

♠ North Shore Bridge Club ♣



April - May Newsletter 2017

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

A FANTASIC SUCCESS!

Our Swiss Pairs Congress on March 19 attracted 62 pairs. The extra good news is that 4 of our members performed brilliantly. **Peter and Nadia Jeffery** ran first whilst **Jenny Barnes and Catherine Else** ran equal 3rd. Congratulations to both pairs. Congratulations also to John Mcilrath and his team who ensured that the day was a big success.

After this rollup imagine what the attendance will be at our major congress in June!



WHAT A RACQUET_

Jim is advised to play less bridge and find a sport which will provide him with some exercise. He decides to take up tennis and finds the nearest sports store. The employee sells him a pair of tennis shoes for \$85, 2 sweatbands for \$85 each, 4 pairs of white socks at \$93, a shirt at \$143, 4 boxes of balls at \$185 and a pair of shorts at \$65 each. As Jim was leaving he suddenly said " Hadn't I better buy a racket? They sold him a half interest in the business!

Your partner opens 3D and you hold: ♠ KQ83 , ♥ AQ94, ♦ 4, ♣ KQ73

What do you bid? Answer at the end of this newsletter



North Shore Bridge Club

East Lindfield

Would like to invite you to play in the –

New Event

2017 Swiss Pairs



Red Masterpoint Event

Must play all sessions to qualify

Tuesday 7.30pm

2nd, 9th & 16th May, 2017

ENTRY FEE – \$45 per person

PRIZES

Cash prizes to be awarded

To Enter:

- a) On-line - www.northshore.bridge-club.org
- b) Email - mikeprescott7@hotmail.com
- c) Phone – Mike: 0435 528 872



**North Shore Bridge Club
Club Willoughby**

Would like to invite you to play the –

**2017 Watermark Club
Teams Championship**

A Red Masterpoint Event

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm

27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May

A Members only Tournament

Must play 5 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed.

FORMAT

Depending On Entries

PRIZES

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

To Enter

- a) Notice Board – full name and ABF
- b) On-line - www.northshore.bridge-club.org
- c) Email - mikeprescott7@hotmail.com
- d) Phone – Mike: 0435 528 872

NSBC East Lindfield Swiss Pairs Congress Winners

Peter and Nadia Jeffery



Winners of our first Swiss Pairs Congress at East Lindfield in March was won by Peter and Nadia Jeffery. Well done to you both. Second was Fraser Rew and Colin Baker. Equal third went to Ann Baker and Helena Dawson, and Jenny Barnes and Catherine Else.

Our opponents bid 1H-P-2H-P-P-? and I balanced with 2S. My partner of course raising me to game. I stared at him coldly. Then I tugged down my collar and said (in my best Clint Eastwood voice), "If you are going to hang a man, hang him high!"



North Shore Bridge Club

Easter Bridge Timetable

For East Lindfield and Club
Willoughby

Good Friday – Closed

Easter Saturday – regular sessions

Easter Sunday – Closed

Easter Monday

Red Points

CW: 1pm only; EL: 9.30am & 1pm



AN EXCELLENT CONVENTION



You have arranged to play with Robert who has been achieving fine results lately. As is usually the case there is little time for discussion so you enter into the fray. On board 8 as South you pick up the following ♠ KQ1084, ♥ AK942, ♦ J, ♣ 84. Everyone is vulnerable and East opens 3D. You pause for a moment hoping Robert will recognise your Michaels cue bid of 4D. South now bids 5D which comes around to you. You decide to double on the basis that if 5D makes you will probably get a bad board anyway.

E	S	W	N
3D	4D	5D	P
P	X	All Pass	

You lead the AH and partner plays the 10H. You now lead the KH. Partner plays the 2H. You lead a 3rd heart which partner ruffs. East cannot avoid losing a spade as well for -500. If you had passed West would have bid 3NT which makes. The full hand was:

♠ J 6 2		LEAD : AH	
♥ 10 2			
♦ 7 6 5			
♣ K Q J 5 2			
♠ A 7		♠ 10 9 4	
♥ Q 9 7		♥ J 8 3	
♦ A 9		♦ K Q 10 8 4 3 2	
♣ A 10 9 7 6 3		♣	
♠ K Q 8 5 3			
♥ A K 6 5 4			
♦ J			
♣ 8 4			

This hand was played recently at the Peninsula Bridge Club which is a very successful bridge club on the Northern Beaches.

A meteorologist is someone who looks into a woman's eyes to see weather.

Learn To Play Bridge

With leading teachers
Liz Wilkinson & Ed Barnes

Monday May 8th 2pm or 7pm
at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes Ave
With Liz Wilkinson

OR

Tuesday May 9th 2pm or 7pm
at East Lindfield 2B Carlyle Road
With Ed Barnes

6 Lessons \$99

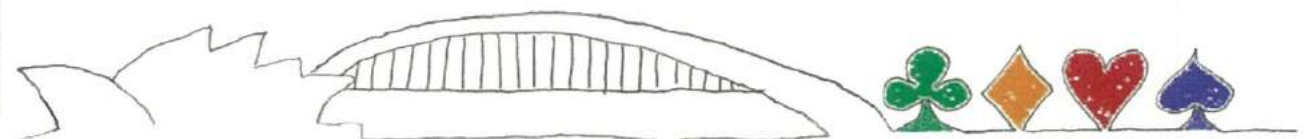
Whether you're looking for a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Ed has decades of experience with new players and a gentle touch that makes learning the game fun and easy

Bookings

manager@bridgeclub.com.au

www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au

or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867





North Shore Bridge Club

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 8th April, 2017

11.30 am at Club Willoughby



To be followed by a game at 1.00pm.

Red Masterpoints Event.

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!



Date:	Friday April 28 , 2017
Time:	2pm – 4pm
Where:	North Shore Bridge Club
Cost:	\$20 per person – <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

To register, please register online at the North Shore Bridge Club website, or email Mike Prescott at manager@bridgeclub.com.au

THANK GOODNESS FOR PHIL FROM BALGOWLAH

Surely there must be some humorous episodes at your table. It would be really great if you could share them with us. Please don't forget to laugh out loud when something humorous happens. Here is Phil's latest contribution:

A declarer did try to finesse

A Queen from dummy through West

But West was awake

And so dropped the Ace

And it failed to pass the test.

IMPROVERS/ ADVANCED LESSONS



For details of forthcoming improvers/advanced lessons please contact Anita at 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.**

THE PROBLEM WITH SLOW PLAY



The issue of slow play has become very serious in the United States. Slow play, as opposed to careful or thoughtful play, is discourteous to your opponents and to all other competitors as well. Players and pairs who regularly take more than their allotted time are subject to penalty. **In general pairs who are sometimes late will be warned while pairs who are habitually tardy and/or pay no attention to time limits may be penalized.**



Pre Paid Fee System

Application Slip

We are moving forward to a paperless and therefore cashless system with our table money.

Our PP system does not require the club to have your credit card numbers or details.

You will top this up as required at the director's desk or when your balance gets low the director in your session will let you know you need to top up.

So how does Pre Paid system work? Just think of your bridge tolls or Opal card.

Instead of purchasing vouchers, you just deposit money with us, like \$100.00 or more if you wish.

We will deduct your table fees as we go and let you know when you need a top up.

Name
ABF No
Email
Deposit \$

1. You will receive a monthly statement, by email, detailing all the transactions.
2. You will receive a 5% discount on all your games.
3. You can never lose a voucher again.
4. All you will need to do is to record "pp" on the table envelope.

Regards

Mike Prescott

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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 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 it is so easy you fill in the joining form at the bottom of this page cut it off and bring it to the club 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.



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED

Let's be honest. Bridge has become part of your life. Most of you would play at least twice a week. So why is this the case? Because it is a healthy addiction.

Now how many of you have told your relatives or friends that bridge will add meaning to their life. Bridge has given you a lot of pleasure. Surely you can give something back to the game. So how can you achieve this?

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS:

- * Tell your relatives, friends and enemies.
- * Do a leaflet drop when you are walking the dog (or even without the pouch.)
- * Offer to give a talk about bridge to rotary or probus clubs.
- * Contact radio stations. 2UE is now running lifestyle programs 24 hours a day.
- * Contact your local newspaper with a view to an article and photo on bridge.
- * Offer to be a mentor to a new player (s)

"We can't help everyone but we can help someone" Ronald Reagan

ANSWER TO QUIZ

Partner opens 3D and you hold: ♠ KQ83 , ♥ AQ94, ♦ 4, ♣ KQ73
Please, please don't say you bid 3NT! You can't get to dummy's diamonds so where are your tricks! You must pass as fast as you can.

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



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Regular Duplicate Schedule

	Club Willoughby				East Lindfield	
Day	Open	Restricted	Supervised	Rookie	Open	Supervised
Monday	10am	10am	2pm	2pm	9.30am	
	7.30pm				1pm	
Tuesday	1pm		10am	10am	10am	2pm
	7.30pm		7.30pm		7.30pm Champ	7pm
Wednesday	10am	10am	2pm	2pm	10am	
	7.30pm					
Thursday	10am				1pm	
	7.30pm Champ					
Friday	10am			10am	10am	
Saturday	1pm				1pm	
Sunday						