

♠ North Shore Bridge Club ♣



September- October Newsletter

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

OUR NEW MANAGER



We knew that John would be a hard act to follow. Mike Prescott has worked very hard to keep everything flowing and has done a great job. He has introduced some new ideas which have worked very well.

Mike is also very modest about the fact that he was on the New Zealand team many times and has won numerous recent congresses.

INTERESTING HANDS ANYONE?



This is your newsletter so any hands that are interesting or amusing for you would surely interest us. Please submit them to gregquittner@hotmail.com. The funniest entry will receive a free game.

WHAT A ROLLUP!

Amazing! we had over 100 beginners commencing our beginner's courses last week. If we are not careful we will run out of room trying to cope. A good problem to have! There is no truth in the rumour that Ed and Liz have collapsed from exhaustion!

A doctor, concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients, during a regular check-up asked, "Do you get much exercise?"
 "Only when I sit East-West."

You are about to play the last hand of the session. The screen reveals that you're running first with 58.3. The pair running second are on 57.9. As it so happens you are playing them on the last round. The first 2 boards are flat so this the deciding hand. Partner sitting North opens 1S and East passes. You hold the following: ♠ A2 ♥KQ2 ♦AKQJ10 ♣ KQ8. You can feel a grand slam coming on. You roll out Blackwood and partner responds 5S showing 2 key cards and the QS. 1 keycard is missing so you sadly sign off in 6S. As it happens 6S is down 1 as the full hand was:

♠ KQ76543 LEAD: 10C					
♥ A10					
♣ J742					
		N	E	S	W
♠ -	♠ J1098	1S	P	4NT	P
♥ 8543	♥ J976	5S	P	6S	P
♦ 65432	♦ J87	P	P		
♣ A653	♣ 109				
♠ A2					
♥ KQ2					
♦ AKQJ10					
♣ KQ8					

And now for the post mortem. North observes that you should have bid 6NT. You quietly suggest that 4S would have been a better opening bid. The final scores appear. 3 pairs out of 8 have bid 6NT which makes so you and pard become the bridesmaid for this session. Partner suggests that you drown your



Sorrows at the bar downstairs.

You prefer to head home and contact a few friends and ask them if they would have bid 6NT with your hand. Your wife consoles you and suggests that you should skip the next day's session and do some household chores.
This hand was played at a recent session at Lindfield.

Fred regularly played bridge, and bowls, at the Lindfield Bowling Club. His recently retired friend, Tom, had just started having basic bridge and bowling lessons at the Club. Being a bit awkward, Tom decided to be coached at bowls, as well. At the end of Tom's first day they exchanged greetings in the car-park. Fred: "Hi Tom, how did you go today? Did you get close to the *Jack*?" Tom: "Yes, I played the 10."

IMPROVERS LESSONS



For details of forthcoming improvers/advanced lessons please contact Anita at lessons@bridgeclub.com.au our lessons have always been Well attended thanks to the excellent team of Anita, Liz Kay Kim and Sue.

My bridge partner ran away with my wife. Gee I miss him.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DUPLICATE 1.30 p.m.

Please join us for a fun and friendly afternoon of bridge. You are very welcome without a partner. An ideal session for you and your partner to practice the new conventions you have just agreed to play. See you there.

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE 4-4-4-1 HANDS !



4-4-4-1 hands are always tricky to bid. Here is an example.

You hold ♠ 2 ♥ J942 ♦ K742 ♣ AKJ4. You open 1C and partner responds 1S. You decide to rebid 1NT and sure enough partner jumps to 4S. You pass and sheepishly put down your hand. Partner goes down 3 tricks. The way to avoid this problem is to open 1D and rebid 2C. Partner will work on the basis that you have 5 diamonds and 4C but this is a much safer bid. Partner now knows you may have spade shortage. This will also avoid having to shout him 3 rounds of tricks at the bar.

President's report

This newsletter is the first of a series of two monthly newsletters to club members. We hope to keep you all up to date with the club's affairs.

The question I am most often asked about is: what's happening about future accommodation? The answer I almost always have to give is: not much at this stage. As I suppose you all know Club Willoughby is talking about redeveloping its site, and they have been talking about it for over nine years. As I understand it at the moment, they obtained approval from their members at a recent extraordinary general meeting to enter into a contract with their preferred developer, but we haven't been told that the contract has been signed. There is one item of news: they have announced a proposed opening date for the new clubhouse on 11 November 2018 (the anniversary of the end of World War I). It's not definite, but it's the first time they've said anything as close to definite as this.

In the meantime, we continue to enjoy good relations with Lindfield Bowling Club, and if the plans for us to move into the new Club Willoughby should go awry, it seems likely that we'll always be welcomed at Lindfield.

One complaint we had about Lindfield related to the cooking smells, emanating from the kitchen. We've installed a range hood over the stove, and hope that this will fix that problem.

We plan to introduce a new session at Lindfield, for supervised play, supplementary to the supervised play sessions at Willoughby. Starting shortly!

The Pre-Paid table fees scheme has been completely revamped, by Mike Prescott and Matthew McManus. You fill out a form, available from the director at any session, and leave it with the director. You pay the club a sum that you choose (we suggest \$100), using your credit card. Then, each time you play, you write on the envelope PP, for Pre-Paid, and the club debits your account for \$11.40 – that is, you get a discount of 5% off the standard table fee of \$12. You need not do anything else until a director (reminded by the computer) notes that the balance in your account is running low, and hands you a slip of paper saying just that. All you need to do then is pay some more money (your choice how much) into your account, by your credit card. The club knows nothing of your banking details.

We have destroyed all credit card records we collected under the old scheme. It works just like an Opal card.

There is a new Sunday game available at Willoughby, at 1.30 pm. Why not come along and try it.

John Brownie

President



Upcoming Event At Club Willoughby

2016 Hybrid Teams CHAMPIONSHIP

THURSDAY NIGHTS

At 7.30 pm

29th September 6th & 13th October

Melbourne Cup Day Bridge & Lunch

10.00am for a 10.30am start.

Must book either on web or at the club.

Upcoming Events at East Lindfield.

At East Lindfield Labour Day Congress

Monday 3rd October Two Session Event

9.30am & 1.00pm

Melbourne Cup Day Bridge & Lunch

10.00am for a 10.30am start.

Must book either on web or at the club.

WELCOME YOUR OPPONENTS



Please welcome your opponents with a smile and introduce yourself.
You will feel better for the experience

PLAYER CATEGORIES



KAM – (Keen As Mustard) the player who appears at sessions at least twice a week and regularly attends lessons to improve their game.



ABF – (Avid Book Fiend) the player who reads bridge books voraciously but never seems to have time to put all the knowledge into practice.



TIP – (The If Player) the player who won't play if their regular partner is not available.



BAW – (Busy At Work) the player whose workload only allows them to play once a week and can never attend lessons.

Please bear in mind that playing bridge with someone new can be a rewarding experience. We do our utmost to place you with someone of equal ability. It is amazing how 2 people who have met for a game have often formed many long term partnerships.

Please contact Greg with any suggestions

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