



1. Outcomes of the AGM

We have a new Committee!

John Mottram



President

From our new president, John Mottram

We are entering a new bridge year, having recently held our AGM. I wish to add my sincere thanks to the retiring president for his 11 years in charge, having previously served on the final Lindfield Bridge Club committee which helped bring together that club and John McIlrath's bridge clubs to form the North Shore Bridge Club. We wish him well in his retirement.

John McIlrath also retired from the committee, but he continues his involvement in the club as our chief director on Thursday nights, our major competition night.

It may have been stated elsewhere, but North Shore Bridge Club is arguably the largest bridge club in the southern hemisphere. It hasn't achieved this by luck. It has been through the dedication of the staff that this has come about.

A special mention must be for our manager Mike Prescott. Most players will come across him at the club on a regular basis, but will not be aware that he spends a lot of time before and after the sessions and at weekends, dealing with issues outside the control of the club but necessary for the smooth operation of the club (e.g. internet breakdowns, computer hardware and software upgrades).

Margaret Owen works with Mike in the office, and appears to do a week's work every day.

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Then we have nearly 30 staff.

Our teachers, who give lessons and run supervised sessions, have played their part, not just in the expansion of the club, but in the retention and development of membership. Our directors run the sessions; they have to be on their toes at all times to meet the various demands of the players.

I hope to persuade both directors and teachers to provide profiles in future newsletters.

There are 2 items of essential reading recently distributed to members. On the internet, Mike has issued his annual message concerning procedures for players. And Matthew McManus wrote an article on active ethics in a recent newsletter.

Following the recent presentations by the Legions Club on the development of the premises, we are now in a position to start seriously planning for our involvement. We will keep you informed of progress as and when it occurs.

Add our ongoing relationship with the East Lindfield Bowling Club, and our future is bright indeed!

Have a happy year's bridging.

About the meeting

Thanks to everyone who came along to this year's AGM, we had a record attendance. Apart from the regular AGM business there were some items of specific interest.

The first was the election of the new committee. The roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were uncontested, and you have just heard from our new President.

There were 6 nominees for the 3 committee member positions and, following a vote, the 3 nominees voted in were David Fryda, David Hudson and Elana Kohn.

We wish them all a successful year!

Elected NSBC 2019 Committee	
President	John Mottram
Vice President	Graham Murray
Secretary	David Hagley
Treasurer	Les Grewcock
Committee	David Fryda
	David Hudson
	Elana Kohn



Pictured (L to R): Mike Prescott (Club Mgr), Graham Murray (VP), David Hudson, John Mottram (President), David Hagley (Sec), David Fryda, Elana Kohn. Missing was Les Grewcock (Treasurer).

We had a presentation from Matt Vertzonis of Club Willoughby, including a 3D walkthrough of the preliminary plan for the "Heart of Willoughby" – the vision for the redevelopment of our site. I think everyone present would join us in hoping that all the plans come together, and that our club becomes an integral part of this exciting new development.

The meeting ended with a heartfelt plea from one of our members for more to be done about recycling.



Thanks John

Our Hon Secretary, David Hagley, sat down recently over a cup of coffee with our outgoing President, John Brownie, to ask a few questions of the man who has done so much for our club.

What's been your personal history with bridge and the club John?

I started learning the game in 1986 so that I could play with my wife. 'How time flies' he quipped with a wry grin across his face! Joined Lindfield a couple of years later and became a committee member in 2006. I then took on the role of President in 2007 through until this year except for a one-year break in 2010/11. 'What a game and what a club', he added.

How's the club going John?

Very well indeed, and at the moment I believe it's going from strength to strength. The beginners, supervised, rookie and restricted teaching team are doing a fantastic job and our overall attendances are on the improve. An interesting statistic that was shown to me recently indicated that 49% of all CW players in a week had come through our "junior" ranks. This is a wonderful achievement and all bodes well for the future of the club. We have around 1,800 members and NSBC is now the largest bridge club in Australia, so we're doing something right! I'm also pleased about our East Lindfield club and its growth as a venue.

What do you see as your greatest achievements?

From the outset, we must remember that we have a great number of volunteers and dedicated staff within the organization, so it hasn't been a one-man band. However, having said that, accommodation has been a long, hard grind but it appears that we are

now on the cusp of having this behind us. Hopefully the CW developments are close to the approval stage and, as mentioned, our Lindfield integration has worked wonderfully well. The club also has a very sound financial base for the future.

Any disappointments?

I really thought that the Gordon Bowling Club premises would have been an ideal accommodation venue for the club. However, with the State higher density housing policy, the GBC option did not progress with Council. I hope that future generations won't regret the loss of this fabulous green space. Some things are meant to be, and with this disappointment, out of the ashes came a revised negotiation and 10-year licence agreement with the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club.

And for the future of the club?

I feel that we must continue to build bridges with our landlords at both CW and LRBC. Our current relationships with both are excellent and, I must say, much better than in years gone by. Having said that, we need to keep our future options open re suitable accommodation.

So, in summary, remember it's a great game, a wonderful club and I'll continue to see you all at the bridge table. Enjoy and good health.

..... and from us to you too John. Thanks a million.

David Hagley



David Hagley,
12th April 2019



THE BRIDGE SHOP
15% OFF
for NSBC members

The Bridge Shop has partnered with the North Shore Bridge Club and we are delighted to offer all club members a 15% discount. We welcome you to drop into our store at 182 Penshurst Street Willoughby or redeem your discount by using the code **NS15** at checkout on our web site.

2. Bidding and Play Challenges

Bidding challenge No 1

West	East
♠ T	♠ A86
♥ 86	♥ AKJT7
♦ JT932	♦
♣ KQT96	♣ AJ842

North Passes. South overcalls East's opening bid with 1♠, and North will pre-empt with 3♣. How should East and West bid?

Play Challenge (you are East in 4S)

West	North	East (D)
♠ QJT862	♠ A	♠ K753
♥ Q9	♥ 872	♥ AK4
♦ 6	♦ KQ3	♦ AJ97
♣ T942	♣ AKQJ75	♣ 83
	South	
	♠ 94	
	♥ JT653	
	♦ T8542	
	♣ 6	

West	North	East (D)	South
		1NT	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass (1)
Standard or 2/1 Bidding Notes			
1NT	15-17 NT, normal opening		
2♥	Transfer to spades		
3♣	Sound overcall, vulnerable		
3♠	Minimum, but 4-card support		
4♠	Pushy, but partner didn't have to bid, must be short in clubs		
Pass (1)	Cannot bid 5♣ (X = -800 vs -420)		

South leads ♣6 to North's ♠A, North continues ♣K and ♣Q. The play for 10 tricks?

Bidding challenge No 2

North	South (D)
♠ 4	♠ AQ87
♥ AJ932	♥ KT4
♦ A765	♦ KQJ84
♣ AJT	♣ K

No interference, free reign to your contract

Bid these hands with your regular partner.

3. Club News



From our manager,

Mike Prescott

A welcome to our new 2019 committee

The club membership is finalised at the end of March each year, and those that haven't renewed by then are considered to be lapsed. This year 160 members hadn't renewed by the end of March, representing a drop in membership of **8.8%**, a significant **improvement on previous years where up to 30% of old memberships were not renewed**. The end of March is the ABF census date; and our home club membership numbers are then used by the ABF and NSWBA for the annual levies to our clubs.

Short Classes at East Lindfield

On Friday mornings at East Lindfield at 9:30am, Mike Prescott gives a free half-hour lesson for players from Rookie level and up. All are welcome to then stay on to enjoy the facilities and play in the 10am Open game.

Congratulations !

Well done to **Tony Leibowitz**, who was part of the winning team in the **Jacoby Open Swiss Teams** at the Spring North American Bridge Championships in Memphis.



And to **David Beauchamp** who partnered with Jody Tutty to win the **TBIB Australian Swiss Pairs** in Tasmania, late last month.



Congratulations to the NSBC members who played in the NSW Bridge Association Women's Team Selection Event:

NSBC Members playing in the NSWBA Women's Team selection
Helen Lowry, Berri Folkard
Vanessa Brown, Tina Strickland
Heather Cusworth, Frances Lyons
Liz Sylvester, Jeanette Abrams
Helene Pitt, Ruth Tobin
Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets
Cathryn Herden, Judy Mott
Jane Beeby, Natasha Jacobs
Julianne Rocks, Judy Marks
Inge Radonic-Errath, Rosemarie Rolston

And very well done, **Helene Pitt, Ruth Tobin** and **Cathryn Herden**, members who have made the **2019 NSW Women's team**.

Results were:



2019 Women's ITS Winners
Judy Mott, Cathryn Herden, Ruth Tobin, Helene Pitt, Susan Humphries, Sophie Ashton

Pos	NSW Women Team Final	IMPS
1	Helene Pitt & Ruth Tobin	129
2	Sophie Ashton & Susan Humphries	119
3	Cathryn Herden & Judy Mott	83

And to David Fryda and Michael Cartmell who came first in the NSWBA WITS Swiss Pairs.

Pos	NSWBA WITS Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	85	5-0-1
2	Cevat Emul & Wayne Zu	84	5-0-1
3	Fiona Lavery & Leo Goorevich	79	3-2-1



Michael & David

Well done by members **David Beauchamp**, **Johnno Newman** & **Terry Brown** on reaching the GNOT national finals (at Tweed Heads) in the NSWBA competition.

The monthly winner's competition also contributes to the Club championship as a single event. The leaders at the end of April are:

GNOT Direct Teams to Tweed Heads from NSWBA
Sophie Ashton, David Wiltshire, Sartaj Hans, David Beauchamp
Avinash Kanetkar, Bruce Neill, Nye Griffiths, Johnno Newman , Peter Buchen, Terry Brown

MP won	Monthly CC progress after Apr (4/11) monthly rounds	Likely CC
9.34	Sallie Quarles	10
7.52	Jillian Hagley	7
6.84	John Rabong	5

Our Mixed Pairs going to State Final

Representing the NSBC in the State Mixed Pairs at the NSW Bridge Association on **Saturday 25th May** are:

Ven	NSBC Representatives @ the State Mixed Pairs finals
NSBC	Steven Bock & Judy Osie
NSBC	Ruth Tobin & Witold Chylewski
NSBC	Liz Fanos & George Finikiotis
NSBC	Angie Boulton & Peter Boulton
EL	Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes
EL	Fiona Ballard & Ian Plummer
CW	Alicia Mercer & Leo Goorevich
CW	Fiona Lavery & John Mottram

The grand finals are on **Sunday 26th May**, with free entry into the Congress Swiss Pairs event on Sunday 26th May for non-finalists.

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

Club Champion Leader Board

NSBC 2019 Club Champion		
Pos	Leaders after 6/18 Events	CC
1	Warren Dobes	21
2=	Lorna Ichilcik	20
2=	Lynn Kalmin	20
4	Witold Chylewski (Jun)	19
5	Gary Lane	18
6=	Judy Osie	17
6=	Julian Abel	17
8	Steven Bock	14
9	Peter Jeffery	12
10	Kevin Davies	11

April 2019 Monthly Winners at EL

2019 Club Monthly Comp		2019 April Winners at East Lindfield
Mon	Open 9:30am	Mary Harrington / Don Mullineux
	Open 1pm	Marilyn Grass / Barbara Madeley
Tue	Open 10am	Deirdre James / Jillian Hagley
	S'vised 2pm	Elizabeth Bardos / Jenny Sapsford
	Rookie 2pm	Neville Thomson / Beverley Thomson
	S'vised 7pm	Jane Van-Roekel / Chris Berry
Wed	Open 10am	Elfy Suchet / Selwyn Suchet
Thu	Open 1pm	Marlaine Gahan / John Rabong
Fri	Open 10am	Lesley Harradine / Pam Ross
Sat	Open 1pm	Jillian Hagley / June Straw

April 2019 Monthly Winners at CW

2018 Club Monthly Comp		2019 April Winners at Club Willoughby
Mon	Open 10am	Helen Christie / Julia Connor
	Restr 10am	Michele Fendel / Sandra Creighton
	S'vised 2pm	Pam Drury / Helen Clark
	Rookie 2pm	Jane Loveday / Pauline Beckton
	Open 7:30pm	Peter Marshall / Peter Liphay
Tue	S'vised 10am	Susie Curtis / Janine Baker
	Rookie 10am	Penny Lanser / Sally Mitchell
	Open 1pm	John Jongkind / Ian Lincoln
	Open 7:30pm	Stacey Gardiner / Peter Boulton
	S'vised 7:30pm	N/Q
Wed	Rookie 7:30pm	Kevin Mulhall / Kay Mulhall
	Open 10am	Hymie Osie / Liz Wilkinson
	Restr 10am	Megan Cincinnato / Sue Francis
	S'vised 2pm	Case Van Steenwyk / Judi Ryman
	Rookie 2pm	Christina Pender & David Goodliffe
Thu	Open 7:30pm	Peter Liphay / Bijan Assaee
	Open 10am	Jane Beeby / Philip Beeby
Fri	Rookie 2pm	N/Q
	Open 10am	Jan Osborn / Hymie Osie
Sat	Restr 10am	Yvonne Rawack / Renee Rosenfeld
	Open 1pm	Les Varadi / Tom Goodyer
Sun	Open 1pm	N/Q

Masterpoint Promotions March 2019

The Masterpoint requirements for the various ABF rankings are as follows:

ABF MASTER RANKINGS				
Rank	Minimum Requirements			
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold
Graduate	2	2		
Club	5	5		
Local	15	15		
*Local	25	25		
**Local	35	35		
Regional	50	50		
*Regional	100	100		
State	50	25	25	
*State	100	50	50	
National	150	75	75	
*National	200	100	100	
**National	300	150	150	
Life	300	120	180	30
Bronze Life	400	160	240	40
Silver Life	500	200	300	50
Gold Life	750	300	450	75
Grand	1000	300	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	600	1900	600
Gold Grand	5000	1000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	1500	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	2000	13000	5000

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

EL Members	Promoted to RANK in Mar 2019
Bartrop, John	*Regional
Buttenshaw, John	Graduate
Buttenshaw, Yvonne	Graduate
Corin, Raelene	*Regional
Daridis, Marg	Club
Halley, Geraldine	Regional
Lumsden, Bruce	Graduate
Ng, Joyce	Local
Pfanner, David	*Local
Pittman, Lena	*Regional
Ross, Pam	State
Sheehan, Tony	Graduate
Shteyman, Felix	Local

CW Members	Promoted to RANK in Mar 2019
Dobes, Warren	Gold Life
Bansal, Narinder	Graduate
Berg, Judy	Graduate
Birrell, Jennifer	Graduate
Boden, Helena	Local
Brecht, Lyn	Graduate
Brown, Lynnette	Club
Coles, Robert	Club
Doecke, Karen	Club
Evans, Angie	Club
Fleming, Robyne	*Local
Gilmour, Rod	Club
Goodliffe, David	Regional
Hayes, Sharon	Local
Hill, John	Local
Hillman, Sharyn	Club
Jenkins, Anthea	*Local
Kaplan, Sandy	Local
Liddell, Joy	Club
Lombard, Marc	Local
Loveday, Jane	*Local
McCutcheon, Mim	Club
McKenzie, Sandra	Local
Miley, Jan	*Local
Morell, Liz	Club
Murphy, Mike	**Local
Myers, Michele	Club
Narunsky, Jenny	*Local
Parry, Anne	Club
Patel, Renuka	Graduate
Price, Michael	Club
Rein, Anne	Club
Sandler, Glenda	Local
Shofer, Joe	Local
Small, Rhonda	Club
Squire, Jenny	Club
Stabback, Amanda	Graduate
Stabback, Sue	Regional
Stephen, Penny	Club
Temby, Jane	Graduate
Thompson, Kim	Graduate
Thomson, Neville	Graduate
Truscott, Irene	Local
Van Grootel, Lode	*Regional
Vilensky, Iliia	**Local
Vilensky, Monica	**Local
Whitney, Gill	Club
Woodward, Cathy	*Local
Woodward, Ron	**Local
Zachert, Dee	Local
Fairley, James	*National
McMurray, Malcolm	*Regional

4. Club Events

Completed Club Events:

Men's Teams Championship

P	Men's Teams Championship @ Club Willoughby 8 Teams	VP	W-D-L	CC Points
1	Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas, Cevat Emul, Wayne Zhu, David Weston (Sub), Julian Foster	110	6-0-2	10
2	Kevin Davies, Steven Bock, Julian Abel, Gary Lane	103	4-3-1	7
3	Warren Dobes, Witold Chylewski (Jun), Yumin Li, Peter Jeffery, Marek Kolodziejczyk (Sub)	101	5-1-2	5
4	Bijan Assaee, Dominic Kwok, Derek Maltz, Leo Goorevich, David Smee, George Finikiotis	92	5-0-3	4



Cevat, Wayne, David & Bob

Women's Teams Championship

P	Women's Teams Championship @ Club Willoughby 8 teams	VP	W-D-L	CC Points
1	Judy Osie, Lynn Kalmin, Lorna Ichilcik, Rena Kaplan	115	7-0-1	10
2	Helen Lowry, Linda Aubusson, Angela Boulton, Mischa Solar, Liz Quittner (Sub)	88	6-0-2	7
3	Ruth Tobin, Anita Curtis, Linda King, Kim Neale	86	4-1-3	5
4	Helen Milward, Alicia Mercer, Janie Russ, Heather Lane, Helene Jacobson (Sub)	84	4-1-3	4



Lorna, Judy, Rena & Lynn

EL GNOT championship

P	EL GNOT Metro Teams Qualifier 10T	VP
1	Margaret Gidley-Baird, Patrica Lacey, Robert Case, Margaret Pussell	129
2	Malcolm Martin, Bijan Assaee, Peter Liphay, Peter Marshall	107
3	Fiona Lavery, Leo Goorevich, Kevin Davies, George Finikiotis	106



Margaret, Robert & Margaret, (Patricia not in photo)

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ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day Red Point Events - Results		
CW 1 PM 16T	NS	Jane Beeby & Philip Beeby
	EW	Gwen Cordingley & Jill Harrison
EL 1 PM 26T	NS	Michael Clarey & Penny Clarey
	EW	Fiona Lavery & Esther Lee

Easter Monday

Easter Monday Red Point Events - Results		
CW 1 PM 16T	NS	Mark Guthrie & Julie Guthrie
	EW	Rachael Loomes & Maurice Loomes
EL 9:30 AM 18T	NS	Kathryn Stewart & Susan Feeny
	EW	Graham McMahon & Yu-Shiun Chen
EL 1 PM 21T	NS	Heather Hampson & Sue Healy
	EW	Jill Sherlock & John Sherlock

Upcoming Club Events:

Bridge for Brains



BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

The "Bridge for Brains" event is being held at both our venues on **Monday 6th May**, including the Restricted session at Club Willoughby. This is an Australia-wide **Red Point** event using pre-dealt hands, with a solution booklet provided at the end, written by an expert bridge player.

As usual, we will be asking for a donation to the "The Bridge for Brain Research Challenge to raise funds for Alzheimer's research at Neuroscience Research Australia." 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

The national results will be published in a later newsletter.

GNOT Direct Qualifier

The GNOT direct qualifier to the ABF Tweed Heads GNOT Grand Final, will be held on 5 x Thursday nights at Club Willoughby, starting on **Thursday 9th May**.

Club Champion Qualifying Event

This is an open event, but it is also worth **double CC points** for any members in the top 7 teams.

The format is likely to be 3 sessions of Swiss qualifying, for 4 teams to play in a semi-final (28-board match) and a final (28-board match). A repechage Swiss will continue for the non-contending teams. It is planned for the NSBC Grand Final to be **broadcast live over BBO**.



GNOT DIRECT
Club Willoughby

Thursday Nights: 7:30pm
5 Sessions
9th May
16th May
23rd May
30th May
13th June
GOLD POINT EVENT

\$90 Members
\$115 Non Members

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

NSBC GNOT Direct winners	
2018	David Beauchamp, Mike Hughes, Peter Fordham, Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Andre Korenhof

CW State Open Pairs Qualifier

The CW State Open Pairs qualifying will be 3 sessions, run on Tuesdays at 1:00pm, from **Tuesday 21st May**.



State Open Pairs Qualifying

Club Willoughby
Tuesday: 1:00pm

3 Sessions
21st May
28th May
4th June

Red Points

\$45 Members
\$60 Visitors

The winners in 2018 were:

EL State Open PAIRS Qual	
2018	Alexis Ngan & Bijan Assaee

East Lindfield Swiss Pairs

The 3rd Tuesday evening competition event at East Lindfield is Swiss Pairs; a 3-session event, starting at 7:30pm, from **Tuesday 7th May**. This is an ideal opportunity to get a taste of IMP bridge. This format is very popular at one day congress pairs events.



Swiss Pairs
East Lindfield

Tuesday: 7:30pm

3 Sessions
7th May
14th May
21st May

Red Points

\$45 Members
\$60 Non Members

Last year's winners were:

EL Club Championship - Swiss Pairs	
2018	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies

EL Butler Pairs Championship

This will be a 3-session Butler Pairs championship (**red points**) event, to be held on **Tuesday nights** at East Lindfield starting on **Tuesday 11th June**.



Butler Pairs
East Lindfield
Tuesday: 7:30pm

3 Sessions
11th June
18th June
25th June

Red Points
\$45 Members
\$60 Non Members

Last year's Winners:

EL Club Championship – Butler Open PAIRS	
2018	Colleen Bosci & Sandra Da Silva

EL State Open Pairs Qualification

This will be a 3-session Matchpoint Pairs championship (**red points**) event, to be held on Tuesday mornings at East Lindfield, starting on **Tuesday 11th June**. This event qualifies winning pairs to the NSW State Open Pairs.



State Open Pairs Qualifying
East Lindfield
Tuesday: 10:00am

3 Sessions
11th June
18th June
25th June

Red Points
\$45 Members
\$60 Non Members

Last Year's Winners:

EL State Open PAIRS Qual	
2018	Alexis Ngan & Bijan Assae

Club Calendar

CW - Tournament events (May-July)			
Thursday Championship nights @ 7:30pm			
Date		Event Details	Status
2/May		No Night Session - ANOT (Adelaide)	
9/May	1/5	GNOT Direct Qualifier to ABF Final in Tweed Heads (Gold Points)	CC event bookings Required
16/May	2/5		
23/May	3/5		
30/May	4/5		
5/Jun		No Night Session - VCC Melbourne	
13/Jun	5/5	GNOT Direct Qualifier finals	
20/Jun	1/3	Hybrid Teams	bookings Required
27/Jun		No Night Session - NSBC Festival Events	
4/Jul	2/3	Hybrid Teams	bookings Required
11/Jul	3/3		
18/Jul	1/2		
25/Jul	2/2	ANC Swiss Pairs	bookings Required

CW Tuesday Daytime @ 1pm			
Date		Event Details	Status
21/May	1/3	CW State Open Pairs Qual Red Point Tournament	bookings Required
28/May	2/3		
4/Jun	3/3		
2/Jul	1/3	CW State Open Teams Qualifying Red Point Tournament	bookings Required
9/Jul	2/3		
16/Jul	3/3		
6/May		CW 10am Open - Bridge for Brains Red point event	
6/May		CW 10am Restricted - Bridge for Brains Red point event	
10/Jun		CW Queen's Birthday Monday 1:00pm Red point Bridge	

EL - Tournament Events (May-July)			
EL - Tuesday Championship Night @ 7:30			
Date		Event Details	Status
7-May	1/3	EL Swiss Pairs Championship Red point Tournament	Bookings Required website
14-May	2/3		
21-May	3/3		
11-Jun	1/3	EL Butler Pairs Championship Red point Tournament	Bookings Required website
18-Jun	2/3		
25-Jun	3/3		
EL - Special Events (May-July)			
11-Jun	1/3	EL State Open Pairs Qual @10am Red Point Tournament	Bookings Required website
18-Jun	2/3		
25-Jun	3/3		
6/May		EL 9:30am Bridge for Brains - Red point Bridge	
6/May		EL 1pm Bridge for Brains - Red point Bridge	
10/Jun		EL Queen's Bday Monday 9:30am Red point Bridge	
10/Jun		EL Queen's BDay Monday 1:00pm Red point Bridge	

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

NSBC Festival of Bridge in June

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

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

Program highlights:

The Festival starts with our two Novice and Restricted events at East Lindfield (30 table limit). The **TEAMS** on Saturday **22/June** followed by the **PAIRS** on Sunday **23/June**.

Festival at East Lindfield - Novice and Restricted Teams			
22-Jun	30	"Two Men And A Truck" Festival Congress Teams of 4 for Novice and Restricted	Bookings required via website
22-Jun		Normal EL Saturday Duplicate	

Normal Saturday duplicate session bridge at EL whilst the Festival Restricted Teams are being played.

Festival at East Lindfield - Novice and Restricted Pairs			
23-Jun	30	"Two Men And A Truck" Festival Congress Matchpoint Pairs for Novice and Restricted	Bookings required via website

The 2018 Winners were:

Grade	Pos	2018 Restricted and Novice Teams sponsored by Two Men And A Truck	Sponsor
Restricted	1	Craig Mietzke, Phillip Edwards, Peter Bardos, David Emmerson	2men & a Truck
Novice	1	Russell Drake, Giles Drake, Jo Ampherlaw, Kim Dickinson	
Grade	Pos	2018 Restricted and Novice Pairs sponsored by Two Men And A Truck	Sponsor
Restricted	1	Jenny Barnes & Catherine Else	2men & a Truck
Novice	1	Wenjie Liu & Ming Xie	

All Festival week walk-in sessions at both venues are Red Point events

All club sessions from **22/June** to the **30/June** will be treated as Festival side event games and will be scored with **RED Points**.

The major Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams will be held at Club Willoughby in the auditorium (50+ Table capacity).

The major events are all 2 sessions:

1. Swiss Pairs **Thursday 27th at 10am**
2. Swiss Teams **Friday 28th at 10am**
3. Swiss Pairs **Saturday 29th at 10am**
4. **TBIB** Swiss Teams **Sunday 30th at 10am**

Festival at Club Willoughby - Thursday daytime Swiss Pairs			
27-Jun	50T	Festival Swiss Matchpoint Pairs	CC event Bookings required via website
Festival at CW - Friday daytime Swiss Teams			
28-Jun	50T	Festival Swiss Teams	CC event Bookings required via website
Festival at CW - Saturday daytime Swiss Pairs			
29-Jun	50T	Festival Swiss PAIRS	CC event Bookings required via website
Festival at CW - Sunday daytime Swiss Teams			
30-Jun	50T	"TBIB" Festival Swiss Teams	CC event Bookings required via website

2018 Major Festival Event Winners:

Event	Pos	Club Willoughby Winners
Thursday	New	Swiss Pairs
Open Pairs	1	Peter Jeffery & Yumin Li
Senior Pairs	1	Kevin Davies & Leo Goorevich
Women Pairs	1	Helene Pitt & Giselle Mundell
Friday Teams	1	Richard Douglas, David Weston, David Fryda, Michael Cartmell
Event	Pos	Club Willoughby Winners sponsored by Watermark
Saturday Swiss Pairs	NS	Peter Jeffery & Julian Abel
	EW	Judy Mott & Cathryn Herden
Event	Pos	Club Willoughby Winners sponsored by TBIB
Congress Teams	1	Warren Dobes, Witold Chylewski, John Scotford, Judy Osie

5. Our Game of Bridge

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Hand that caught my eye

By Mike Lawrence

Recently a hand came up during a major event. It was presented on BBO with many commentators discussing the play. Here is the layout

	North	
	♠ AQJ84	
	♥ Q	
	♦ 863	
	♣ AQT7	
	South (D)	
	♠ 6	
	♥ A98654	
	♦ T42	
	♣ K93	
West		East
♠ 9732		♠ KT5
♥ K732		♥ JT
♦ KQ7		♦ AJ95
♣ 85		♣ J642

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

The bidding was aggressive, which is typical of good players today. Also, the game was

IMPs, which rewards you when you bid and make games. The 2♥ bid was weak. North's 2NT asked for description and 3♣ was an artificial bid saying South was minimum. North gave up, signing off in 3♥.

The final contract was ugly, as is frequently the case when you try for a game and find it is not worth bidding. South appears to have three diamond losers and two or three heart losers.

Look closely at the heart suit. A little miracle has happened. East has the J10 doubleton. This means declarer can hold his heart losers to one by leading the queen (or leading to the queen). West can have his king now or later. Let's say West takes the king. Declarer's ace will drop East's remaining heart and all the hearts are good. Magic.

Here is how the play goes.

West leads the ♦K and the defence takes the first three diamond tricks, ending in the East hand.

Can East defeat 3♥ at this point?

First, here is what East actually did. He led a club. He hoped that West had the ♠K and four hearts to the nine. If this is true, there might be a spade trick and a heart trick for the defence. This play does not work.

Take a look at all four hands. Can the magic layout in hearts be overcome? Here is the answer. This is the layout of the trump suit. Note that East has the last diamond.

	North	
	♠ AQJ84	
	♥ Q	
	♦ 863	
	♣ AQT7	
	South (D)	
	♠ 6	
	♥ A98654	
	♦ T42	
	♣ K93	
West		East
♠ 9732		♠ KT5
♥ K732		♥ JT
♦ KQ7		♦ 5
♣ 85		♣ J642

It is agreed that:

- leading a club back won't work.
- leading a spade back won't work.
- leading a heart back won't work.

What is left is East's ♦5, giving declarer a sluff and a ruff. This is normally a very bad idea. Is it bad on this hand?

Let's see.

If South does not ruff the diamond in his hand, he has to ruff in dummy with the queen. Now South has two certain trump losers.

If South chooses to ruff the diamond in his hand with a little trump, West ruffs with the seven, forcing dummy to ruff with the queen. Again, two trump losers.

If South chooses to ruff with the eight or nine, West throws a club, keeping his trumps. The defenders get two trump tricks because West's seven is now big enough that it will get a trick on its own merit. Pretty amazing layout.

Why is this a meaningful hand? One might think that this defence is double dummy. And in fact it is. What is important is that when a hand is over and you feel you might have made a contract or perhaps defeated a contract, you look at it later to see if there was any possible play that would have worked. When you find a play that is successful but seems exotic, keep it in mind.

Someday, this play will come up again and you will recognize it and will consider it. It may be that the time for this play has come and you are ready for it.

Studying your failures is one of the great learning tools.

MIKE'S ADVICE

Here is an important tip you can bank on.

When a good pair makes a game try and they stop in a part-score, your chances of setting them are very good. Greed motivates players to hunt for games, but when they stop in a part-score, it means they do not think they can make game.

They think that making a part-score is the best they can do. If they have any kind of bad luck **you should set them.** Be aware of this and do not lean back, thanking your lucky stars that they did not bid a game.

Be thinking that they are going down and look for a way to make this happen.

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6. Teaching Corner



Delay in drawing trumps is sometimes required.

By Pat O'Connor

North	South
♠ Q62	♠ AK9
♥ QJ63	♥ T9872
♦ KQJ	♦ 74
♣ 986	♣ AK5

Standard with limit Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

With 14 HCPs and a weak heart suit you open 1♥. North gives you a double raise to 3♥, showing 10-12 points and 3+ card trump support. Your heart suit has perked up with partner's support and you bid game. West leads the ♣Q. **How do you plan to play the hand?**

Analysis

Looking at losers, you have two in hearts and one each in diamonds and clubs. How can you get rid of one of them? There is nothing to trump in dummy, so you need to look at getting an extra trick from a side suit. The diamond suit looks promising. Once the ace is knocked out you will have two tricks and could discard your club loser.

How do you go about the play?

Ed: Same bidding using Bergen bids: 3♦ = 4+ hearts and 10-11 HCPs (limit bid).

Standard with Bergen bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Keep learning with Anita Curtis

Build on the Basics (BoB): Follow Liz's 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 May 1 & Thur May 2	They hate it when I interfere!	3 level pre-empt and responses
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NO LESSONS 15 MAY - 31 MAY		
Wed Jun 5 & Thur Jun 6	Dumping Losers	Counting losers & forming a plan: dumping
Wed Jun 12 & Thur Jun 13	Hand Analysis 2 & consolidation	Hand Analysis 2 & consolidation
Wed Jun 19 & Thur Jun 20	Just because they opened, doesn't mean I have to pass!	Overcalls 1
Wed Jun 26 & Thur Jun 27	Just because they opened, doesn't mean I have to pass!	Overcalls 2
Wed Jul 3 & Thur Jul 4	I want to bid but I don't have an overcall!	Takeout Xs part 1

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** in previous semesters:

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Dates	Pre	Course
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Thu, 6 Jun	DYS	DYS Hand Analysis
Thu, 13 Jun	BoB	Build on the Basics Hand Analysis

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Fri, 21 Jun	Cuebidding to slam	Why use cuebidding, rather than Blackwood? Bidding only
Fri, 28 Jun	The Art of Discarding	Eddie Kantar shares his secrets on what to throw as a defender
Fri, 5 Jul	Hand Analysis	Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge - all skills

Pat O'Connor's Bridge Solution

Full Hand:

West (D)	North	East
♠ 854	♠ Q62	♠ JT73
♥ 5	♥ QJ63	♥ AK4
♦ AT953	♦ KQJ	♦ 862
♣ QJT7	♣ 986	♣ 432
	South	
	♠ AK9	
	♥ T9872	
	♦ 74	
	♣ AK5	

You win the club lead with the ace. You should not play trumps immediately. If you do, the opponents will take their ♥A and then lead another club, which takes out your king and exposes the club loser. Then when you knock out the ♦A, they will cash their club winner.

The key is to play diamonds first so that you establish a diamond winner on which to discard your club loser. Play a small one from your hand to the king in dummy. If this is ducked by the opponents, continue with the queen. Whenever they take the ace, your jack is promoted to a winner. You then go to dummy, either by leading your remaining diamond if the ace was taken on the first round, or by leading a spade to the queen. Then discard the ♣5 on the high diamond in dummy. Now it is time to draw trumps.

The only tricks you lose are one diamond and two trumps, making your contract.

Key Point

Delay drawing trumps if necessary, in order to establish a winner in a side suit on which to discard a loser.

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Your playing opportunities

Venue	Supervised Sessions
CW	Monday afternoons at 2pm with Sue & Alan
CW	Tuesday mornings at 10am with Kim & Kay
CW	Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm with John
EL	Tuesday afternoons at 2pm with Sue
EL	Tuesday evenings at 7pm with Sue
CW	Wednesday afternoons at 2pm with Liz & Kay

Sue Crompton 0416 290 867	Kim Neale 02 9411 3527	John Scottford 02 9411 3527	Allan Pike 02 9411 3527
			
Director	Director	Director	Director
Kay Moyes 0416 002 701	Johnno Newman 02 9411 3527	Liz Wilkinson 0433 389 952	
			
Director	Director	Teacher	

Venue	Rookie Sessions
CW	Monday afternoons at 2pm with Sue & Alan
CW	Tuesday mornings at 10am with Kim & Kay
CW	Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm with John
EL	Tuesday afternoons at 2pm with Sue & Alan
CW	Wednesday afternoons at 2pm with Liz & Kay
CW	Thursday afternoons at 2pm with Johnno

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

And then there are the 3-hour Restricted sessions, your last step before the Open game!

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

Want to play in these sessions?
Just come along,
with or without a partner.

Looking for more of a challenge?

Here are the upcoming restricted game opportunities for those of you who are looking for more of a challenge; they are specifically designed for you:

The **“Bridge for Brains”** event is being held at both our venues on **Monday 6th May**, including the usual **Restricted session** at Club Willoughby.

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 charity.

NSWBA Teams of Three

On **Sunday 2nd June**, this event at the NSW Bridge Association is where you enter as a team of 3 and are allocated an experienced captain who will play 2 rounds of the Swiss Teams event with each player.

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SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019

Six round Swiss Teams with play commencing at 10.00AM
RED Masterpoints at State Championship Level B will be awarded
ENTER as a **TEAM of THREE**

Your Captain will be a State, National or International representative who will partner your team members through the day.
Team Captains will be randomly allocated by ballot at 9.40am & must play 2 matches with **each** member of their team.

Allowable team composition: **All players below Grand Master**
Depending on entries, separate Restricted and Novice divisions may be held.
Director: **John McIlraith** ★ Hostess: **Liz Fanos**

Trumps friendly Pairs

On **Sunday 9th June**, this event at Mosman is targeted at Restricted pairs.

As mentioned earlier under "Club Events", our **NSBC Festival of Bridge** starts with the **Restricted and Novice Pairs and Teams** at our East Lindfield venue over the **weekend 22/23 June**. These are **Red Point events** for Restricted and Novice players:

Festival at East Lindfield - Novice and Restricted Pairs			
22-Jun	30T	"Two Men And A Truck" Festival Congress Teams of 4 for Novice and Restricted	Bookings required via website
Festival at East Lindfield - Novice and Restricted Teams			
23-Jun	30T	"Two Men And A Truck" Festival Congress Matchpoint Pairs for Novice and Restricted	Bookings required via website

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Bookings are open for **Semester 2 of 2019:**

Come and learn to play bridge at Club Willoughby with **Liz Wilkinson**, starting in **July 2019**, or at East Lindfield with **Ed Barnes**, starting in **August 2019**.

<p>Liz Wilkinson 0433 389 952</p>  <p>Teacher</p>	<p>Ed Barnes 02 9411 3527</p>  <p>Teacher</p>
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Want to start a bridge beginner course?

Call Sue Crompton on 0416 290 867

7. Solutions

Bidding Challenge Hand 1

		North (D)		
		♠ Q942		
West		♥ 5	East	
♠ T		♦ KQ8754	♠ A86	
♥ 86		♣ 75	♥ AKJT7	
♦ JT932			♦	
♣ KQT96		South	♣ AJ842	
		♠ KJ753		
		♥ Q9432		
		♦ A6		
		♣ 3		

North Passes. South overcalls East's opening bid with 1♠, and North will pre-empt with 3♣. How should East and West bid?

Suggested Bidding:

Standard American or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♥	1♠
X	3♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Bidding Notes (Teams)			
1♥ / E	Good hand, open higher of 2-suiter		
1♠ / S	Natural, aggressive (non vulnerable overcall)		
X / W	Negative X, shows 6+ HCPs, 2 other suits (44)		
3♠ / N	Pre-emptive (2♥ for a good raise)		
5♣ / E	Sound raise, knowing partner has 4+ clubs		

- N: **Pass**, not usually good to open weak 2♦ with an outside 4-card major.
- E: Not enough for a strong bid, opens the higher of a two-suiter 1♥.
- S: An aggressive 1♠ overcall, not vulnerable, just to get into the auction, disrupt EW and tell partner what to lead.
- W: **Negative X**, just enough points, but good 5/5 in the other suits, short spades and tolerance for hearts, well worth the bid.
- W: **An alternate 2♣** bid is also good (both lead directing and immediately identifies the club fit for partner). This applies only if

2♣ is used as a non-forcing bid. Players whose system uses a forcing 2♣ **must X**.

- N: A pre-emptive 3♠. Best to go as high as you can early, then get out of the bidding. **ED Note: I would bid 4♠.**
- E: Cannot ask for help in spades for NT, 5♣ is the pragmatic bid! We may have been pre-empted out of a 6♣ contract as partner is likely to be short in spades. But West may have useless diamond honours. It's a guess to bid an aggressive 6♣.

North	-	1	-	3	-
South	-	1	-	2	-
East	6	-	3	-	2
West	6	-	3	-	2

The results in the session were everywhere! The best EW score was 3NT=11 tricks? (must have had a heart lead).

Matchpoint Scoring:

Mon EL 1:00pm 4/Feb Session (Board 1) Matchpoints					
Freq	Contract	T	EW Score	MP	% Score
1x	4♥ x E	6	-800	0	0%
1x	2♠ /S	10	-170	2	5%
1x	3♠ /s	9	-140	4	10%
1x	2♠ /S	8	-110	6	14%
1x	3♥ /E	7	-100	9	21%
1x	4♥ /EX	9	-100	9	21%
1x	3♠ /S	8	50	12	29%
2x	4♠ x/S	9	100	15	36%
3x	3 or 4♣ /E	11	150	20	48%
3x	4♣ C /EW	12	170	26	62%
2x	5♣ /EW	11	400	31	74%
4x	5♣ /EW	12	420	37	88%
1x	3NT /W	11	460	42	100%
22 Tables		Max MP = (21x2) = 42			

Matchpoint Tips

N/S need to pre-empt in spades to at least 4♠ to score well. **I would, with 6♦/4♠ fit, bid 4♠ over partners 1♠ overcall** and make it very difficult for EW to find their fit.

E/W need to reach a 5♣ or 3NT game for a good score. Overtricks in clubs score well. Letting NS play a spade contract, even doubled, scores poorly.

International Matchpoint (IMP) Scoring

Mon EL 1:00pm 4/Feb Session (Board 1) IMPS					
Freq	Contract	T	EW Score	Diff	IMP
1x	4♥ x E	6	-800	-920	-14
1x	2♠ /S	10	-170	-290	-7
1x	3♠ /s	9	-140	-260	-6
1x	2♠ /S	8	-110	-230	-6
1x	3♥ /E	7	-100	-220	-6
1x	4♥ /EX	9	-100	-220	-6
1x	3♠ /S	8	50	-70	-2
2x	4♠ x/S	9	100	-20	-1
3x	4♣ /E	11	150	30	1
3x	4♣ C /EW	12	170	50	2
2x	5♣ /EW	11	400	280	7
4x	5♣ /EW	12	420	300	7
1x	3NT /W	11	460	340	8
22 Tables		Average EW Score = +120			

IMP Tips

EW Game bonus for 5♣ is scoring **+7 IMP**, any overtrick does not matter. The 5/2 heart fit is not sufficient with the 5/1 bad break. Letting NS get away with a spade contract is a poor result for EW.

NS needs to play a spade contract up to 4S, even if doubled, they only lose **-1 IMP**..

Even a save in 5♠X (**-5 IMPs**) is better than 5♣ (**-7 IMPs**). But this **risk pushing them into 6♣ (-13 IMPs)**. It's safer to give up if they bid 5♣.

Best Lead by South

The ♠5 (count 4th highest) would be the normal lead.

East Initial Contract Planning:

Loser Count: None off the top.

Winners: 1x ♠, 2x ♥, 2x ♣ + 6 ruffs = 11.

Can get extras in hearts for 1 or 2 tricks to make 12/13.

Looks like we have missed a 6♣ contract.

The aggressive bidding is likely to cause problems at all tables. You must make 12 tricks (1 overtrick) in Matchpoint scoring to do well.

Card by Card - East in 5♣ Contract			
T	H	Lead	Notes
1	S	♠5	East wins ♠Q with ♠A
2	E	♣A	East draws 2 trumps
3	E	♣2	East draws last trump with ♣K in dummy
4	W	♥8	East wins ♥A
5	E	♥K	East wins ♥K, notes the 5 hearts in S hand!
6	E	♥J	♥Q covers, West ruffs with the ♣9
7	W	♦J	♦Q covers, East ruffs with the ♣4
8	E	♥T	Cash ♥T, throw ♦2 from dummy
9	E	♠8	Ruff with the ♣T
10	W	♦3	Ruff with the ♣8
11	E	♠6	Ruff with the ♣Q
12	W	♦3	Ruff with the ♣J
13	W	♥7	Lose to South's ♥9

Play Challenge

This hand was contributed by Gary Lane who teaches bridge to a group of improvers.

		North		
		♠ A		
West		♥ 872	East (D)	
♠ QJT862		♦ KQ3	♠ K753	
♥ Q9		♣ AKQJ75	♥ AK4	
♦ 6			♦ AJ97	
♣ T942		South	♣ 83	
		♠ 94		
		♥ JT653		
		♦ T8542		
		♣ 6		

West	North	East (D)	South
		1NT	Pass
2♥	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass (1)

Standard or 2/1 Bidding Notes	
1NT	15-17 NT, normal opening
2♥	Transfer to spades
3♣	Sound overcall, vulnerable
3♠	Minimum, but 4-card support
4♠	Pushy, but partner didn't have to bid, must be short in clubs
Pass (1)	Cannot bid 5♣ (X = -800 vs -420)

South leads ♣6 to North's ♣A, North continues ♣K and then ♣Q. How do you make 10 tricks?

Solution: Hand repeated

		North		
		♠ A		
West		♥ 872	East (D)	
♠ QJT862		♦ KQ3	♠ K753	
♥ Q9		♣ AKQJ75	♥ AK4	
♦ 6			♦ AJ97	
♣ T942		South	♣ 83	
		♠ 94		
		♥ JT653		
		♦ T8542		
		♣ 6		

Declarer (East) Planning

Count Losers: 2x♣ (cash) + A♠ = 3

Count Winners: 5x♠ + 3x♥ + 1♦ + ♣ Ruff = 10

Problem: North keeps leading clubs, trying to promote a spade trick in the South hand. To stop the immediate problem:

Solution:

At trick 3, ♣Q is led by North - **ruff high with ♠K.**

Problem: If North has the ♠A (likely with his vulnerable overcall), then the next ♣J could promote an overruff by South if they have the ♠9!

Solution: Immediately play **3 rounds of top hearts**, discard the ♣T from the West hand and then knock out the ♠A.

You are now fully in control and can over-ruff South's ♠9 in the West hand! And you will make your contract (10 tricks) in 4♠.

If you do not see the risks of a club ruff by South's ♠9 then you will go down. **Cashing the 3 hearts is a very small risk to ensure your contract.**

Bidding Challenge Hand 2

January 22 CW Tue 1:00pm Dup - Open

North	South (D)
♠ 4	♠ AQ87
♥ AJ932	♥ KT4
♦ A765	♦ KQJ84
♣ AJT	♣ K

The suggested standard bidding to reach the slam is shown below.

Standard American or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT (♥)	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Bidding Notes			
1♦ /S	Normal opening, 18 HCPs 5-4-3-1 shape		
1♥ /N	4+♥, 6+ HCPs		
2♠ /S	5♦/4♠, plus 17+ HCPs		
3♣ /N	hearts		
3♥ /S	GF agreement, 4♥ would be poor		
4NT (♥)	Keycard in hearts		
5♥ /S	2 Keycards, no♥Q		
6♥ /N	That's enough for a slam!		

With shortages in both hands, I would settle for a 6♥ contract as it's more likely to be successful than 6NT. You can make extra tricks by ruffing.

Here in 6NT if you find the ♥Q, then it's a top, you don't it's a bottom.

Matchpoint Scoring:

NS Contracts				NS Match Points		
Fequ	Con	T	L	Score	MP	%
3x	6NT N	13	♠ 5	1020	30	94%
4x	6♥ N	13	♣ x	1010	23	72%
3x	6♦ S	13	♦ x	940	16	50%
4x	3NT N	13	♣ x	520	9	28%
2x	5♥ N	13	♣ x	510	3	9%
1x	6NT N	11	♦ 5	-50	0	0%
17 Tables				Max = 16x2 = 32 MP		

Matchpoint Tips:

- 6NT scores better than 6H (=top)

- 3NT scores better than game in hearts
- 6D is an average
- Games score poorly
- Going off is a bottom

International Matchpoint (IMPs) Scoring

NS Contracts				NS IMPS		
Fequ	Con	T	L	Score	Diff	IMP
3x	6NT N	13	♠ 5	1020	260	6
4x	6♥ N	13	♣ x	1010	250	6
3x	6♦ S	13	♦ x	940	180	5
4x	3NT N	13	♣ x	520	-240	-6
2x	5♥ N	13	♣ x	510	-250	-6
1x	6NT N	11	♦ 5	-50	-810	-13
17 Tables				Aver Score = 760		

IMP Tips

- All slams (NT, ♥, ♦) score about the same number **+6 IMPS**. Just bid it!
- Just bidding a game loses **-6 IMPS**.
- Going down **loses bigtime at IMPS**.

The Full Deal:

West	North	East
♠ KJ952	♠ 4	♠ T63
♥ Q87	♥ AJ932	♥ 65
♦ 92	♦ A765	♦ T5
♣ 653	♣ AJT	♣ Q98742
	South (D)	
	♠ AQ87	
	♥ KT4	
	♦ KQJ84	
	♣ K	

The Play in 6♥ by North

Best Lead by East? ♣7 or ♥6.

I would lead ♣7

Declarer (North) Planning:

Count losers: None, have control in all suits.

Count winners: 1x ♠ + 4x ♥ + 5x ♦ + 2x ♣ = 12

Should make 13 if I find the ♥Q.

Win ♣K at trick one.

♥K at trick 2, EW follow, could still break 4/1.

Run ♥T. Wins, EW both follow.

Cash ♥A and **claim 13 tricks**.

8. Congress News

ABF News and Coming Events

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
Australian National Championships – Melbourne	July 13-25

NSWBA and Congress Events

GNOT Direct Teams to Tweed Heads from NSWBA	
Sophie Ashton, David Wiltshire, Sartaj Hans, David Beauchamp	
Avinash Kanetkar, Bruce Neill, Nye Griffiths, Johnno Newman, Peter Buchen, Terry Brown	

Pos	NSWBA Women Team Final	IMPS
1	Helene Pitt & Ruth Tobin	129
2	Sophie Ashton & Susan Humphries	119
3	Cathryn Herden & Judy Mott	83

Pos	NSWBA WITS Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	85	5-0-1
2	Cevat Emul & Wayne Zu	84	5-0-1
3	Fiona Lavery & Leo Goorevich	79	3-2-1

Pos	Central Coast - Open Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Nigel Rosendorff & Anthony Burke	101	6-0-1
2	Tom Jacob & Brian Mace	93	6-0-1
3	Mark Guthrie & Julie Guthrie	86	7-0-0
Pos	Central Coast - Restricted Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Irene Campbell & Margaret Regan	95	7-0-0
Pos	Central Coast Bridge Club - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Nigel Rosendorff, Anthony Burke, George Fleischer, Mathew Vadas	93	6-0-1
2	Yumin Li, Paul Dalley, Wei Zhang, Wayne Zhu	92	4-0-3
3	Helena Dawson, David Weston, Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas	91	5-0-2
Pos	Central Coast - Restricted Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Jan Winn, Jenny Genocchio, Robert Stammel, Clare Stammel	98	5-0-2

Pos	Sapphire Coast - Open Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Robert Van Der Hoek & Sue Neill	93	6-0-0
2	Brian Thorp & John Dovovan	81	5-0-1
Pos	Sapphire Coast - Swiss Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Liz Havas, Chris Stead, Val Brockwell, John Brockwell	94	6-0-0
2	Karen Creet, Andrew Creet, Stephen Mendick, Jenny Mendick	87	5-0-1

Pos	Tilligerry Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
NS 1	Paul McGrath & Chris Dibley	98	6-0-1
NS 2	Pam Knife & Janet Goldsworthy	91	5-1-1
NS 3	Pam Robinson & Christo Moskovsky	89	5-0-2
EW 1	Ian Mckinnon & Virginia Dressler	99	7-0-0
EW 2	Johnno Newman & Lakshmi Sunderasan	95	5-0-2
EW 3	Tony Howes & Roslyn Howes	92	5-0-2

The next Club Level Directors' course will be held at the NSWBA on **Saturday May 11, 2019.**

CLUB LEVEL DIRECTOR'S COURSE
By Tony Howes

Director Please!

This course will be given by Tony HOWES, Head of NSW Director Accreditation and will deal with all aspects of directing needed to run the most basic sessions at club level.

It will cover:

- **Laws** - the most common calls for the Director;
- **Movements** - simple Howell and Mitchell movements, basic team's movement
- **Scoring** - all aspects of matchpoint scoring.

At the end of the course, a take-home exam will be available for those wishing to become qualified as Directors at Club Level.

Date: Saturday, 11th May 2019, 10.00am - 4.00pm
Venue: New South Wales Bridge Association, L1, 162 Goulburn Street, East Sydney
Cost: \$55 per person, A take-home exam will be available at the end of the course

Booking or Enquiries and bookings to
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 Or email office@nswba.com.au



Pos	Trumps Bridge Club - Good Friday Pairs	%
1	Jenna Gibbons & Julian Foster	71
2	Jan Bates & Patsy McCartney	58
Plate	Nigel Rosendorff & Tony Burke	62
Con	Angie Boulton & Peter Boulton	65

Pos	Trumps Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs	VP	W-D-L
1	Axel Johannsson & Karen McCallum	92	5-1-0
2	John Scotford & Patrick Neary	75	4-0-2
3	Lorna Ichilcik & Rena Kaplan	74	5-0-1



Patrick, Axel, Karen & John

Pos	Trumps Bridge Club - Easter Teams	VP	W-D-L
1	Fraser Rew, Nick Rodwell, Jenna Gibbons, Julian Foster	87	4-0-2
2	Peter Gill, Jane Dawson, Martin bloom, Nigel Rosendorff	79	5-0-1
3	Wayne Zhu, Bob Sebesfi, Yu Jun Li, Wei Zhang	76	4-0-2

Pos	Yamba Bridge Club - Butler Pairs (20T)	VP	W-D-L
1	Jamie McFall & Frances Gaunt	163	9-0-2
2	Peter McGruer & John Sheean	142	7-1-3

Pos	Taree Bridge Club - Teams (16T)	VP	W-D-L
1	Ian Lisle, Vicky Lisle, Margaret Foster, Roslyn Howes	124	8-0-0
2	Jill Buchmann, Karl Buchmann, Henry Hudson, Bronwyn Boehm	116	6-1-1

Pos	Peninsula - Open Teams (29T)	VP	W-D-L
1	Fraser Rew, Colin Baker, Sartaj Hans, Helena Dawson	105	6-0-1
2	Cevat Emul, Steven Bock, Catherine Zhang, Paul Weaver	93	5-1-1
3	Gary Lane, Julian Abel, Kevin Davies, Anthony Burke, Jutta Gradwell (Sub)	91	5-0-2

Pos	Peninsula - Restricted Teams (8T)	VP	W-D-L
1	Gail McKenzie, Martin Brown, Barry Feyder, Anthony Smuts	99	6-0-1

Upcoming Congresses:

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 Pairs & Teams	May 4 (Sat) - May 5 (Sun)
Maitland Bridge Club Teams	May 5 (Sun)
Trumps Bridge Centre Autumn Teams	May 5 (Sun)
NSWBA Seniors ITS Qualifying & Weekend Final	May 17 (Fri) May 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
ABF Western Senior Pairs	May 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Teams	May 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club Swiss Pairs & Teams	May 25 (Sat) - May 26 (Sun)
NSWBA State Mixed Pairs Championships Qualifying then Sunday Final	May 25 (Sat) May 26 (Sun)
NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs	May 26 (Sun)

June, 2019	
NSWBA Teams of Three	Jun 2 (Sun)
ABF Victor Champion Cup (Melbourne)	Jun 6 (Thu) - 10 (Mon)
Nambucca Valley Bridge Club Swiss Pairs & Teams	Jun 8 (Sat) - Jun 9 (Sun)
Trumps Bridge Centre Friendly Pairs	Jun 9 (Sun)
Grafton Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Jun 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun)
Newcastle Bridge Club Swiss Pairs & Teams	Jun 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun)
Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Teams	Jun 16 (Sun)
Illawarra Bridge Association Chris Diment Memorial Congress	Jun 22 (Sat) - Jun 23 (Sun)
North Shore Bridge Club Bridge Festival	
Restricted & Novice Teams @ EL	Jun 22 (Sat)
Restricted & Novice Pairs @ EL	Jun 23 (Sun)
Swiss Matchpoint Pairs @ CW	Jun 27 (Thu)
Swiss Teams @ CW	Jun 28 (Fri)
Watermark Swiss Pairs @ CW	Jun 29 (Sat)
TBIB Teams @ CW	Jun 30 (Sun)