

December Club News

1. Willis reopening delayed
2. Results: Mixed Teams Championships, Interclub teams @ Trumps, State Open Pairs
3. Much more.



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**Christmas PARTY**  
 Friday 1st December  
 at East Lindfield @ 10 am  
 Play a duplicate Session at 10 am and  
 stay for Lunch.  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

1st Dec – Full to Capacity

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 Redpoint Duplicate Session followed by  
 Lunch and Mingle  
 MEMBERS ONLY Cost \$15.00pp **BOOK NOW**

8th Dec – New Open/Rookie sections

2nd Christmas lunch for Members Only

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 Thursdays 7th, 14th & 21st Dec

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**Festive Congress**  
**Swiss PAIRS** DECEMBER 16  
**Swiss TEAMS** DECEMBER 17  
**SCAN ME**

**Festive Season Swiss Pairs**  
 Saturday 16th Dec at 10am  
 2 x Sessions **CLICK TO ENTER**

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 Saturday 16th Dec at 10am  
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**Rookie/Restricted Section** **CLICK TO ENTER**

With a separate Rookie/Restricted session

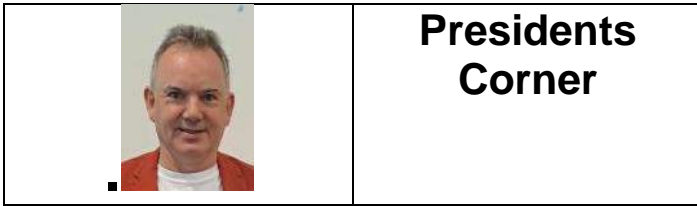
**Festive Season Swiss Teams**  
 Sunday 17th Dec at 10am  
 2 x Sessions **CLICK TO ENTER**

**SUMMER PAIRS**  
 28th Dec & 4th Jan  
 @ 7PM  
**Online IMPs**

**SUMMER PAIRS** **Restricted & Open Sections** 28th Dec  
 4th Jan  
 @ 7PM **Online IMPs**

With a Separate Rookie/Restricted session

♦ Mark Guthrie



**End of an Era**

Kevin Davies has been editing our newsletter now for six years. He has done a wonderful job finding interesting and relevant content for us every month, not to mention fixing the glaring mistakes in the things I write. Kevin is taking a well-earned rest and will be greatly missed.

**Start of an Era**

Caz Forbes has very kindly agreed to take over the newsletter from Kevin for which we are very grateful! I wish Caz good fortune in this and thank her for stepping up.

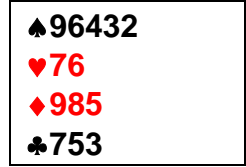
**Charles Anderson Worsley Anderson-Pelham**

You may not know who Charles Anderson Worsley Anderson-Pelham was, or why his parents were so attached to the name Anderson, but you may know his title. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Yarborough.

In bridge (or whist) a Yarborough is a hand without an honour in it, and since the Earl of Yarborough was born in 1809, that is long enough ago that the Ten was still an honour.

Nowadays even Jacks and Queens are under threat, but back then there was much more respect for the aristocracy. So, a Yarborough is any hand with no card higher than a Nine.

Here is a fine example from a recent game at East Lindfield on a Saturday.



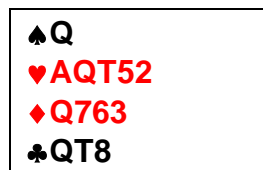
Now the Earl of Yarborough was famously so fed up with people claiming that the only reason they lost at cards was that they kept getting dealt bad hands, that he would bet **£1,000 to £1** that they didn't have one of his hands (colloquially referred to as a Yarborough).

I know it feels like you get a Yarborough every four or five hands, but statistically the chances of getting one are about 0.05% or 1 in 1828. You can work this out with some mathematics that Google will find for you, but I like the idea that the Earl of Yarborough came up with this exact number when he was 21. He was thinking about how rare they are and said "I had one in 1828, if I remember correctly. That is two years ago."

That story is slightly ruined by the fact he didn't become the Earl of Yarborough until he was 37, but maybe he spent all that time trying to work out the mathematics to confirm his theory.

Either way, he did quite well picking up £1 every hand and only paying out every 2,000 hands or so. He used his winnings to add the name Anderson to everything he could find.

Here is a hand that is not a Yarborough:



In fact, it is a rather splendid 6 loser hand, which by my reckoning makes it a 7-winner hand, give, or take.



Let's say you picked this hand up and as dealer you opened 1♥. Your left-hand opponent does something sneaky like doubling you. Your partner passes and your right-hand opponent now bids 3♣. Too rich for you, so you pass. Lefty calls 4♠ and that ends the auction.

You	N	E	S
1♥	Dbl	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	-	

Your partner leads ♥7 and when the dust settles, you've only managed to take your ♥A. Your partner, however, has taken the same number of tricks as you, by scoring the ♠9. A disappointing outcome for your 7-winner hand, but a great victory for the lowly Yarborough.

♠ Q		♠ 96432
♥ AQT52	Vul: None	♥ 76
♦ Q763	Dealer: West	♦ 985
♣ QT8		♣ 753
♠ AKJT5		
♥ KJ3		
♦ A4		
♣ 942		
♠ 87		
♥ 984		
♦ KJT2		
♣ AKJ6		

After your opening bid, it is straightforward for declarer to get both red suit finesses right, losing only one heart and one spade.

Your partner was of course none other than Charles Anderson Worsley Anderson-Pelham

♦ **Vale Pieter Kliffen**



Born 19th August 1935,  
Amsterdam  
Passed away 17th October  
2023, Sydney

♦ **2023 Club Champion Race**

The 2023 club champion (Brownie Cup) is determined from results in 29 major club events. In November one CC event was finalised



The leaders board scores at end of November with only **3 scoring events in Dec**. The race tightening up with 3-4 real contenders for the 2023 title.

2023 Club Championship Leader Board			
Rank	Member	CC Point	Events Played
1	Peter Jeffery	98	17
2	Andrew Peake	90	14
3	Gisselle Mundell	82	10
4	Yumin LI	78	12
5=	Michael Courtney	74	11
5=	Wayne Zhu	74	11



Remaining 3 Dec Scoring Events



◆ Melbourne Cup @ EL



T	Pos	Melbourne Cup @ EL	Score
17.5	N1	Sharon Thompson & Jo Ampherlaw	62%
	N2	Marlaine Gahan & Carol McMurray	60%
	N3	Brian Osborne & Stuart Ball	59%
	E1	Peter & Anne Taylor	59%
	E2	Anne Small & Loraine Neville	58%
	E3	Anne Bates & Sue Allen	58%



◆ Australian Open Team (Canberra Nov 11-16)

Several members played in teams for selection of the 2024 Australian Open Team.

Team	NSBC Members
Lu	Peter Gill - Liam Milne - James Coutts-Nabil Edgton
Hans	Jamie Thompson
Burgesss	Michael Courtney



Results:

2024 Open Team Playoff

Final Results

Click on the set results to display the scorecard

Team #	Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total	Set 7	Total	Set 8	Total
1	LU	0.1	27	27.1	36	63.1	55	118.1	40	158.1	67	225.1	38	263.1	36	299.1	73	372.1
2	SPOONER	0	37	37	54	91	21	112	13	125	43	168	25	193	26	219	48	267

Team members

LU Charlie Lu - Peter Gill - Liam Milne - James Coutts - Tony Nunn - Nabil Edgton  
 SPOONER Andrew Spooner - Phillip Markey - Mike Doecke - Will Jenner-O'Shea - Shane Harrison - Matt Smith

2024 Australian Open Playoff

11-16 November 2023

4 Members have qualified for the 2024 Australian open Team.  
 Charlie Lu - Peter Gill - Liam Milne - James Coutts - Tony Nunn - Nabil Edgton

NSBC [Representative \(Aus Open\) Honour Board](#)





## ◆ Comp Night Club Mixed Teams



4 Nights in November. This event attracted only 10 strong teams and was well directed by Ronnie Ng. Format – Round robin Qualifying over 3 nights, Then Finals .. 1v2,.....9v10



T	Pos	2023 Comp night -Club True Mixed Teams	Score (Imps)	CC
10	1	Tania Lloyd, Hugh Grosvenor, Andrew Peake, Giselle <u>Mundell</u>	102	10
	2	Wei <u>Zhang</u> , Wayne Zhu, Cevat Emul, Catherine Zhang	26	7
	3	Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Marnie Laybourne, Trevor Fuller, Dagmar Neumann, Elizabeth Sylvester, Peter Gill	66	5
	4	David <u>Beauchamp</u> , Sophie Ashton, Anita Curtis, David Fryda	59	4
	5	Lorna Ichilcik, Avril <u>Zets</u> , George Fleischer, Craig Gower	136	3

## ◆ Aus Mixed Team playoffs (Canberra Dec 9-14)

A number of members are playing in various teams in the event, NSBC wishes them all well in their endeavours to gain Australian Mixed Team selection. They include but necessarily playing together:

David Beauchamp, Dagmar Neumann  
 Sophie Ashton. Jamie Thompson  
 Michael Courtney, Joan Butts, Hugh Grosvenor, Tania Lloyd, Giselle Mundell  
 Jessica Brake, Bruce Neill

## ◆ GNOT National finals (Brisbane Dec 1-4)

The "Sydney 3" Team is the Team that won our 2023 GNOT Direct Event.



Also playing are several members who qualified via various clubs & NSWBA State Events

Team	NSBC Members
SYDNEY 1	
SYDNEY 2	David Beauchamp, Sophie Ashton
SYDNEY 3	David Weston, Bruce Neill,
SYDNEY 4	Liz Adams, Michael Courtney, Liz Sylvester, Peter Gill, Joan Butts
SYDNEY 5	Tom Kiss, William Zhang, Yumin Li, Peter Jeffery, Andrew Peake, Giselle Mundell
SYDNEY 6	Kelsey Chen, Robbie Feyder, Heath Henn
NORTHERN RIVERS	Bill Powell, Marjorie Askew
SYDNEY 7	Margaret Foster, Colin Clifford, Steven Bock, Rakesh Kumar
WESTERN NSW	Manda Labuschagne, Michele Tredinnick
CENTRAL COAST	Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany

We wish them well in the Finals.

## ◆ Inter-club Teams @ Trumps



T	Pos	Inter-Club Teams @ Trumps	Score
19	1	Peninsula Bridge Club	16 VP
	2	Trumps Bridge Centre	6 VP
	3	North Shore	5 VP



How our 5 Teams scored:

1st	Helen Lowry, Helen Milward, Margaret Foster, Linda Aubusson	4 VP
3rd	Alicia Mercer, Janie Russ, Julia Connor, Carol McMurray	1 VP
5th	Jan Winn, Jenny Genocchio, Delia Dan, Robyn Rogers	0 VP
5th	Felix Sheyman, Sharon Thomson, David Craig, Janice Olivevson	0 VP
4th	Peter Napier, Russell Spear, Sasha Bennett, Liz Morell	0 VP

Link to our [Inter-club Teams Honour Board](#)

**:Club Admin**

◆ MP – Manager Update



**New Payment Method @North Shore Bridge Club.**

We are very excited to share with you that we will be changing the way that we take credit card and online payments from the 1st of December. We previously took payments using the PayPal portal and whilst that has served us well in the past, we are moving to a newer, faster, simpler, and more cost-effective model.

- The Payments Button will stay in the same place,
- the payments page will look a little different,
- there will be fewer clicks for you
- and it will save the club about \$9k in bank fees per year.

We have been testing out the system over the past 6 weeks and we hope to have ironed out all the issues. But, may not have covered everything - so please be patient if you experience a glitch.

## HOW TO TOP-UP YOUR PREPAY ACCOUNT

**MAKE A PAYMENT**

Select Make a Payment from the home page of the NSBC Website.  
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/>

**BANK TRANSFER**

Pay via your bank to  
 Account Name: North Shore Bridge Club Inc  
 BSB: 633000  
 Account Number : 161866318  
 Reference : Your ABF Number

**PAY BY CREDIT CARD**

- NOW ACCEPTING AMEX
- QUICK AND SIMPLE PROCESS
- NO LONGER USING PAYPAL

**SELECT PREPAY TOP-UP**

Enter the amount you want to top up your account with and click checkout.

**COMPLETE THE FORM**

Add a note only if you wish. Enter your ABF No. Your phone number, email, and Name. Your credit card details & Pay

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org>

**Did You Know?** **Paying by Bank Transfer** Saves us between 2-3% in transaction fees

**Did You Know?** **Sue can help!** Pay by Credit Card over the phone with Sue on 0416 290 867

**The Willis Renovations – Alternate Games**

**East Lindfield Rookie Games**

- Tuesday Rookie **1.30pm** this has a 30-minute pre-game lesson followed by the normal 18 boards.
- Thursday morning Rookie **10.00am** with Sue this is 21 boards.

**Online Rookie Games**

- Monday 2pm
- Tuesday 2pm
- Wednesday 2pm
- Tuesday evenings 7pm
- Wednesday evenings 7pm

**Online Restricted Games**

- Thursday 1:30pm
- Friday 1:30pm

**East Lindfield Open Games**

- Monday 1pm
- Wednesday 10am
- Thursday 1pm
- Saturday 1pm

**Online Open Games**

- Monday 10am 1:30pm
- Tuesday 1:30pm, 7pm
- Wednesday 10am, 1:30pm, 7pm
- Thursday 10am, 1:30pm
- Friday 10am, 1:30pm
- Saturday 1:30pm

**The draft Fees for 2024**

- Table fees will at this stage remain the same.
- Thursday night events will remain the same.
- Membership will be **\$70.00** Full membership till December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 if joined and paid by 29<sup>th</sup> February which time membership will be **\$90.00**.
- Non-Metro Sydney RB players outside Sydney **\$45.00**
- Congress Face to Face will go from \$45.00 to **\$50.00** No member discount.
- Congress Online will go from \$30.00 to **\$35.00** No member discount.

◆ **Membership 2024**

Membership will be due at NSBC at the end of December 2023. If you are a current member, and wish to continue your membership for 2024, you do not have to do anything. Apart from topping up your pre-paid account to cover membership fees.

The fees for 2024 are Full Membership is **\$70.00** covers till 31st December 2024.

Out of Sydney Metro for Online Only is **\$45.00** please note all members who join as online only and live outside the Sydney Metro area need to be a member at another club if you want to be affiliated and receive masterpoints. If you would like NSBC to be your home club you will need to pay full membership.

**Anyone wishing to cancel Membership for 2024 please let me know by 29th December 2023.** All memberships will be charged to your pre-paid account on the 30th or 31st December 2023.

◆ **Club Memberships @ End Nov**

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club Members	Non Home Club Members
2-074 NSBC East Lindfield	347	20
2-120 NSBC - Willis	1055	160
RealBridge (remote members)		131
<b>Total Nov</b>	1402	311
<b>Grand Total Memberships end of Nov</b>	<b>1713</b>	
<b>End Previous Month (Oct)</b>	<b>1745</b>	

We pay both ABF & NSWBA affiliation fees per **“Home Club”** Members only.





Name badges are available to order, they are printed on a light plastic with a magnetic attachment, no pins! The name badges need to be ordered in bulk to get a better price. We will be taking orders for anyone who wants a Name Badge, we will wait until we have orders for 20 badges.

The cost is \$15 per badge, which includes the badge, a magnetic fastener, and printing. Once ordered and delivered, they will be available for collection from either East Lindfield or The Willis. The \$15 cost will be charged to your PP Account. To order a badge, [click here](#) to let us know the name and ABF Number and we will do the rest.

◆ Club Committee Minutes

The club publishes regular committee minutes <https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/meeting-minutes>

◆ History Club Newsletters

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/newsletters>

◆ LG – Website Changes

**Website news**

We hope you like the new look and feel and should you have any feedback - please let us know by using our feedback form by [clicking here](#).



**Results of the Extraordinary General Meeting**

**MOTION 1 – Proposer: John Scudder Seconder: Agnes Levine**

That, pursuant to the power provided in Clause 15(1) of the New South Wales Bridge Association Limited (the “Company”), the members direct the Council that real property owned by the Company at Level 1, 162 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills, NSW must not be sold, and no contract or option for, or relating to, the sale of such property, can be entered into for a period of two years from the 6th of November 2023.

**Motion One failed with 74 votes in favour and 107 votes against.**

**The Amendment to Motion Two to replace "special resolution" with "ordinary resolution" failed with 73 votes in favour and 97 votes against.**

**MOTION 2 – Proposer: Phillip Halloran Seconder: Warren Robinson**

That, the Constitution of the NSWBA be amended by including the following clause 15A after Clause 15: Notwithstanding any other clause of this Constitution, the real property owned by the Company at level 1, 162 Goulburn St, Surry Hills, NSW must not be sold, and no contract or option for or relating to the sale of such property, can be entered into, unless and until the members of the Company have approved, by way of special resolution, such sale and the terms of any such contract or option.

**Motion Two (unamended) failed with 65 votes in favour and 114 votes against.**

I would like to thank the members who attended, both in person and via ZOOM for their patience with the protracted counting of each vote.

John Scudder, Chairman



**Extraordinary General Meeting - Meeting Communique**

Following a request from Members, an EGM was held on Monday 6th November. Thank you to everyone who attended either in person, virtually or voted by proxy.

The NSWBA is going through a transition period to adapt to changes in the bridge community and the external environment. This has caused disquiet amongst members and a buzzing rumour mill. Members sought security that the club would stay in Goulburn Street.

A motion was submitted that sought to amend the Constitution to give Members the sole right to approve the sale of the property, rather than leave this with the Council, and required 75% of members to approve any sale. (Motion 2 – The Original Motion)

An alternative motion proposed by Chairman and Secretary directed the Council not to sell or otherwise deal with the property for a period of two years. (Motion 1 – The Alternative Motion)  
At the EGM it was proposed that Motion 2 be amended to require a simple majority to approve any sale, rather than 75% of members. Legal advice suggested the proposed amendment did not change the nature of the motion and was therefore accepted to be submitted. This added an additional voting step.

Now that Members have expressed their trust in the Council, the Proxy Boards who have been delegated responsibility for designing the method of separation of the company into two new organisations, each with its clearly defined objectives, can focus on the work required to bring a proposal to the Members at the next Annual General Meeting. I cannot stress enough my thanks to all the volunteers who have put in hundreds of hours each to improve the workings of the Company, both from a club and a state point of view.

I apologise that because of the large number of Members attending the EGM, both in person or online, the formal voting system proved unwieldy thus taking an inordinate amount of time. My thanks to David Currie, the impromptu comedian,

for filling in part of the time taken to count the votes.

John Scudder, Chairman



John Scudder



Mary Anne Loveridge



Agnes Lavine

Council would like to announce that the AGM planned for 13 December 2023 has been deferred until 28 February 2024. This will allow a proposal for the separation of the club and state activities to be put to members at the same time as the ordinary business of the AGM, rather than asking members to attend two general meetings in a relatively short period time following on from the recent EGM. Members will receive a formal notification of the AGM in early 2024.

Council would also like to announce that following many decades of significant contribution to NSWBA and bridge nationally, **John Scudder has resigned as Chairman**. At its meeting of 22 November 2023, and in accordance with Clause 15.10 of the Constitution, Council elected **Mary Anne Loveridge** to fill the casual vacancy created by John's resignation. Following her election to Council, Mary Anne Loveridge was elected unanimously as Chairman of NSWBA. John has been, and will continue as, mentor to Mary Anne in the role to ensure a smooth handover.

A formal thank you to John for his years of dedication and service to NSWBA will be held on Wednesday 6 December following the Christmas Party. More details will be provided shortly.

Agnes Levine  
Company Secretary  
New South Wales Bridge Association Limited

**What’s happening with the NSWBA separation?**

After the Extraordinary General Meeting on 6 November 2023, we are now back on track to continue our preparations for the separation of the NSWBA into two new organisations.

Members will have seen the announcement that the NSWBA’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 28 February 2024. At the AGM, in addition to the usual business of presenting the Company’s financial statements for the financial year 2023 and election of Councilors, members will vote on the proposed separation. Details of the meeting and an Explanatory Memorandum regarding the separation are currently being prepared and will be provided to members in early February.

By combining the additional separation motions with the usual business of the AGM we will save members and the Company the cost and inconvenience of having to schedule an additional meeting. It also gives the opportunity to present audited financial information for the year ending 30 September 2023, and proforma financial statements for the two new organisations in the Explanatory Memorandum. This up-to-date information will help members better understand the finances of each standalone business. We are grateful to many people who will work hard for weeks to prepare this information for members.

Victor Clarke, a retired Partner from PwC, is generously volunteering his time to assist in this process. Emeritus Professor Michael Bryan from Melbourne Law School, an expert in constitutional law, is also volunteering, working with our Honorary Solicitor to guide us through the necessary steps to achieve separation.

We plan to implement operational and accounting separation of Club and State functions from 1 January 2024. Assuming members approve the separation at our February AGM, all profits and losses after this date will be attributed to each entity when full and legal separation occurs. To support this operational separation and accelerate delivery of needed changes and improvement programs for the

NSW bridge community, we will hire an Executive Officer for Bridge NSW on a permanent, part time basis. Ideally, we would like to have this new person start as early as possible in 2024. If you happen to know someone who is passionate about growing the game of bridge across NSW with a background in stakeholder management, marketing and administration, please forward them this EO advertisement and encourage them to apply.

For members in and around Sydney, please join us at the NSWBA’s premises on Wednesday 6 December for a day of bridge and our Christmas party, which will be followed by a celebration of John Scudder’s contribution to the club and the bridge community, and a brief Town Hall meeting. Numbers for the bridge are limited, so please book early. All are welcome to attend the club rooms from 5:30pm to join the after party for John, and the Town Hall where you will get the opportunity to understand more about the separation and ask questions of those involved. For more details about the bridge event please see here.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Kind regards,  
The Project Team  
NSWBA Transition Project



Allison Stralow

**ABF Executive Director**



David Fryda and Allison Stralow



I am pleased to announce the Board has employed David Fryda ([david.fryda@abf.com.au](mailto:david.fryda@abf.com.au)) to the position of ABF Executive Director, effective 1 November 2023. David will make recommendations to the Council and the Board for the adoption of policies promoting the objects of the ABF and give effect to recommendations made by the Council or Board. He will also oversee employees and contractors of the ABF.

David is a highly regarded IT professional, including over a decade in the role of Chief Information Officer (CIO). His extensive experience encompasses leadership of both large and small teams, strategy development and implementation, as well as adept stakeholder engagement within intricate organisational landscapes. Following his retirement from full-time positions in 2017 David transitioned into the roles of consultant, coach, and educator. David was also the captain of our Australian Open Team in 2023.

The Council and Board look forward to working with David to promote the objects of the ABF.  
Allison Stralow  
ABF President

Link to [ABF Mid-Term Council and Board Meeting, October 28 & 29, 2023](#)

**Gold Coast Congress 2025**

Following months of uncertainty, the Queensland Bridge Association is pleased to announce that the Gold Coast International Congress for **2025** will be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from Saturday 1 February to Saturday 8 February 2025.

◆ **Bridge Lessons**



Liz Wilkinson

Liz Wilkinson is now teaching "Bridge Basics" on **Wednesdays** & "5 Essential Conventions" on **Tuesdays**, both at **East Lindfield**.

**Bridge Basics** completes on Wednesday afternoons in December.

[info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au](mailto:info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au)

<b>Bridge Basics - Face-to-Face</b>	<b>Wednesdays 2.00pm @ East Lindfield</b>
Defending well, the hardest part of the game.	6th December

Link to [Website Teaching Basics](#)

# Learn Bridge

## FEBRUARY CLASS

**FACE TO FACE** 6-week course  
\$150

- at East Lindfield
- 2 hr lessons with notes to take home
- No partner is required, just give it a go!
- The next course starts on **6th February 2024**
- Lessons on Tuesday mornings at 10am
- Teachers available for support throughout your course

**Bookings now open**

Email: [info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au](mailto:info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au)  
[www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au](http://www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au)  
 or simply scan here

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◆ **Thursday Comp Night –Q4 2023**



**Christmas Teams**  
Thursdays 7th, 14th & 21st Dec

**4th Summer Pairs (Imps) Comp Night - Open & Restricted Pairs**

2x Thursday Nights 28<sup>th</sup> Dec & 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
7pm Start- Pairs Imp Event  
Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries  
Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805  
Director: Ronnie Ng  
Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

Pre-payments: Visitors "Bridge Credits", Members use "Club PP System"  
2023 Open winners: Helen Lowry & Mischa Solar  
2023 Restr Winners: John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey

MyABF Player Fees \$78 Bridge Credits/Pair  
Club Members via "Club PP System" \$16/member/Session

**14th Online XMAS Teams Comp Night - XMAS Teams**

Thursday's 7,14,21 Dec  
7pm Start- Club XMAS Teams Championships (Imp/VP)  
Prize Pool: Generous Prize Pool  
Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805  
Director: Ronnie Ng  
Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

Pre-payments: Visitors "ABF Credits", Members via "Club PP System"  
13<sup>th</sup> 2022 Winners: Martin Bloom, Mathew Vadas, Shane Harrison, George Fleischer

Player Fees per Team (228 ABF Credits) Members (via Club PP System only \$192)



**3rd NSBC Summer Teams Comp Night - Teams**

4x Thursday Nights 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
7pm Start- Swiss Teams (IMP/VP) Event  
Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries  
Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805  
Director: Ronnie Ng  
Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

Pre-payments: Visitors "Bridge Credits", Members use "Club PP System"  
2023 winners: Heath Henn & Colin Clifford, Hui Li & Patrick Jiang

MyABF Team Entry Fees \$304 bridge Credits / Team (\$19/p/s)  
Club Members via "Club PP System" \$16/member/Session

2024 Q1 Comp Night Program

2024 Q1 Tentative Comp Night Events Program

Start Date	Ven	Type	Grade	CC Event Name
Thu-28-Dec	RB	Pairs	Open / Restr	Summer Imp Pairs
Thu-25-Jan	RB	Teams	Open	Summer Teams
Thu-07-Mar	RB	Pairs	Open	Club Mixed Pairs Championships (State Qual)

Then the 2024 event Calendar starts after Christmas with the Summer Pairs on 28/Dec.



**Mixed Pairs CHAMPIONSHIPS**

3 x Thursday nights

- 29th Feb
- 7th March
- 21st March

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

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3 x Thursday nights

- 29th Feb
- 7th March
- 21st March

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

**37th Club Mixed Pairs Championship Comp Night - Mixed Gender Pairs (MP)**

3x Thursday Nights 29<sup>th</sup> Feb & 7<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Mar  
7pm Start- 37<sup>th</sup> Club Mixed Pairs Championship (MP) Event  
Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries  
This championship event also incorporates NSBC "State Mixed Pairs Club Qualification" for the NSWBA finals on the 18/19 May. 3 Mixed NSBC Member pairs will be offered to represent the club at the NSWBA finals.  
Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805  
Director: Ronnie Ng  
Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

Pre-payments: Visitors "Bridge Credits", Members use "Club PP System"  
2023 36<sup>th</sup> winners: Giselle Mundell & Andrew Peake

MyABF Player Fees \$114 Bridge Credits / Pair (\$19/p/session)  
Club Members via "Club PP System" \$16/member/session



◆ 16 Dec RB Festive Congress Swiss Pairs



◆ 2024 Q1 Congress Program

2024 Q1 Tentative Congress Events Program				
Dates	Ven	Type	Grade	CC Congress Name
Sun-7-Jan	RB	Teams	Open	Summer Teams
Sun-28-Jan	RB	Pairs	Open	Aust Day Weekend Swiss Pairs
Sun-11-Feb	RB	Pairs	Open	Online Swiss Pairs
Sun-10-Mar	EL	Pairs	Open	Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs
Sun-21-Apr	RB	Pairs	Open	Online Autumn Swiss Pairs

◆ 7 Jan RB Congress Swiss Teams



◆ 17 Dec RB Festive Congress Swiss Teams



**4th NSBC Festive Season Online Swiss Teams**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on RealBridge  
 10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Teams (IMP) Event  
**Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries**  
 Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805  
 Director: Ronnie Ng  
 Entry Management: Enter by MyABF  
 Pre-Payments: Visitors use MyABF Credits & NSBC Members to select "Club PP System"  
 2022 Winners: **Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach, Leo Goorevich & George Finikiotis**  
 Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. The ABF has approved the issue of **red masterpoints at level B4**. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. *Yellow systems Restricted.*

**Player Fees (pp) \$30pp**

◆ 28 Jan RB Congress Swiss Pairs



◆ 11 Feb RB Congress Swiss Pairs



## ◆ 2023 Club November Table Numbers

2023 Session Table Statistics									2023 Totals		History				
2023	No Sess Played	Avr Tables / Session	Congress Tables	RB Session Tables	EL Session Tables	WS Session Tables	Ven Note	Total Tables	Comments	2022	2021	2020			
YTD	2772	5.10	885	7,845	4,226	1,239	YTD=	14,151		Ven Note	Tables	Ven Note	Tables		
Oct-23	125	8.76	45	628	349	74	RB EL WS	1,096	Comp Night - Club Pairs, MP Pairs Congress, <b>WS Renovations 2 weeks, No Bridge WS 18/Oct, Spring Nationals</b> Tables RB= 57% F2F= 43% Open = 68 %	RB EL WS	1,337	RB EL NR	1,782	BBO	1,393
Nov-23	1152	1.00	22	696	434	0	RB EL WS	1,152	Comp Night - True Mixed teams, Mel Cup, InterClub Teams, <b>WS Renovations 2-4 weeks,</b> Tables RB= % F2F= % Open = %	RB EL WS	1,352	RB EL WS	1,476	BBO	1,327

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## ◆ Canberra Summer Festival Event Table (Jan)

### 2024 SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

## January 9 -21

**Canberra Rex Hotel**  
**150 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon, ACT**

**Week One 9-12 JANUARY**  
Senior And Women's Teams  
Senior And Women's Playoffs  
Non-Life And Life Masters' Teams  
Chris Diment Swiss Pairs  
One Day Novice Teams and Two Day Novice MP Pairs  
One Day Swiss Pairs

**Weekend 13-14 JANUARY**  
TBIB Open, Under 750 And Novice Swiss Pairs

**Week Two 15-21 JANUARY**  
South West Pacific Teams  
<750/300 Teams  
Two Day Swiss Pairs  
Mixed MP Swiss Pairs Qualifying and Final(**New**)  
NOT Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals  
All Enquiries: [Ian Thomson](#)

 [Click here to enter via MyABF](#)  
ABN: 70 053 651 666 

Tues 9th	Wed 10th	Thur 11th	Fri 12th	Sat 13th	Sun 14th	Mon 15th	Tues 16th	Wed 17th	Thur 18th	Fri 19th	Sat 20th	Sun 21st
Women's Teams			One day Novice teams	TBIB Open Swiss Pairs		South West Pacific Teams			NOT finals			
Senior Teams			One Day Swiss Pairs	Under 750 Swiss Pairs		Under 750/300 Teams			Mixed MP Pairs Qual		Mixed Final	
Life and Non Life Teams			Novice Swiss Pairs						2 Day Swiss Pairs			
Chris Diment Swiss Pairs		Women's Playoff										
Novice MP Swiss Pairs		Senior Playoff										