



## February - March Newsletter 2017

Editor: Greg Quittner

**CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING**

### **SOME WONDERFUL RESULTS!**

In the recently completed events in the Nationals in Canberra some of our members produced some fantastic results. Pauline Evans and her partner Judy Osie together with their teammates won the prestigious Women's' Teams championship in a strong field of 24 teams.

Elli Urbach and Les Varadi put up a great performance to win the Swiss Pairs in a field of 228 pairs.

Mike Prescott, George Bilski and their team ran 9th out of 127 teams just missing out on the quarter finals.

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### **A CUTE STORY!**

Fiona Lavery was playing with her teenage daughter recently. Tori has a bad habit of under-leading the Ace in a trump contract. Before a previous session, Fiona took time out to tell her daughter not to under-lead the Ace or the King. On the 3rd hand of the day Tori under -leads in diamonds twice. Declarer happily wins in dummy and discards 2 spade losers on the Queen and Jack in hand. Fiona asked her why she under -led the Ace after they had just talked about it. Tori replied " You said not to under-lead the Ace or the King. I didn't have the Ace or the King. I had the Ace and the King!"

## **From the Manager**

**2016 at NSBC was a fantastic year of bridge. Let's make 2017 even better.**

**We have made many improvements around both venues over the later part of last year.**

**We have our new Pre-Paid system which I am very happy to say over half of our members have joined which is fantastic this is a wonderful system not only do you get 5% discount off your normal rate you never have to worry about having cash when you come to bridge.**

**The system is so easy now. You just set up a Pre-Paid account make a deposit and the director comes to you when you need to top up. You get a monthly statement of all sessions played. So, if you have not joined please ask at the club this is a great idea and less admin work for everyone.**

**We have put in a new computer system and are getting more and more things automated which in turn saves on admin hours which is always a positive move forward.**

**I would like to thank you all for your support in 2016 and look forward to 2017. We not only have the largest Bridge Club in Australia but I believe we have the best and my plan is to always make improvements.**

**Please note if your membership has been paid your NSBC 2017 membership card is ready at the director's desk. Please advise us if it's not there. The Club Willoughby cards will be ready soon. Please pick your card up in the playing room.**

**Kind regards**

**Mike Prescott**

## **Bridge Library**

**We have a great range books in our Bridge Club Library all members are very welcome to borrow books at any time.**

**Please fill in the loan book before taking any book and then just drop back in the box provided at the director's desk in the main playing room.**

**We have a fantastic team of volunteers helping with the running of the library and I am very grateful and appreciate all their help.**

## Winners in Canberra

Well done to so many of NSBC members who took home gold in Canberra.



**Swiss Pairs Winners Elli Urbach & Les Varadi**



**National Women's Teams Winners - Paula McLeish, Judy Osie, Di Smart, Rena Kaplan, Nevena Djurovic, and Pauline Evans**



# Learn To Play Bridge

With leading teachers;  
Liz Wilkinson & Ed Barnes

Monday February 6th 2017 2.00pm or 7.00pm  
at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes avenue  
With Liz Wilkinson

or

Tuesday February 28th 2.00pm or 7.00pm  
at East Lindfield 2B Carlyle Road  
With Ed Barnes

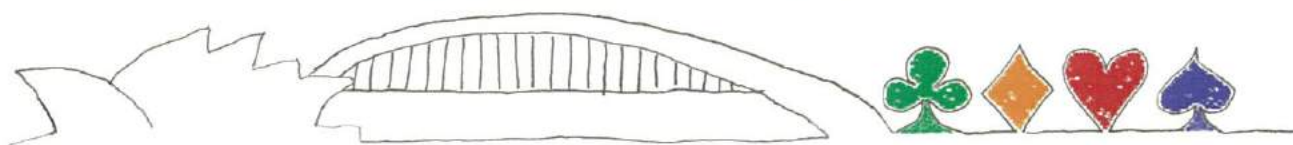
*Whether you're looking for a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Ed and Liz have decades of experience with new players and a gentle touch that makes learning the game fun and easy*

## **Bookings**

[manager@bridgeclub.com.au](mailto:manager@bridgeclub.com.au)

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

or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867



# Up Coming Events

## State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

Tuesday 1.00pm Club Willoughby if you missed week one no problem you can still qualify you only need to play 3 of 4 three weeks to go January 31<sup>st</sup> February 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

## New Event Creighton Blue Ribbon MP Pairs

Tuesday 7.30pm East Lindfield this is a sponsored event with fantastic prizes not just for winners this will be a 3-week event January 31<sup>st</sup> February 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> play all 3 for overall prizes but you may just come along for any of the sessions.

## Same Sex Teams

This is a 3-week event at Club Willoughby Thursday nights at 7.30pm.

Need team mates please just let us know always have pairs looking.

## State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

Club Willoughby Thursday nights March 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm.

## State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

East Lindfield Tuesday nights 7.30pm March 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>.

## New Swiss Pairs Congress.

East Lindfield Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March a 2-session event starting at 10.00am this will be a great day of bridge so please join us.





## A SENSIBLE DECISION?

You've had an energetic brisk walk before the session so when you arrive you are feeling quite chirpy and inform your partner that you are ready to play well.

First hand of the day you pick up the following : ♠ - ♥Q1096532 ♦Q108 ♣ 952. You are the dealer not vulnerable whilst your opponents are. Your teacher always told you not to preempt unless you have 2 of the top 3 honours. You are about to pass when it suddenly occurs to you that it would be OK to open 2H because of the extra heart. The bidding now proceeds

S	W	N	E
2H	2S	4H	4S
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So here we are not vul against vul with no defence against 4S. You are more than happy to bid 5H which is doubled and everyone passes. West leads the 4C and partner puts down : ♠KJ96 ♥AJ4 ♦753 ♣KQJ5 You lose a heart, 2 diamonds and a club for -300. The full hand is :

♠ KJ96    LEAD: KC  
♥ AJ4  
♦ 753  
♣ KQJ5

♠ AQ1054	♠ 8752
♥ K7	♥ 8
♦ A92	♦ KJ64
♣ 1064	♣ A87

♠ -  
♥ Q1096532  
♦ Q108  
♣ 932

You are feeling quite proud having given them only 300 until partner chimes in :  
" You told me about your hand when you opened 2H. I realize that you had an extra heart but you know very little about my hand. 4S doubled would have been down at least 800. Remember with a preempt only bid again if partner changes suit or bids 4NT "

Moral of the story - Try to avoid playing with someone who is chirpy after a brisk walk.!

# BRIDGE SEMINAR with ANDY HUNG

Bridge Workshop on:

## TIPS AND TRICKS ON HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PAIRS SCORE!



Did you know that in a pairs (duplicate) game, it is not right to always strive for top boards?



How can you get that extra edge (or overtrick) over other pairs to boost your score? Come along to the workshop and find out!



<b>Date:</b>	Friday March 3, 2017
<b>Time:</b>	2pm – 4pm
<b>Where:</b>	North Shore Bridge Club
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$20 per person</b> – <i>bookings essential</i>

♥ Lecture   ♣ Hands to play   ♦ Discussion   ♠ Notes

### Introduction to ANDY HUNG



Andy lives and teaches bridge in Queensland. He has represented Australia internationally on numerous occasions and has won Australian National tournaments (most recent the 2016 Spring National Open Teams).

Andy has been teaching bridge for the past six years and also takes bridge holidays domestically and overseas. He is a keen supporter of youth bridge and frequently coaches the Australian Youth Team.

For more information, visit his bridge website at [www.andyhungbridge.com](http://www.andyhungbridge.com)

**To register, please register online at the North Shore Bridge Club website, or email Mike Prescott at [manager@bridgeclub.com.au](mailto:manager@bridgeclub.com.au)**





**Playing with you is going to be a pretty tall order**

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## **THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUMP**



A bridge player named Trump

Sat all day on his rump

Bidding diamonds and hearts

And clubs and spades

But never bidding no trump

---- Phil the poet

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## **IMPROVERS/ ADVANCED LESSONS**



For details of forthcoming improvers/advanced lessons please contact Anita at [lessons@bridgeclub.com.au](mailto:lessons@bridgeclub.com.au).

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON DUPLICATE 1.30 p.m.**

An ideal session for you and your partner to practice all the complicated conventions you have just agreed to play. Please join us for a fun and friendly afternoon of bridge directed by the very amiable Malcolm . **You are very welcome without a partner.**



# WEDNESDAYS 2PM & 7.30PM, 2017

## BUILD ON THE BASICS - IMPROVERS with Anita Curtis

Wk	Date	Topic
1	Feb 1	NT delight (1NT & 2NT opening); ways to make your contract
2	Feb 8	I prefer a suit (when to take opener out of 1NT into a suit)
3	Feb 15	I don't have the right number of points to open 1NT! (NT rebids)
4	Feb 22	Focus on Defence in NTs
5	Mar 1	Supporting partner
6	Mar 8	Now what do I do? Responder's priorities & Opener's rebids; ruffing/trumping in the short hand/dummy
7	Mar 15	Oh no – I'm in the wrong hand! Plan ahead and untangle entries
8	Mar 22	Sorry, partner—I can't support you! (Opener's rebids with 2 suited hands)
NO LESSON MARCH 29 – Fri March 31 instead		
9	Fri Mar 31	Responder's NT bids
10	Apr 5	Focus on Defence: Leads against suit contracts
11	Apr 12	Let's get in the way! (Weak Twos & responses)
12	Apr 19	Hand Analysis practice/consolidation
13	Apr 26	They hate it when I interfere! (3 level pre-empts & responses)
14	May 3	I can't count that high! (2C Opening & 2D response)
15	May 10	Dumping Losers (counting losers & forming a plan: dumping)
16	May 17	Hand Analysis/consolidation
17	May 24	Just because they opened – doesn't mean I have to pass! (Overcalls) part 1
18	May 31	Just because they opened – doesn't mean I have to pass! (Overcalls) part 2
19	Jun 7	I want to bid but I don't have an overcall! (Takeout Xs part 1)
20	Jun 14	I want to bid but I don't have an overcall! (Takeout Xs part 2) - responding with stronger hands
21	Jun 21	Hand Analysis/consolidation
22	Jun 28	Hello – is anyone there? (Stayman over 1NT/2NT and 1NT overcalls)
23	July 5	I am NOT playing this contract! (Major suit Transfers over 1NT/2NT & 1NT over call)
24	July 12	Hand Analysis/consolidation

## DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS SEMESTER 1, 2017 THURSDAYS 2PM-4PM

### with **Anita Curtis**

SEMESTER 1		
1	Feb 9	We're going to Slam! (Slam Bidding in suits – Blackwood)
2	Feb 16	They aren't going to steal this contract! (Over pre-empts)
3	Feb 23	I CAN support you but not now! (delayed game/slam raises)
4	Mar 2	Managing entries (declarer play)
5	Mar 9	Let's get into the bidding! (Weak Jump Overcalls)
6	Mar 16	Whose hand is it? One more for the road? (competitive bidding)
7	Mar 23	Hand Analysis
NO LESSONS MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27 & MAY 4		
8	May 11	Signalling is Legal (defence)
9	May 18	Brilliant switches (defence)
10	May 25	Double or nothing (Penalty Xs – bidding & defence)
11	Jun 1	You CAN bid slams in NTs (Quantative or Blackwood?)
NO LESSON JUNE 8		
12	Jun 15	Forcing or not forcing? (when is a bid invitational / forcing?)
13	June 22	I don't know how to play this suit! (suit combinations – part 1)
14	Jun 29	Where is this auction going? (Advancer's options)
15	July 6	Unblocking in defence
16	July 13	Hand Analysis

### 2017 PROGRAM FOR HAND ANALYSIS FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 2PM-4PM \$15

A great way to improve all your bridge skills once per month!

Play 8 boards and get instant feedback after each one through analysis of bidding/declarer play/defence.

For players with at least 3 years' experience

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. February 3, March 10, April 7, May 12, June 16

### INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE SERIES FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 2PM - 4PM \$17

Feb 17	<p>Defence Challenge – work it out!</p> <p>Learn how to work out what cards declarer &amp; your partner have by counting! Watch your defence improve!</p>
Feb 24	<p>Declarer Play Challenge:</p> <p>To draw trumps or not – that is the question! Find out when to delay drawing trumps &amp; when to avoid drawing them at all.</p>
Mar 3	<p>Competitive Bidding Challenge: over caller's 2 suiters</p> <p>This lesson focuses on 2 conventions – Michaels Cue Bids &amp; the Unusual 2NT. Both show 5-5 but when should they be used? What does advancer do? What about responder?</p>



## REGULAR DUPLICATE SCHEDULE

		Club Willoughby				East Lindfield	
		Open	Restricted	Supervised	Rookie	Open	Supervised
Monday	9.30am					✓	
	10.00am	✓	✓				
	1.00pm					✓	
	2.00pm			✓	✓		
	7.30pm	✓					
Tuesday	10.00am			✓	✓	✓	
	1.00pm	✓					
	2.00pm						✓
	7.00pm						✓
	7.30pm	✓		✓		* ✓	
Wednesday	10.00am	✓	✓			✓	
	2.00pm			✓	✓		
	7.30pm						
Thursday	10.00am	✓					
	1.00pm	✓				✓	
	7.30pm	* ✓					
Friday	10.00am	✓				✓	
Saturday	1.00pm	✓			✓	✓	
Sunday	1.30pm	✓				✓	

\* Championship schedule - refer to calendar



## THE DREADED 4-4-4-1

You pick up  $\spadesuit 6$   $\heartsuit QJ32$   $\diamondsuit J943$   $\clubsuit AKJ2$ . You are South as dealer and are playing better minor. You open 1C and partner responds 1S. What now? You decide to rebid 1NT. Partner now jumps to 3S. You have agreed that this is forcing so you bid 3NT which closes the auction. West leads the AD. The full hand is:

$\spadesuit$ AQ10942    LEAD: AD $\heartsuit$ A4 $\diamondsuit$ 1052 $\clubsuit$ 86					
$\spadesuit$ 85 $\heartsuit$ Q65 $\diamondsuit$ AK87 $\clubsuit$ Q974	$\spadesuit$ KJ73 $\heartsuit$ 1098 $\diamondsuit$ Q643 $\clubsuit$ 53	S	W	N	E
		1C	P	1S	P
		1NT	P	3S	P
		3NT	P	All Pass	
$\spadesuit$ 6 $\heartsuit$ KJ32 $\diamondsuit$ J943 $\clubsuit$ AKJ2					

Needless to say, 3NT is not a success. If South opens 1D and rebids 2C over 1S North should realise there is a misfit. He rebids 2S which South should pass. In 2S North should make 8 or 9 tricks.



- \* Whenever you pick up a 4-4-4-1 beware unless partner bids your suit.
- \* Don't try to escape to no trump when there is a misfit

*Please send any interesting problem hands to [gregquittner@hotmail.com](mailto:gregquittner@hotmail.com) and I will answer ASAP.*



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