



April - May Newsletter 2018

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CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

WONDERFUL RESULTS AGAIN !



In the recent Swiss Pairs at East Lindfield our members George Finikiotis and Liz Fanos were running first until the last round when caught by Sally and Garry Clarke also members. Runners up were Jessica Brake & Paul Dalley. Liz & George finished 3rd out of 58 pairs - Great effort!

The event was run very smoothly by John McIlrath.

THE POWER OF THE PREEMPT



You are travelling nicely with 2 rounds to go. You pick up the following hand :

♠ 96 ♥ 6 ♦ AJ1097 ♣ 98642

You are sitting East and N/S are vulnerable. The bidding is as follows :

W	N	E	S
P	1C	?	What do you bid?

The answer is given at the end of this newsletter.

23rd – 24th June (Sat – Sun)

Lindfield Bowling Club

Restricted & Novice
Swiss Pairs and Teams

1 congress **6** events
over **2** weekends

**2018 North Shore Bridge Club
Festival of Bridge**

28th June – 1st July (Thu – Sun)

Club Willoughby

- Open – Women's – Senior MP Pairs
- NSBC Festival Swiss Teams
- Watermark Festival Swiss Pairs
- TBIB Festival Swiss Teams

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Convenor

Mike Prescott

Mobile: 0435 528 872

Chief Tournament Director

Matthew McManus

North Shore Bridge Club

AGM Saturday

7th April 2018

11.30AM

At Club Willoughby



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

***Join us after the AGM for our 1PM
Duplicate Red Points***

Learn To Play Bridge

With
Liz Wilkinson

Monday July 23rd 2pm or 7pm
at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes Ave

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. Liz has the experience and the touch to help you get the best out of your new passion.

Bookings

scrompton67@hotmail.com

www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au

or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867



What have upside down infants (inverted minors)
got to do with bridge ?



OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM



Beginners and supervised enquiries, Sue Crompton; scrompton67@hotmail.com
Improvers and Advanced : Anita Curtis ac210927@bigpond.net.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.**

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



Playing weak twos you pick up ♠ AK9643 ♥ -, ♦ Q942, ♣ 873. You are South and the dealer so you open 2S. The bidding continues :

S	W	N	E	E/W vulnerable
2S	3H	X	P	
?				

What now? You know you were a bit naughty opening a weak two with a void but not too many players would resist the temptation. So, you have to decide what partner's double means. Does he want you to bid 3S or 4S. Or what about 4D ?

If you are contemplating any of the above, you have missed the boat. Partner's double is 100% penalties. There are many other bids he could have made and he knows your hand whereas you know nothing about his : Here is a possible hand for partner :

Learn T♠ Play♥y Br♦dgc♣

With
Ed Barnes

Tuesday August 21st 2pm or 7pm
at East Lindfield 2B Carlyle Road

6 Lessons \$99

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♠ 2 ♥KQ1043, ♦ A83 ♣Q962. Partner has dollar signs in his eyes.

Now what if the bidding had been

	S	W	N	E
	2S	3H	3S	4H
	?			

Please don't say you would bid 4S. Partner could have bid 4S.
He wants them to be in 4H!.

MORAL : Once you have made a preempt partner becomes the captain of the auction.

PLEASE HELP YOUR FRIENDLY DIRECTOR

At the end of a session there is always a lot of cleaning up to do. Apart from organising the final details, the director then has to make sure that the room is clean for the next session. It would be of great help if all players make sure that their table is left in a very tidy condition.

THE GOLDEN GATE

The bridge player stood at the Golden Gate.
He meekly asked the Man of Fate if he would let him in.
"What have you done ?" St. Peter asked, " to gain admission here?"
" I played terrible bridge" he said as he silently shed a tear.
The Golden Gate swung open wide and St Peter clanged the bell.
"Come in and join your cronies. You've had your share of Hell."

A DIFFICULT DECISION

You pick up ♠ K64 ♥AQJ, D J75, ♣ J742. Partner opens 1D and you must decide what to bid. You settle for 2NT and partner rebids 4NT. Can this be asking for Aces or a quantitative bid. With maximum 12 points you respond 6NT. The lead is the QS & partner puts down : ♠ A72 ♥953, D AKQ6, ♣ KQ10
The contract hinges on the heart finesse works !

A MEMORY PROBLEM



2 bridge players were having a drink after the session. One of them says " You see that attractive lady sitting over there. As you know I'm very slow on the uptake. The other day she said to me "We must have a couple of sessions sometime". It took me quite a while to work out that she wasn't referring to bridge."

Nationwide ♠ May 1 – 7, 2018



BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

Play a hand in changing lives

The Challenge raises crucial funds to support Alzheimer's disease research whilst promoting the benefits of playing bridge.

_____ is holding a
Bridge for Brain Research Charity Challenge on

Location: **Club Willoughby & East Lindfield**

Time: **Monday 30th April 10.am Club Willoughby 9.30am & 1.00pm East Lindfield**

Other activities include: _____



NeuRA

Discover. Conquer. Cure.

From the President

The club's annual general meeting will be held this Saturday at Club Willoughby at 11.30 am. Please come along! If you can't, please give someone you know will be attending your proxy. If that is a problem, then remembering that nobody may hold more than one proxy, you might care to deliver a blank signed form to us (any director at any session) and we will try to arrange for someone to accept the appointment, and to ring you to learn of your voting preferences.

There are eight nominees for only three positions available on the incoming committee, more than ever I remember, so that voting is much more important than usual.

Those attending the meeting will be given a voucher worth \$6.50 available to be spent at Club Willoughby on the day, to buy food or drink of your choice. As well, the game at Willoughby is a red point event.

To all those who served on the outgoing committee, many thanks. Most years, the club struggles to get enough people to stand. The job is unglamorous, and sometimes a bother, but the club does need a strong committee.

John Brownie

Pre-Paid System

We have close to 80% of our members now using the pre-paid system and are working hard to get this to 100%.

Join the pre-paid today online just go to the web page click the \$ sign do a top-up and we will set your PP account up for you nothing more to do just turn up and play.

You will get a detailed statement at the end of each month, with your starting balance and ending balance so you can track all sessions played. (If you don't receive a monthly statement please contact the office)

When your balance is getting low, the director in your session will ask you to top up or simply go to the director's desk and ask to top up. You can also top-up online simply go to our web page and hit the \$ sign on the left use the drop-down box to choose an amount.

You can pay a set amount or just what you think you will use over the next month. Being part of the prepaid system, we give you 5% off all regular sessions played. Just write 'PP' on your table money envelope and the rest is taken care of for you. Relax and enjoy your bridge.

We no longer keep any credit card details so there is no risk involved. This is better for all concerned and saves the club hours of admin work.



North Shore Bridge Club Club Willoughby

Would like to invite you to play in

2018 GNOT Teams
Direct Qualifier

A Gold Masterpoint Event
Thursday evenings at 7.30pm
26th April
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May

ENTRY FEE

\$75 for members & \$100 for non-members

Must play all 5 sessions to qualify, substitutes allowed

FORMAT

Depending On Entries

PRIZE

Direct entry to the GNOT Finals in Tweed Heads

TO ENTER, go to the Notice Board – full name and ABF

On-line - www.northshore.bridge-club.org

Email - mikeprescott7@hotmail.com

Phone – Mike: 0435 528 872



Swiss Pairs

East Lindfield

Tuesday Nights 7:30pm

\$15 per session for members

\$20 per session for non-members



1st May
8th May
15th May



Red Point Event

BOUNCE THEM AROUND!



□

DEALER WEST N/S VUL

LEAD : 8C

West North East South

NORTH

♠ K1085

♥ AK85

♦ 63

♣ KJ7

P 1C 3D X

5D 5H P P

P

THE BIDDING

West passes and North opens 1C. East makes the pressure bid of 3D! South doubles 3D and West makes the pressure bid of 5D. You have to feel sorry for poor old North. He can make 4H or 4S but cannot make 5H or 5S. 5Dx is -300 as opposed to -620 for 4H or 4S.

THE PLAY

North must be considered very unlucky as 6S relies on the heart finesse. An interesting is that N/S can make 5C!

WEST

♠ 7432

♥ J109

♦ KQ5

♣ A103

EAST

♠ 9

♥ 6

♦ AJ10972

♣ 98652

SOUTH

♠ AQJ6

♥ Q7432

♦ 84

♣ Q5



HELPFUL TIPS

- * Sometimes we make cheeky bids to put the cat amongst the pigeons!
- * Watch out for misfits when partner is short in your suits and vice-versa

Confucius say : Player who trumps his partner's Ace will leave the club in absolute disgrace.

Player who never returns partner's suit. will soon find partner will give him the boot.

Please send any interesting problem hands to gregquittner@hotmail.com and I will answer ASAP.



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