

♠ North Shore Bridge Club ♣



June - July Newsletter 2017

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of May 1 North Shore Bridge Club has the highest number of players registered with the Master Point Centre. We have a total of 1,439 which is way ahead of South Australia in second place on 1079. Congratulations to all of you for contributing to this success.

Have a look at the following 2 hands :

HAND A

♠ K83

♥ KQ94

♦ KJ2

♣ K97

HAND B

♠ 983

♥ AK9

♦ AK1042

♣ 98

What would you open with Hand A and Hand B? Answers at the end of this newsletter.

OUR MAJOR CONGRESS



Our major congress is from Friday June 30 to Sunday July 2. If you have any questions please contact Mike on 0435528872 or mikeprescott7@hotmail.com



North Shore Bridge Club Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play the –

Morgans Club Pairs Championship

A Red Masterpoint Event

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm
15th, 22nd, 29th June & 6th July

A Members only Tournament

Must play all 4 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

FORMAT

Depending On Entries

PRIZES

Cash prizes to be awarded
(amounts depending on number of entries)

To Enter

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- d) Phone – Mike: 0435 528 872

NSWBA Teams of three



Teams Of Three Winners

Congratulations to

Les Grewcock - Ian Plummer - Fiona Ballard - Janet Rowlatt

Watermark Club Teams Championship 2017



Watermark Club Teams Championship Winners 2017 Alan Walsh Barbara

McDonald Maurits Vandervlugt Andre Korenhof missing David Beauchamp & Matthew Thomson



Watermark Club Teams Championship Runners up 2017 Ian Lisle Toni Sharp

Vicky Lisle Michael Wilkinson



Watermark Club Teams Minor Championship Winners 2017 Martin Bloom

Lorna Ichilcik Lynn Kalmin Nigel Rosendorff Missing Tom Kiss



Watermark Club Teams Minor Championship Runners Up 2017 Helen Lowry

Mischa Solar Berri Folkard Angela Boulton



North Shore Bridge Club

East Lindfield

Would like to invite you to play the –

2017 EL Butler Pairs

A Red Masterpoint Event

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm

20th, 27th June & 4th July

ENTRY FEE

\$45 for members & \$60 for non-members

Must play all 3 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

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IT'S NOW OR NEVER



Eduardo Di Capua - Composer

You have been organised to play with a lady by the name of Louise in the Gold Coast Pairs championship. A half an hour discussion results in an agreement to play Standard with all the spills and thrills - 5CM , short club, transfers, multis, Bergen RKCB etc.

Everything is going along quite nicely. Board 24 appears on the table. Sitting West with N/S vulnerable Louise opens 2D. Your RHO opponent overcalls 2S and you hold the following : ♠ K86 , ♥ KQ42 ♦ Q973, ♣ A10. This is very tricky. The bidding thus far has been :

W	N	E	S
2D	2S	?	

On this auction partner cannot have 20-21 HCP so she must have a weak 2 in hearts. Your choices are 4H, double or 3H. But hang on. You have just been reading some notes by Sydney player David Farmer about successful or unsuccessful sacrifices. (<http://bridge-game.info/learning-hub/for-improvers/340-successful-sacrifices.html>). It is possible partner can make 4H and they can make 4S. Suddenly it occurs to you that your LHO is a renowned over bidder. If you bid 4H he is guaranteed to bid 4S. So why not bid 5H? He will now bid 5S without blinking. So you bid 5H and sure enough he bids 5S which is passed out. Louise leads the 7H. The full hand was :

♠ AQJ1074 LEAD : 7H

♥ 10

♦ K106

♣ 942

♠ -

♥ J987653

♦ AJ84

♣ 65

♠ K86

♥ KQ42

♦ Q973

♣ A10

♠ 9632

♥ A

♦ 32

♣ KQJ873

As it turns out they can make 4S and you can make 4H. It turns out to be an excellent board for you as N/S are mostly playing in 4S.



North Shore Bridge Club

Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play the –

2017 State Open Teams Qualifying

A Red Masterpoint Event

Tuesday afternoons at 1.00pm

11th, 18th, & 25th July

ENTRY FEE

\$45 for members & \$60 for non-members

Must play all 3 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

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NSW State Open Teams Championship

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Pre-Paid System

The new system has been in place for some eight months now and makes life much easier for all concerned . This saves players having to bring cash and saves the club endless hours of admin work.

If you are not on the pre-paid system please consider joining as it is so easy. You can fill in the joining form at the bottom of this page, cut it off and bring it to the club. You can make a deposit and then when you are running out of funds the directors will let you know you need to top up your account. This is just like an opal card without the automatic top up.

I am working on a new system that will automatically top up your account but this is going to take some time to put into action.

PP system monthly statements

Where we have an email address for a member of the PP System, monthly statements are sent out in the first week of the month for the previous month. The statement shows the opening balance, games played, any deposits made during the month and the closing balance.

Not Receiving a Monthly Statement

If you are not receiving a monthly statement and you filled out your email address details on the PP System Application form, then first check in the trash or spam folders in your emails. It may be that the statements are sitting there. If they cannot be found then please contact Margaret in Admin on (02) 9411 3527.

Players Conduct

We aim to make NSBC a fun and friendly place to attend and have a good game of bridge.

What we need from all players in all sessions is to treat others with respect including our staff.

If you have any issues at the table please call the director to solve them. That's why they are there you should never feel upset in anyway if someone ever calls for the director. They are there to help and to make sure the laws are always in place and everyone is dealt with fairly.

We never want players upset over any situation. It's a much better game if we stay calm and make it enjoyable for everyone.

I would very much appreciate all of your support in making NSBC not only the largest club but the most fun and friendly club in Australia.



North Shore Bridge Club

Club Willoughby & East Lindfield

Would like to invite you to play the –

Super Congress

Red Masterpoint Events

Two Men and A Truck – Restricted & Novice Pairs
Saturday 24th June @ EL

Two Men and A Truck – Restricted & Novice Teams
Sunday 25th June @ EL

Creightons Swiss Teams – Fri 30th June @ CW

Watermark Swiss Pairs – Saturday 1st July @ CW

TBIB Swiss Teams – Sunday 2nd July @ CW



SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

18 – 26 October 2017 *at* Canterbury Park Racecourse, Sydney

Teams Events

18 – 20 October (Wed – Fri)

Spring Nationals Open Teams Qualifying

18 – 19 October (Wed & Thu)

Two Men & a Truck Restricted Teams

All players fewer than 300 Masterpoints at 30/6/2017

23 – 25 October (Mon – Wed)

Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams Qualifying

All players born before 1/1/1959

23 – 25 October (Mon – Wed)

Linda Stern Women's Teams Qualifying

Pairs Events

21 – 22 October (Sat & Sun)

Dick Cummings Open Pairs

21 – 22 October (Sat & Sun)

Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs

Both players fewer than 300 Masterpoints at 30/6/2017

21 – 22 October (Sat & Sun)

Spring Nationals Novice Pairs

Both players fewer than 100 Masterpoints at 30/6/2017

26 October (Thu)

Jacaranda Pairs

– all welcome, come in purple or green !

ABF
an ABF event



hosted by
NSW Bridge Association

Chief Tournament Director: Matthew McManus

Tournament Organiser: Mike Prescott 0435 528 872 / mikeprescott7@hotmail.com

Gold Masterpoints & Playoff Qualifying Points

Visit www.abfevents.com.au/events/spnot/2017

for full brochure, accommodation options and entry facilities

email sn@abf.com.au

Café. Free parking. Free tea and coffee.

Learn To Play Bridge

With leading teachers
Liz Wilkinson & Ed Barnes

Monday July 24th 2pm or 7pm
at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes Ave
With Liz Wilkinson

OR

Tuesday July 25th 2pm or 7pm
at East Lindfield 2B Carlyle Road
With Ed Barnes

6 Lessons \$99

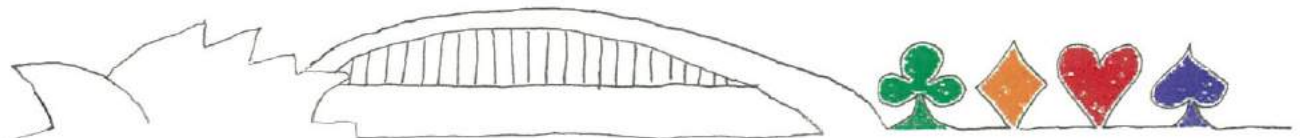
Whether you're looking for a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Ed has decades of experience with new players and a gentle touch that makes learning the game fun and easy

Bookings

scrompton67@hotmail.com

www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au

or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867





North Shore Bridge Club East Lindfield

Would like to invite you to play the –

2017 State Open Teams Qualifying

A Red Masterpoint Event

Monday afternoons at 1.00pm

31st July, 7th, & 14th August

ENTRY FEE

\$45 for members & \$60 for non-members

Must play all 3 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

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North Shore Bridge Club Club Willoughby & East Lindfield

Would like to invite you to play the –

2017 BLACKMAN LEGAL STRATIFIELD PAIRS

A Red Masterpoint Event

Saturday afternoons at 1.00pm
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August

Entry Fee

Regular duplicate table money

Must play all 4 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

Prizes

Prize money will be awarded for 5 different
categories.

This event will be scored across both venues.

- 1) There are several points to this hand. Louise's 2D opening was spot on. 3H is terrible but 2D (or 2H) is based on safety in numbers.
- 2) The decision to bid 5H to put LHO under pressure.
- 3) Knowing your opponents bidding style. This is a very important part of the psychology of bidding.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet'

THANK GOODNESS FOR PHIL FROM BALGOWLAH



It's really quite amazing. We have over 1,400 members and yet only one member Phil from Balgowlah takes time to contribute. The only conclusion to draw is that Phil is the only member who reads the newsletter! Here is Phil's much appreciated contribution.

. A bridge player named Kincaids
Would always play in dark shades
When they asked him why
He would simply reply
'Cos it's easier to bid seven spades

BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS LESSONS



For details of forthcoming beginners please contact Sue Crompton on scrompton67@hotmail.com For improvers lessons please contact Anita at lessons@bridgeclub.com.au

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DUPLICATE 1.30 p.m.



North Shore Bridge Club

Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play in the –

2017 GNOT Daytime Qualifier

A Gold Masterpoint Event

Tuesday afternoons at 1.00pm
22nd, 29th August, 5th & 12th September

ENTRY FEE

\$60 for members & \$80 for non-members

Must play all 4 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

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PRIZE

Entry fee covered for entry into the
Metro Final GNOT Event

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- a) Notice Board – full name and ABF
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North Shore Bridge Club

Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play in the –

2017 GNOT Direct Qualifier

A Gold Masterpoint Event

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm

3rd, 17th, 24th & 31st August

ENTRY FEE

\$60 for members & \$80 for non-members

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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.**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HAND A	HAND B
♠ K83	♠ 983
♥ KQ94	♥ AK9
♦ KJ2	♦ AK1042
♣ K97	♣ 98

There is a story about a player who had just learned the losing trick count and opened 1S with ♠ QJ832 , ♥- ♦QJ742, ♣ QJ3. When they ended up in 4Sx -800 the justification was " But I only had 6 losers"

Hand A has 15 HCP with 7 losers whilst Hand B has 14 HCP with 7 losers. So does that mean they both have the same strength ? What if we count winners ? Hand A has only 2 and a half winners whilst Hand B has 4 winners plus 1 for the 5 card suit. Now wouldn't it be interesting to see how many of you would open 1NT with Hand A and 1D with Hand B!

A teacher is giving a class on counting losers. He starts out by saying: "This will be a class on counting losers." A voice from the back of the class: "Where were you when I needed you 30 years ago?"

Did you hear about the player who led the 8 from 98 doubleton because his teacher told him "eight ever, nine never"

Your play was much better tonight and so were your excuses.



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