit-outs.

I had the pleasure of working with John on the Committee for nine years and as his Treasurer for eight. We have also been bridge partners for the past five years. I have therefore witnessed his outstanding contribution to our Club over many years and seen how tirelessly and willingly he has worked to secure our future.

#### **Heather Lane**

## Masterpoint Promotions Feb 2019

The following members were promoted into a new ABF masterpoint rank after the February 2019 MP submissions were tallied.

NAME	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK in Feb19
Boulton, Peter	CW	Silver Grand
Abrams, Jeanette	CW	Gold Life
Webster, Bill	CW	Silver Life
Binsted, Rod	CW	Silver Life
Beeby, Jane	CW	Bronze Life
Buchmann, Karl	CW	*National
Rymer, Kerry	CW	National
Nilsson, Monika	CW	*State
Hullah, Margie	CW	State
Melville, Kevin	CW	Regional
Lander, Margot	CW	**Local
Ward, Jenny	CW	**Local
Furness, Verity	CW	**Local
Rogers, Robyn	CW	**Local
Spresser, Glenda	CW	**Local
Irvin, Douglas	CW	*Local
Berry, Jill	CW	*Local
Collins, Lesley	CW	*Local
Hullah, Nick	CW	Local
Kitchen, Rod	CW	Local
Shorter, Ric	CW	Local
Waddell, Kaye	CW	Local
Sawkins, Helen	CW	Local
Dowling, Virginia	CW	Local
Lippey, Carol	CW	Club
McCormack, Sue	EL	Club
Summerhayes, Russell	CW	Club
Brooks, Leigh	CW	Club
Bennett, Sasha	CW	Club
Egan, Catherine	CW	Club
Holgate, Susan	EL	Club
Norton, Julie	CW	Club
Dwyer, Garrett	CW	Graduate
Brodie, John	CW	Graduate
Van Amerongen, Ton	EL	Graduate
Satill, Robyn	CW	Graduate
Satill, Ian	CW	Graduate
Campbell, Di	CW	Graduate
Christie, Jo	CW	Graduate
Cavanagh, Suzanne	CW	Graduate
Layman, Jeremy	EL	Graduate
Roberts, Christine	CW	Graduate
Johnstone, Prue	CW	Graduate
Grant, Lyn	CW	Graduate
Needham, Caroline	CW	Graduate
Kannegieter, Beth	EL	Graduate
Sardana, Bill	CW	Graduate
Greening, Greta	EL	Graduate
Gilchrist, Lynne	CW	Graduate
Gleeson, Anne Maree	CW	Graduate
Gav, Stephanie	CW	Graduate

## Club Champion Leader Board

NSBC 2019 Club Champion		
Pos	Leaders after 4/18 qualification events	Pts
1	Warren Dobes	16
2	Witold Chylewski (Jun)	14
3	Gary Lane	11

For more detailed results see "Club Events" on our website.

## March 2019 Monthly Winners at EL

2019 Club Monthly Comp		2019 March Winners at East Lindfield
Mon	Open 9:30am	Margaret Easton & Jennie Hoffman
	Open 1pm	Marilyn Grass & Barbara Madeley
Tue	Open 10am	Graham McMahon & Yu-Shiun Chen
	S'vised 2pm	Kerrie Haig & Beverley Coleman
	Rookie 2pm	Ivan Blake & Ron Taylor
	S'vised 7pm	Meera Kudva & Rosamond Kelly
Wed	Open 10am	Pam Hughes & Armine Ansourian
Thu	Open 1pm	Marlaine Gahan & John Rabong
Fri	Open 10am	Jake Lin & Kevin Wu
Sat	Open 1pm	Janice Olevson & Don Brinkworth

## March 2019 Monthly Winners at CW

2018 Club Monthly Comp		2019 March Winners at Club Willoughby
Mon	Open 10am	David Smee & Ed Truscott
	Restr 10am	Tony Halse & David Layman
	S'vised 2pm	Gwyneth Jones & Cheryl Harvey
	Rookie 2pm	Jane Liveday & Pauline Beckton
	Open 7:30pm	Peter Marshall & Bruce Daghish
Tue	S'vised 10am	Doug Leigh & Catherine McReady
	Rookie 10am	Penelope Lanser & Sally Mitchell
	Open 1pm	Tim Mountjoy & Richard Phillips
	Open 7:30pm	Ron Woodward & Cathy Woodward
	S'vised 7:30pm	N/Q
	Rookie 7:30pm	Francis Leadbeter & Jackie Coles
Wed	Open 10am	Elli Urbach & Judy Osie
	Restr 10am	Susy Shapiro & Maryann Russett
	S'vised 2pm	Greg White & Harley McHutchison
	Rookie 2pm	Joe Camilleri & Sandra Belcher
	Open 7:30pm	Joe Quittner & Andrew Sebestyen
Thu	Open 10am	Marlaine Gahan & John Rabong
	Rookie 2pm	Robyne Fleming & Sue Gordon
Fri	Open 10am	Fran Campbell & Sally Quaties
	Restr 10am	Brett Slater & David Goodlife
Sat	Open 1pm	Lynleigh Evans & Mary Carter
Sun	Open 1pm	Fran Martin & Judy Maccioni

## NSBC Members into Open ITS Final

The following NSBC club members made the final of the Open Interstate Teams selection on Mar 23/4:

NSBC Members into Open ITS Stage 3	VP
Julian FOSTER - David WESTON	79
Yixiang ZHANG - Wayne ZHU	72
Jane BEEBY - Michael WILKINSON	42
David FRYDA - Michael CARTMELL	40
Lynn KALMIN - Lorna ICHILCIK	8

## NSBC Members in the NSW Open Team

And well done to the three NSBC members who then won their way into the 2019 NSW Open team!

Pos	NSWBA Open Final Team selection	IMPS
1	Julian Foster & David Weston	81
2	Peter Buchen & Matthew Thomson	68
3	Lynn Kalmin & Lorna Ichilcik	61



**2019 Open ITS Winners**

**Lynn Kalmin, (Lorna Ichilcik absent), Julian Foster, David Weston, Matthew Thomson, Peter Buchen**

## ABF Daily column:



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Short teaser extract from a daily column:

### Opening Leads by Phillip Alder

Do you and your partner discuss bridge before playing? If so, what do you talk about? My guess is that nearly 100 percent of those chats are about bidding. But half of the time, you are defending.

You should spend more time on signaling than on bidding. If you always defended perfectly, you would win every time (unless your bidding and declarer-play stink!).

But before we get that far, when does defence start? No, it is not with the opening lead; it is during the bidding.

In particular, **try to estimate how many points each opponent holds. Then you will have some idea of what partner holds.**

Listen to and analyse the auction when picking an opening lead

This might well influence your choice of opening lead. .... A number of examples are then analysed.

## From the Club Library

### BIRD & ANTHIAS OPENING LEADS

David Bird is the most prolific bridge writer in the world, with more than 130 books to his name. In 2011 and 2012 David and Taf Anthias wrote two books entitled *Winning Notrump Leads* and *Winning Suit Contract Leads*. Bridge players develop their feel for opening leads from general guidelines and through their playing experiences over many years. The authors contend that one lifetime is not long enough to build up a complete database of opening leads.

They performed computer simulations to determine the most successful opening leads for many hands. For each West hand, the computer generated 5000 possible deals that matched the bidding, and then analysed them double dummy to determine the success of the lead of each of the thirteen cards in the hand.

The results contained some surprises. In general, passive leads scored better. They found that leads from four card suits headed by one or two honours were overrated. Some people think that the worst possible lead is from four to a jack. The results found that leading from Jxxx is safer than leading from Qxxx which is safer than leading from Kxxx. Here are some of their recommendations:

#### Notrump recommendations

- Against a 1NT - 3NT auction a major suit lead is much better.
- Against a 1NT – 3NT auction a passive lead from a short major suit is better than leading from four cards to an honour in a minor suit.
- Leads from a major suit doubleton fare surprisingly well, because partner is likely to have five cards.
- When you have a weak hand, it is usually a waste of time leading from a long suit, particularly when it is a minor. It is

generally right to lead your shorter major to try and find partner's suit.

- At Matchpoints it is often right to lead an ace against 6NT, to prevent an overtrick.

#### Suit contract recommendations

- The lead of a side-suit singleton is excellent and should nearly always be chosen.
- Side-suit doubletons are better leads than most people realise.
- Against one-suit auctions (such as 1♠ - 2♣-4♠ or 1♠-3♠-4♠) it is often better to lead passively from xxx or xxxx rather than from a suit headed by one or two honours.
- A trump lead is usually the worst of the four possible leads. Do it only if the three side-suit leads are risky or responder opts to stop in declarer's second suit.
- At Matchpoints it is usually essential to lead an ace in an unbid suit against a slam, to prevent an overtrick.

The results were somewhat controversial. Some experts liked the book but some were quite critical. The main objection was that the analyses were done double dummy, meaning that the computer could see all four hands. So, partner would never misinterpret your lead and, during the play, would always make a killing switch instead of continuing your suit if it was the right thing to do. It is well worthwhile reading these books. There are copies of them both in the club's library.

#### Pat O'Connor

#### Directors' Course - Club Level

The next Club Level Directors' course will be held at the NSWBA rooms on **Saturday May 11, 2019**, 10am-4pm.

**Tony Howes** will be leading the session.



## 4. Club Events

### Completed events

#### EL SWISS Pairs Congress <CC>

Pos	Swiss Pairs Congress @ East Lindfield	VP	WLD	CC Pts
1	<b>Warren Dobes &amp; Witold Chylewski (Jun)</b>	95.49	4-0-2	10
2	Ervin Otvosi & Ashley Bach	94.77	5-1-0	7
3	Anthony Burke & Nigel Rosendorff	92.20	4-2-0	5
4	<b>Gary Lane &amp; Kevin Davies</b>	90.90	4-0-2	4
5	<b>Peter Jeffery &amp; Julian Abel</b>	90.81	4-0-2	3
6	<b>Jeanette Reitzer &amp; Terry Brown</b>	89.36	4-0-2	2
7	David Farmer & Catherine Whiddon	89.34	4-1-1	1



**Winners: Witold & Warren**

#### Mixed Pairs Club Championship <CC>

Pos	Mixed Pairs Championship @ Club Willoughby	%	CC Pts
1	<b>Karen McCallum &amp; Axel Johannsson</b>	242%	10
2	Steven Bock & Judy Osie	228%	7
3	David Weston & Helena Dawson	221%	5
4	Peter Gill & Liz Sylvester	219%	4
5	Warren Dobes & Giselle Mundell	217%	3
6	Linda King & Nick Fahrer	214%	2
7	Witold Chylewski & Ruth Tobin	212%	1
<b>Session Winners</b>			
S1	Karen McCallum & Axel Johannsson	65.70%	
S2	George Bilski & Jennifer Rothwell	64.47%	
S3	Karen McCallum & Axel Johannsson	64.67%	
S4	Steven Bock & Judy Osie	58.61%	



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## Interclub Teams at Mosman

We were pipped by 1 point in the Inter-club held at Trumps. Our teams:

S	Northern Suburbs Inter-club Teams Challenge	Pts
A	Warren <u>Dobes</u> , Witold Chylewski, Yumin Li, Peter Jeffrey	3
A	Julianne Rocks, Helen <u>Lowry</u> , Mischa Solar, Liz Quittner	2
A	Angie Boulton, Peter Boulton, Les Varadi, Eva <u>Shand</u>	1
A	Betty Priestley, Patrica Matheson, Judy Twigg, Marilyn <u>Mason</u>	
B	Margaret Owen, Kay <u>Moyes</u> , Julie Guthrie, Mark Guthrie	
C	Jenny Barnes, Catherine Else, Fiona <u>Lavery</u> , Kit Meyers	1
D	Narelle <u>Clark</u> , Jann Cathels, Sue Feeney, Kathryn Stewart	1
E	Ming Li, Paulina <u>Martin</u> , Wenjie Liu, Ming Xie	3

### Overall Result

Northern Suburbs Interclub Teams (2019 Winning Club)		Pts
1st	<b>Trumps</b>	12
2nd	<b>North Shore</b>	11



The 2019 winning Trumps team

## EL State Mixed Championship

Pos	EL Mixed Pairs Championship State Mixed Qual @ EL	%
1	<b>Roslyn Howes &amp; Tony Howes</b>	182%
2	<b>Leo Goorevich &amp; Fiona Lavery</b>	159%
3	<b>Robert Case &amp; Margaret Pussell</b>	158%
<b>Session winners</b>		
S1	Kay Moyes & Kevin Davies	59.70%
S2	Fiona Ballard & Ian Plummer	62.17%
S3	Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes	62.82%



## Upcoming Club Events

CW - Tournament Events (Apr-Jun)			
Thursday Championship Nights @ 7:30pm			
Date		Event Details	Status
28/Mar	1/4	<b>Men's &amp; Women's Teams Championship</b>	In Progress
4/Apr	2/4		
11/Apr	3/4		
18/Apr	4/4		
25/Apr		No Night Session - ANZAC Day Holiday	
2/May		No Night Session - ANOT (Adelaide)	
9/May	1/5	<b>GNOT Direct Qualifier to ABF Final in Tweed Heads (Gold Points)</b>	bookings Required
16/May	2/5		
23/May	3/5		
30/May	4/5		
5/Jun			
13/Jun	5/5	GNOT Direct Qualifier finals	
20/Jun	1/3	Hybrid Teams	
27/Jun		No Night Session - NSBC Festival Events	
4/Jul	2/3	Hybrid Teams	bookings Required
11/Jul	3/3		

CW Tuesday Daytime @ 1pm			
Date		Event Details	Status
21/May	1/3	<b>CW Pairs Championship (Daytime Qual State Pairs)</b>	Booking required
28/May	2/3		
4/Jun	3/3		
6/Apr		<b>Club AGM (11:30am) at Club Willoughby</b>	
6/Apr		Red point Saturday Bridge, 1pm at CW	
22/Apr		Red Point Easter Monday, 1pm at CW	
25/Apr		Red point ANZAC Day Holiday, 1pm at CW	
6/May		Red Point Bridge for Brains, 10am at CW, Open game	
6/May		Red Point Bridge for Brains, 10am at CW, Restricted game	

EL - Tournament Events (Apr-Jun)			
EL - Tuesday Championship Night @ 7:30			
Date		Event Details	Status
2-Apr	1/3	<b>EL GNOT (Teams), Metro Qualifier Gold point event</b>	Book via website
9-Apr	2/3		
16-Apr	3/3		
7-May	1/3	<b>EL Swiss Pairs Championship Red point Tournament</b>	Book via website
14-May	2/3		
21-May	3/3		
11-Jun	1/3	<b>EL Pairs Championship, (State Open Qual) Red point Tournament</b>	Book via website
18-Jun	2/3		
25-Jun	3/3		

East Lindfield RED POINT events, March to May	
22/Apr	Easter Monday, 9:30am
22/Apr	Easter Monday, 1:00pm
25/Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday, 1:00pm
6/May	Bridge for Brains, 9:30am
6/May	Bridge for Brains, 1pm
10/Jun	Queen's Birthday Monday, 9:30am
10/Jun	Queen's Birthday Monday, 1:00pm

NSWBA State Mixed Pairs Finals @ NSWBA Clubrooms	
25/May	State Mixed Qualifying Rounds
26/May	State Mixed Finals + NSWBA Autumn Pairs

## East Lindfield GNOT Championship

The East Lindfield GNOT (Teams) championships is the first of the 3 GNOT (**Gold Points**) qualifying events to be held by the NSBC. It will run over 3 x **Tuesday Nights at 7:30pm**, starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Last year's winners were:

2018 - EL GNOT Teams Champions	
1st	<b>Bijan Assaee, Sheena Arora, Peter Liphay, Mark Moscow</b>

This is your chance to win some **Gold Points** whilst playing against local club members.

The winners will be invited to represent NSBC in the GNOT Metro finals at the NSWBA on 21/22 September 2019.



# GNOT Metro Qualifying




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## East Lindfield

Tuesday: 7:30pm

3 Sessions

2<sup>nd</sup> April

9<sup>th</sup> April

16<sup>th</sup> April

GOLD POINT EVENT

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\$45 Members

\$60 Non Members



## Club Willoughby GNOT Direct qualifier

### Club Champion Qualifying Event

The GNOT Direct qualifier to the ABF Tweed Heads grand finals will be held on 5 Thursday nights at Club Willoughby, starting May 9<sup>th</sup>.

This event will be worth **double CC points** for any members in the top 7 positions.

The format is likely to be 3 session qualifying for 4 teams to play a semifinal (28-board match) and a grand final (28-board match). A repechage Swiss will continue for the non-contending teams. (**Gold Points**)

It is planned for the NSBC Grand Final to be broadcast live over BBO.



## GNOT DIRECT

### Club Willoughby



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**Thursday Nights: 7:30pm**

**5 Sessions**

**9<sup>th</sup> May**

**16<sup>th</sup> May**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**30<sup>th</sup> May**

**13<sup>th</sup> June**

**GOLD POINT EVENT**

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**\$90 Members**

**\$115 Non Members**



The 2018 Winners (called Sydney 4 at Tweed Heads) were:


2018 GNOT Direct Qualifier to the ABF Tweed Heads Finals	
1st	<b>David Beauchamp, Mike Hughes, Peter Fordham, Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Andre Korenhof</b>

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## Easter weekend: 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April at East Lindfield:

### Easter Weekend Bridge at East Lindfield

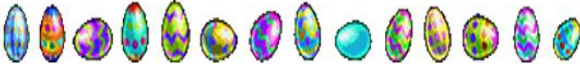


GOOD Friday: Closed

EASTER Saturday: Usual Sessions

EASTER Sunday: Closed

**EASTER Monday – Red Points**  
**2 Sessions**  
**9:30am & 1:00pm**  
**Normal Table Fees**



## and at Club Willoughby



### Easter Weekend Bridge at Club Willoughby



GOOD Friday: Closed

EASTER Saturday: Usual Sessions

EASTER Sunday: Closed

**EASTER Monday – Red Points**  
**1 Session Only**  
**1:00pm**  
**Normal Table Fees**



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## CW MP Open Pairs Championship (includes State Open Pairs qual)

The Club Willoughby Open Pairs is a 3-session Tuesday daytime event, start time 1:00pm, from 21/May. Last year's winners:

### CW 2018 Open Pairs Champions

1 **Alicia Mercer & Leo Goorevich**



### State Open Pairs Qualifying



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**Club Willoughby**  
Tuesday: 1:00pm

3 Sessions  
21<sup>st</sup> May  
28<sup>th</sup> May  
4<sup>th</sup> June




Red Points

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\$45 Members  
\$60 Visitors



## East Lindfield Swiss Pairs

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening competition event at East Lindfield is Swiss Pairs; a 3-session event, starting at 7:30pm, from 7/May. This is an ideal opportunity to try and taste IMP bridge. Last year's winners were:

### EL 2018 SWISS Pairs Champions

1 **Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies**



### Swiss Pairs

#### East Lindfield

Tuesday: 7:30pm

3 Sessions  
7<sup>th</sup> May  
14<sup>th</sup> May  
21<sup>st</sup> May

Red Points

\$45 Members  
\$60 Non Members



## NSBC Festival of Bridge in June

The North Shore Bridge Club Festival of bridge will be played over 2 weeks in late June. The Festival will start at East Lindfield with the Restricted and Novice events. These will be followed by 4 big days at Club Willoughby with 2 Swiss Pairs events and 2 Swiss Teams events.

All the in-between walk-in sessions at both Club Willoughby and East Lindfield will be allocated red points.

Program highlights:

Festival at East Lindfield - Novice and Restricted Pairs			
22-Jun	30T	<b>"Two Men &amp; a Truck"</b> <b>Festival Congress</b> <b>Teams of 4 for Novice</b> <b>&amp; Restricted</b>	bookings Required website
Festival @ EL - Novice & Restricted TEAMS			
23-Jun	30T	<b>"Two Men &amp; a Truck"</b> <b>Festival Congress</b> <b>Matchpoint Pairs for</b> <b>Novice &amp; Restricted</b>	bookings Required website

Festival at Club Willoughby - Thursday daytime Swiss Pairs			
27-Jun	50T	<b>Festival Swiss</b> <b>Matchpoint Pairs</b>	Bookings Required on website
Festival @ CW - Friday daytime SWISS Teams			
28-Jun	50T	<b>Festival Swiss Teams</b>	Bookings Required on website
Festival @ CW - Saturday daytime SWISS PAIRS			
29-Jun	50T	<b>Festival Swiss PAIRS</b>	Bookings Required on website
Festival @ CW - Sunday SWISS Teams			
30-Jun	50T	<b>"TBIB" Festival Swiss</b> <b>Teams</b>	Bookings Required on website

## 5. Teaching Corner (for the newer player)

### Pat O'Connor's Bridge Problem

North	South (D)
♠ J854	♠ A62
♥ 852	♥ K943
♦ KQJT4	♦ A
♣ K	♣ AQ732

The bidding was:

Standard American or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

You have a strong unbalanced hand with five clubs so you open a club. Your partner bids 1♦ and you bid your second suit, hearts. Partner then bids 1♠. It seems you don't have a fit anywhere so No Trumps may be the best spot. You bid 2NT, which is invitational to 3NT, and partner accepts the invitation.

West leads the ♥6. East takes the ♥A and returns the ♥J.

How do you plan to play the hand?

#### Analysis

Counting winners, you have one in spades, five in diamonds and three in clubs. With the heart opening lead, the king of hearts has also become a winner. That makes ten winners.

The diamond and club suits are blocked, so the challenge is to untangle your tricks.

How do you continue?

## Keep learning with Anita Curtis

**Build on the Basics (BoB):** Follow **Bridge Basics** with these 2-hour sessions: 7:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:30am on Thursdays:

BUILD ON THE BASICS with Anita Curtis at Club Willoughby 2hr sessions Wednesday @ 7:30pm & Thursdays @ 10:30am		
Wed Apr 3 & Thur Apr 4	Responder's NT bids	Responder's NT bids
Wed Apr 10 & Thur Apr 11	Focus on Defence:	Leads against suit contracts
Wed Apr 17 & Thur Apr 18	Let's get in the way!	Weak Twos and responses
Wed Apr 24 & Fri Apr 26	Hand Analysis 1 & consolidation	Hand Analysis 1 and consolidation
Wed May 1 & Thur May 2	They hate it when I interfere!	3 level pre-empts and responses
Wed May 8 & Thur May 9	I can't count that high! (with Liz Wilkinson)	2C Opening & 2D response
NO LESSONS 15 MAY - 31 MAY		
Wed Jun 5 & Thur Jun 6	Dumping Losers	Counting losers & forming a plan, dumping

**Develop Your Skills (DYS):** These are 2-hour sessions on Thursdays at 2pm, alternately for players who have done **BoB**, and for those who have done **DYS**.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS with Anita Curtis at Club Willoughby (2hr Sessions Thursdays at 2pm)		
Dates	Pre	Course
Thu, 4 Apr	DYS	DYS Hand Analysis
Thu, 11 Apr	BoB	Build on the Basics Hand Analysis
Thu, 2 May	DYS	DYS Hand Analysis
Thu, 6 Jun	DYS	DYS Hand Analysis

**Broaden Your Skills (BYS):** These are 2-hour sessions on Fridays at 2pm for players with typically 3 years of Bridge experience.

BROADEN YOUR GAME / INTERMEDIATE with Anita Curtis at Club Willoughby (2hr Sessions at 2pm)		
Fri, 5 Apr	Fourth Suit Forcing - Part 1	Bidding: force partner to game, get more information in the process
Fri, 12 Apr	Reverses & Jump Shifts with David Beauchamp	Bidding only: show 2-suited strong hands
NO LESSONS ON 19 APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY) OR 26 APRIL		
Fri, 3 May	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge, all skills
NO LESSONS 10 - 31 MAY		
Fri, 7 Jun	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge, all skills

## Short Classes at East Lindfield

On Friday mornings at **East Lindfield at 9:30am**, Mike Prescott gives a free half-hour lesson aimed at Rookie players and up. Do then stay and play in the **10am Open game**.

## Your playing opportunities



Supervised Sessions	
CW	Monday afternoons at 2pm with Sue & Alan
CW	Tuesday mornings at 10am with Kim & Kay
EL	Tuesday afternoons at 2pm with Sue
EL	Tuesday evenings at 7pm with Sue
CW	Wednesday afternoons at 2pm with Liz & Kay
Rookie Sessions	
CW	Monday afternoons at 2pm with Sue & Alan
CW	Tuesday mornings at 10am with Kim & Kay
EL	Tuesday afternoons at 2pm with Sue & Alan
CW	Wednesday afternoons at 2pm with Liz & Kay
CW	Thursday afternoons at 2pm with Johnno

These sessions are 2 hours long. Note that there is a 15-minute talk on a bidding or play topic before all the Supervised and Rookie sessions.

Want to play in these sessions?

Just come along,  
with or without a partner.

If you are finding that the Rookie games are no longer challenging you, come along to a 3-hour Restricted game:

Restricted Sessions	
CW	Monday morning at 10am,
CW	Wednesday mornings at 10am,
CW	Friday mornings at 10am.

## Ready for even more challenges?

First, congratulations to the team of **Ming Li, Paulina Martin, Wenjie Liu, Ming Xie**, who came first in their section at the Interclub Teams event, winning us a valuable 3 points!

Second, a well done to **Kit Meyers & Kerry Rymer** who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Restricted Pairs championship held in Orange

It's great to see our newer players competing in events! So here are the upcoming restricted game opportunities for those of you who are looking for more of a challenge.

**The "Bridge for Brains"** event is being held at both our venues on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, including the Restricted session at CW. This is an Australia-wide **Red Point** event, using pre-dealt hands, with a solution booklet provided at the end. As usual, we will be asking for a donation to the "Bridge for Brains" charity. The sessions are as follows:

6/May	Club Willoughby 10am Open
6/May	Club Willoughby 10am Restricted
6/May	East Lindfield 9:30am Open
6/May	East Lindfield 1pm Open

**Central Coast Bridge Club -Super Congress** at The Entrance has **restricted sections** in the Saturday Swiss Pairs and Sunday Swiss Teams (IMPs / VP) on 6/7 April.

**Peninsula Bridge Club Swiss Teams** (IMPs / VP) has a **Restricted Teams section** on 28<sup>th</sup> April at Warriewood.

Our **NSBC Festival of Bridge** starts with the **Restricted and Novice Teams and Pairs** at our East Lindfield venue over the weekend **22/23 June**. These are **Red Point events** for restricted and novice players only:

- Matchpoint Pairs on the Saturday
- Teams on the Sunday.

## The Solution to Pat's Problem

### The Full Deal

	North	
	♠ J854	
West	♥ 852	East
♠ T97	♦ KQJT4	♠ KQ3
♥ QT76	♣ K	♥ AJ
♦ 97		♦ 86532
♣ J954	South (D)	♣ T86
	♠ A62	
	♥ K943	
	♦ A	
	♣ AQ732	

Before continuing it is critical to work out the sequence in which to take your tricks.

The diamonds in dummy are a source of tricks but the ace must first be played from your hand to unblock the suit. Similarly, to make the ♣A and ♣Q you need to unblock the king first.

The correct sequence is to take the ♥K then play the ♦A, then play a small club from your hand to the king in dummy. Then you cash the diamond honours in dummy discarding two spades and two clubs from your hand. To take the ♣A and ♣Q you need to come back to your hand, which you can do via the ♠A.

So, you make ten tricks.

### Key Point

**Play high honours from the short side first to unblock a suit.**

Want to keep learning?

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## 6. Solutions to Challenges

### Hand 1

		North	V		
		♠ Q J 10			
		♥ A K Q J 3			
		♦ 7 2			
		♣ 8 6 3			
West	NV	East	NV		
♠ 4 2		♠ A K 8 7 6			
♥ 8 7 4		♥			
♦ A J 6 4 3		♦ Q 9 8 5			
♣ J 4 2		♣ A K Q 10			
		South	D V		
		♠ 9 5 3			
		♥ 10 9 6 5 2			
		♦ K 10			
		♣ 9 7 5			
				HCPs	
				13	
				6 18	
				3	
East	7	7	1	6	2
West	7	7	1	6	2

Standard American or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			Pass
Pass	1♥	X	3♥
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT (♦)	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Notes on the bidding:

- North: 1♥ normal opening.
- East is too strong to just overcall – must X first to show strength.
- South makes a preemptive 3♥ support bid.
- East X (takeout) again, very strong and a fit for any of the 3 other suits.
- West bids 4♦, natural best fit. West would have bid 3♠ if they had 3, thus diamonds are likely 5.
- Aggressive 4NT (♦) keycard expecting to convert 5♣ (0 Keycards) to 5♦ to play.

- 5♦ (1 keycard) is a surprise, with good black cards and the heart void, should have a good play in 6♦.

Playing the hand in 6♦ by west:

North's best Lead: Lead the ♥K to get a count card from partner in case it stands up.

West's initial planning:

Loser count: 0, but likely to lose ♦K

Winners: 4x♦ + 4x♣ + 2x♠ + 2x♥ ruffs=12

Foreseeable problems? If diamonds break 3-1, then lead ♦x (not ♦Q) to the finesse.

Likely Play: Ruff ♥K, finesse ♦J which is likely to lose. On a diamond return, win in hand and ruff a second heart. Draw trumps if any left and claim.

Actual play makes 13 tricks, when the ♦K is onside and the diamonds break 2-2.

### Matchpoint Scoring:

EW Contracts				EW Match Points		
Fequ	Con	T	L	Score	MP	%
1	4♦ /W	12		170	0	0%
1	4♦ /W	13		190	2	8%
3	3♠ /E	11		200	6	23%
1	3♠ /E	12		230	10	38%
3	3♥ /N	6		300	14	54%
1	4♥ /N	6		400	18	69%
1	5♦ /W	13		640	20	77%
3	4♠ /E	12		680	23	88%
14 Tables				Max = 13x2 = 26 MP		

T		Lead	6D /West
1	N	♥K	Ruffed with ♦5. ♥K lead asks partner for count
2	E	♦8	Finesse, ♦J wins .. a surprise!
3	W	♦A	Draws remaining trumps
4	W	♠2	♠K wins - all follow
5	E	♠A	♠A wins - all follow
6	E	♠6	Ruffed with ♦4, all follow in spades
7	E		Claim all remaining tricks, making 13

### MP Tips:

- Games 4♠/5♦ score well
- 6♦ even better
- 3♠ contracts: probably no second takeout X, poor MP result.
- 4♦ part score: more vision needed!
- Pass 3♥? Lucky to get an average!
- Should double 4♥ for penalty!

### Bidding Challenge Solution (Hand 2)

### International Matchpoint (IMP) Scoring

EW Contracts				EW IMPS		
Fequ	Con	T	L	Score	Diff	IMP
1	4♦ /W	12		170	-200	-5
1	4♦ /W	13		190	-180	-5
3	3♠ /E	11		200	-170	-5
1	3♠ /E	12		230	-140	-4
3	3♥ /N	6		300	-70	-2
1	4♥ /N	6		400	30	1
1	5♦ /W	13		640	270	7
3	4♠ /E	12		680	310	7
14 Tables				Aver Score = 370		

<b>North</b> NV ♠ K 10 7 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K Q 9 8 2 ♣ 4 3 2			
<b>West</b> D NV ♠ Q 9 3 2 ♥ A Q 9 4 3 ♦ 5 ♣ Q J 9	<b>East</b> NV ♠ A J 8 4 ♥ K ♦ A J 7 6 4 ♣ A K 7		
<b>South</b> NV ♠ 6 5 ♥ J 10 7 5 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 10 8 6 5		HCPs 8 11 20 1	

### IMP Tips:

- Need to bid a game for +7 IMPS
- Slam even better



East	5	4	5	7	5
West	5	4	5	7	5

Standard American			
West (D)	N	East	S
1♥ min most would open	Pass	2♦ 4+♦	Pass
2♥ min partner	Pass	2♠ strong 2nd sui	Pass
4♠ min signoff	Pass	4NT (♠)	Pass
5♦ 1 or 4	Pass	5♥ ♠ Q?	Pass
6♠ yes, no kings	Pass	Pass	Pass

Most Wests would open 1♥, 11 + 5-4 shape.

Over 2♦, backpedal with 2♥, showing a minimum hand.

2♠ Strong reverse by responder.

4♠ Try to signoff in game.

4NT – East has too much, propels to 6♠

2/1 GF			
West (D)	N	East	S
1♥ min most would open	Pass	2♦ GF 4+♦	Pass
2♠ Shape showing, not a reverse	Pass	3♠ GF agree fit	Pass
4♠ min signoff	Pass	4NT (♠)	Pass
5♦ 1 or 4	Pass	5♥ ♠ Q?	Pass
6♠ yes, no kings	Pass	Pass	Pass

Similar, but 2♦=GF, thus East just shows his shape with 2♠, 3♠= strong GF, 4♠=signoff, but again East has too much and propels to 6♠

### Matchpoint Scoring Results

EW Contracts				EW Match Points		
Fequ	Con	T	L	Score	MP	%
1x	6NT W	9	♦ K	-150	0	0%
1x	6♠ E	10	♥ J	-100	3	11%
1x	6NT W	10	♦ 8	-100	3	11%
2x	6♠ E	11	♦ K/H5	-50	8	29%
1x	6NT E	11	♥ 5	-50	8	29%
2x	3NT E	10	♣ 8/♦ T	430	13	46%
2x	4♠ E	11	♠ 6/♣ 8	450	17	61%
4x	4/5♠ E	12	various	480	23	82%
1x	6♠ /E	12	♦ T	980	28	100%
15 Tables				Max = 14x2 = 28 MP		

MP tips:

- Must make positive score to do well
- Bidding game + overtricks = 61% or more
- A suit contract with shapely hands and shortages is usually better than NT
- Bidding the slam gets 100%, but only wins 18% over the games, very risky.

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### International Matchpoint (IMP) Results

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1x	6NT W	9	♦ K	-150	-430	-10
1x	6♠ E	10	♥ J	-100	-380	-9
1x	6NT W	10	♦ 8	-100	-380	-9
2x	6♠ E	11	♦ K/H5	-50	-330	-8
1x	6NT E	11	♥ 5	-50	-330	-8
2x	3NT E	10	♣ 8/♦ T	430	150	4
2x	4♠ E	11	♠ 6/♣ 8	450	170	5
4x	4/5♠ E	12	various	480	200	5
1x	6♠ /E	12	♦ T	980	700	12
15 Tables				Average Score = 280		

IMP tips:

- Must make a positive score else **-9 IMP**
- Games score **4/5 IMPs**, overtricks are of little value
- Slam scores **12 IMPs**

East, as declarer in 6S, how are you going to make your contract?

South's best Lead:

You have heart length in West's first suit, so probably lead a trump (♠6), to reduce the ruffing power of E/W.

North NV		West D NV		East NV		South NV		HCPs	
♠ K 10 7		♠ Q 9 3 2		♠ A J 8 4		♠ 6 5		8	
♥ 8 6		♥ A Q 9 4 3		♥ K		♥ J 10 7 5 2		11 20	
♦ K Q 9 8 2		♦ 5		♦ A J 7 6 4		♦ 10 3		1	
♣ 4 3 2		♣ Q J 9		♣ A K 7		♣ 10 8 6 5			

Declarer East Planning:

Direct losers: None, have all the aces

Count winners: The lead looks like North has the ♠K. 4x♠, 3x♥, 1x♦, 3x♣ = 11 tricks only

Entries and communications are poor to the West hand. The 12<sup>th</sup> trick must come from a ruff

We can afford to give a spade away, so assuming the trumps are 3-2, draw 2 rounds and cross ruff hearts and diamonds.

Eventually North will win their ♠K, but East should have the rest of the tricks.

T		Lead	6♠ by East
1	S	♠6	♠2, ♠10, East's ♠J takes the trick
2	E	♠A	All follow, only the ♠K is out
3	E	♥K	Unblock the hearts, all follow
4	E	♦A	All follow
5	E	♦4	West ruffs with the ♠9. N/S follow
6	W	♥A	All follow, East drops ♦6
7	W	♥Q	North ruffs with the ♠K, East drops ♦7
8	N	♠4	East wins ♠A, all follow
9	E	♦J	West ruffs with the ♠Q
10+	E		East claims 12 tricks; 2 club tricks + 2 high trumps in the East hand

## Defence Challenge

West (D)	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Standard or 2/1 Bidding Notes	
1NT	15-17 Balanced
2♣	Stayman
2♥	I have 4 hearts
4♥	Heart fit, game is on

## You hold:

North	
♠	Qxx
♥	Axx
♦	Kxxx
♣	xxx

What do you lead and why?

Let's peek over declarer's shoulder at a typical distribution and their plans for making the contract:

West (D)	East
♠ Ax	♠ Jxxx
♥ KTxx	♥ QJxx
♦ Jxxx	♦ Q
♣ AQx	♣ KJTxx

Declarer West Planning:  
26HCPs, but mostly poor quality.  
Loser count: Must lose ♥A, ♦A and a spade

Winner count: 4♣, 3♥, 1♠ = 8 tricks  
To make 4♥, Need 2x diamond ruffs = 10

## Back to North's lead problem!

East has jumped to 4♥ after locating the heart fit. They have steered away from 3NT, one trick less required for game, and insisted on playing in trumps (4♥). This usually means a shortage in East's hand and the need to ruff some losers.

**The best lead:** Is a **trump lead**, but which one?

- ♥A and another heart lead. But partner will have no heart to return when in (with the ♦A)
- Best is ♥x, hopefully partner can return another, or a surprise and win with the ♥K or ♥Q

If you try any other suit lead declarer will easily make the contract!

The play: ♥x lead by North

- West will win the ♥x with the ♥T
- Play a small diamond towards dummy's singleton ♦Q
- Partner will jump in and win ♦A
- Partner will continue the ♥x attack, and you will win ♥A
- You will continue the 3<sup>rd</sup> ♥x to stop 2 diamond ruffs in dummy

Declarer will now go down, losing either a second spade or a second diamond and the two red aces. The full hand was:

	<b>North</b>	
	♠ Qxx	
	♥ Axx	
	♦ Kxxx	
	♣ xxx	
<b>West (D)</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ Ax		♠ Jxxx
♥ KTxx		♥ QJxx
♦ Jxxx		♦ Q
♣ AQx		♣ KJTx
	<b>South</b>	
	♠ Kxxx	
	♥ xx	
	♦ Axxx	
	♣ xxx	

There are a few rules that help the defence:

- What is good for declarer is usually poor for the defence!
- When the bidding indicates **declarer will likely be ruffing**, often the most effective lead is a trump.
- From a holding of Axx or Kxx in trumps the most effective card is usually a small one. Partner can have Q or Qx.
- If partner gets in, hopefully they will return a second trump and you can clear the trumps.

## 7. Congress News

### ABF News and Coming Events

APBF Youth Team Championships – Bangkok	April 5-11
Autumn Nationals – Adelaide	May 2-6
Barrier Reef Congress – Cairns	May 3-6
Western Senior Pairs – Perth	May 18-19
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	June 6-10
APBF Championships – Singapore	June 11-20
Open European Championships – Istanbul	June 15-29

### Tasmanian Festival of Bridge

TfOB Restricted (<300MP) Pairs 31T		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Bob Ranson &amp; Jack Foreman</b>	123	6-2-1
2	<b>Colin Clifford &amp; John Rogers</b>	122	5-1-3

## NSWBA and Congress Events

The Island Matchpointed Swiss Pairs 8T		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Ashley Bach &amp; Arlene Dalley</b>	116	6-0-3
2	Moss Wylie & Douglas Russell	113	7-0-2
Roger Penny - Senior Swiss Pairs <PQPs> 43T		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>Phil Gue &amp; Nigel Rosendorff</b>	134	8-0-1
2	Elizabeth Havas & Neil Ewart	125	6-1-2
5th	<b>Richard Douglas &amp; Bob Sebesfi</b>	113	6-2-1
TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs <PQPs> 70T		VPS	W-D-L
1	<b>David Beauchamp &amp; Judy Tutty</b>	160	8-2-1
2	Kitty Muntz & Leigh Gold	150	8-2-1
3	Michael Ware & Matthew McManus	149	9-1-1
4	Bruce Neil & Avinash Kanetkar	145	8-2-1

Pos	NSWBA Open Final Team selection	IMPS
1	<b>Julian Foster &amp; David Weston</b>	81
2	<b>Peter Buchen &amp; Matthew Thomson</b>	68
3	<b>Lynn Kalmin &amp; Lorna Ichilcik</b>	61

Pos	ITS SWISS PAIRS	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Martin Bloom &amp; Dennis Zines</b>	148.51	10-0-2
2	<b>Robbie Feyder &amp; Peter Gill</b>	148.05	9-1-2

Pos	Griffith Ex-Servicemens Bridge Club Wine Country Congress Matchpoint Pairs	%	
1	Richard Hills & Chris Stead	67	
2	Charles McMahon & John McMahon	61	
Pos	Griffith Ex-Servicemens Bridge Club Wine Country Congress Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Phil Glover, Bal Krishan, John Currie, Mary Francis	92	5-0-1
2	Richard Hills, Chris Stead, Niek Van Vucht, Vicky Lisle	87	4-0-2
Pos	Forbes Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Jenny King & Calvin Konner	83	5-0-1
2	Jane North & Anne Hazelton	80	4-0-2

Pos	Wellington Bridge Club - Open Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Peter Tarlington &amp; Fitz McKay</b>	81	4-0-2
2	<b>Margret Driscoll &amp; Austin Driscoll</b>	80	5-0-1
Pos	Wellington Bridge Club - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>John Mottram, Helen Christie, Jane North, Ian Lincoln</b>	90	5-1-0
2	<b>John Brockwell, Val Brockwell, Richard Douglas, David Weston</b>	83	4-1-1

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Pos	Trumps Bridge Centre - Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Karen McCallum , Axel Johannsson, Arthur Ramer, Kevin Davies</b>	95	6-0-0
2	<b>Warren Dobes, Witold Chylewski, Peter Jeffery, Yumin Li</b>	89	4-1-1
3	<b>Robert Sebesfi, Richard Douglas, Wayne Zhu, Ranjit Limaye</b>	88	5-0-1



Winners: Arthur, Axel, Karen & Kevin

Pos	Armidale Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Tony Sorensen &amp; Edward Hahn</b>	129	7-2-1
2	<b>Bruce Tier &amp; Ian Price</b>	128	7-2-1

Pos	Kiama and District Bridge Club Novice Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Jenny Muscio &amp; Sue Bochan</b>	92	5-0-1
2	<b>Maria Christensen &amp; Pranati Basu</b>	75	5-0-1

Pos	Batemans Bay Bridge Club - Open Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>David Lilley &amp; Khokan Bagchi</b>	106	6-1-0
2	<b>Matt Smoth &amp; Hamish Dodd</b>	93	6-0-1

Pos	Batemans Bay Bridge Club - Restricted Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Jennette Rosetta &amp; Inci Khoury</b>	101	6-0-1
2	<b>Anka Saundrey &amp; Peter Saundry</b>	96	5-0-2

Pos	Batemans Bay Bridge Club - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>David Lilley &amp; Khokan Bagchi, Arjunda de Livera &amp; George Kozakos</b>	116	7-0-0
2	<b>Liz Sylvester &amp; Peter Gill, Cevat Emul &amp; Catherine Zhang</b>	102	5-0-2

Pos	Ballina Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Dianne Hillman &amp; Connie Cassar</b>	93	6-0-1
2	<b>William Powell &amp; Marjorie Askew</b>	88	6-0-1

Pos	Ballina Bridge Club - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Eric Hurley &amp; Gary Lynn, Marjorie Askew &amp; William Powell</b>	81	4-0-2
2	<b>David Mcleish &amp; Paula Mcleish, John Steele &amp; Jocelyn Steele</b>	80	4-0-2

Pos	Inverell Delvyn Bridge Club - Matchpointed Pairs 13T	%
1	<b>Brian Glover &amp; Ian Price</b>	65%
2	<b>Bas Bolt &amp; Stephen Hughes</b>	59%

Pos	Tamworth Bridge Club - Teams 11T	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Rosealie Broughton, Ken Wilks, Ian Price, Brian Glover</b>	134	6-2-2
2	<b>Michael Johnston, Rachel Rich, David Tucker, Sarah Strickland</b>	130	9-0-1

Pos	State Championships @ Orange bridge club - Novice Matchpointed Pairs T10	%
1	<b>Lynne Richardson &amp; Judy Jackson</b>	60%
2	<b>Diana Mcauliffe &amp; Maeve Doyle</b>	56%

Pos	State Championships @ Orange bridge club - Restricted Matchpointed Pairs 10T	VP
1	<b>Ken McMahon &amp; Susan McMahon</b>	60%
2	<b>Kit Meyers &amp; Kerry Rymer</b>	57%

Pos	Port Macquarie-Hastings BA - Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Peter Briscoe &amp; Chris Manser</b>	94	6-0-0
2	<b>Muchael Simes &amp; Michael Johnson</b>	86	5-0-1
Best	<b>Tony Howes &amp; Roslyn Howes</b>	78	5-0-1

Pos	Port Macquarie-Hastings BA - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	<b>Vicky Lisle &amp; Ian Lisle, David Weston &amp; Julian Foster</b>	95	5-0-1
2	<b>Eter Briscoe &amp; Chris Manser, Carol Briscoe &amp; Barbara Griffiths</b>	90	5-0-1

## Upcoming Congress events

April, 2019	
Central Coast Bridge Club Super Congress <u>Swiss Pairs &amp; Teams</u>	Apr 6 (Sat) - Apr 7 (Sun)
Sapphire Coast Bridge Club <u>Swiss Pairs &amp; Teams</u>	Apr 6 (Sat) - Apr 7 (Sun)
NSWBA Women's ITS <u>Qualifying &amp; Weekend Finals</u>	Q Apr 12 (Fri) - F Apr 13 (Sat) - 14 (Sun)
NSWBA WITS <u>Swiss Pairs</u>	Apr 14 (Sun)
Tilligerry Bridge Club <u>Swiss Pairs</u>	Apr 14 (Sun)
Trumps Bridge Centre Easter Festival <u>Good Friday Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Easter Teams</u>	Apr 19 (Fri), Apr 20 (Sat), Apr 21 (Sun)
Taree Bridge Club <u>Teams</u>	Apr 27 (Sat) - 28 (Sun)
Yamba Bridge Club <u>Butler Pairs</u>	Apr 27 (Sat) - 28 (Sun)
Peninsula Bridge Club <u>Teams</u>	Apr 28 (Sun)

May, 2019	
ABF Autumn Nationals (Adelaide)	May 2 (Thu) - 6 (Mon)
ABF Barrier Reef Congress	May 3 (Fri) - 6 (Mon)
Bathurst and District Bridge Club <u>Pairs &amp; Teams</u>	May 4 (Sat) - May 5 (Sun)
Maitland Bridge Club <u>Teams</u>	May 5 (Sun)
Trumps Bridge Centre <u>Autumn Teams</u>	May 5 (Sun)
NSWBA Seniors ITS <u>Qualifying &amp; weekend Final</u>	May 17 (Fri) May 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
ABF Western <u>Senior Pairs</u>	May 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
Coffs Harbour Bridge Club <u>Teams</u>	May 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club <u>Swiss Pairs &amp; Teams</u>	May 25 (Sat) - May 26 (Sun)
NSWBA State Mixed Pairs Championships <u>Qualifying then Sunday Final</u>	May 25 (Sat) May 26 (Sun)
NSWBA <u>Autumn Swiss Pairs</u>	May 26 (Sun)