



May Newsletter 2018 Editor: Greg Quittner



CUSTOMERS ARE REALLY EVERYTHING

Where Did I Go Wrong? By Victor Trumper

You only made 9 tricks in your 4 spade contract – but Deep Finesse says you can make ten. That's all very well but how could you have made it happen? You don't really want to ask partner where you went wrong, do you?

This is where you need to check the hand on your favourite double dummy analyser (DDA for convenience) on your computer or tablet or some such. It allows you to check card by card how you should have played the hand.

Deep Finesse is the best-known application, and there are others (also free of charge) which you may download and install on your computer, tablet etc. If you do a google search on "double dummy analyser", several programs will pop up. Bridge for instance.

My favourite is Bridge Solver Online for reasons that I will now explain. It works well for Android and Windows.

Each DDA needs to have the hand fed into it. This may be done the hard way – you enter it card by card. Time consuming and tedious. Each DDA has this basic facility

**State Open Pairs
Club Willoughby**

Tuesday Afternoon 1pm

**22nd May
29th May
5th June**



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Alternatively, you may be able to upload the hand if you have access to a pbn file (Portable Bridge Notation) or a similar format. Links to these files may be found on the results page for some bridge clubs. For example, TRUMPS bridge club provides a link to PBN downloadable files. Also, if you play hands on BBO and save the hand as a LIN file, you may later load that file to the DDA and work out where you or the opposition went wrong.

If these files are not available, Bridge Solver Online comes to the rescue. Once installed, this app will recognise hand layouts on a Pianola results page, and on a number other results page formats. It automatically provides an icon which you may click to activate the DDA. You may then analyse the hand double dummy without any messy card by card input or file downloads. Bridge Solver Online is explained at this link www.bridgesolver.co.uk which also contains instructions for downloading and installing this very nifty ap.

VALE : Delma Evans and Albert Andrews

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of 2 of our members ; Del Evans and Albert Andrews. We extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE SQUARE



Hand 1 : N E S W

Hand 2 : N E S W

P P ?

P 1D ?

In both examples you hold: ♠AKJ4 ♥A43, ♦ 1094, ♣532
Now be honest. You would open 1C or 1D with hand 1 and pass with hand 2! The expert opens 1S with hand 1 and overcalls 1S with hand 2. Before you cry sacrilege give it some careful thought.

Learn To ♠ Play Br♦dgc♣

With
Liz Wilkinson

Monday July 23rd at 7pm or Tues 24th at 10:30am
at Club Willoughby 20-26 Crabbes Ave

6 Lessons \$99

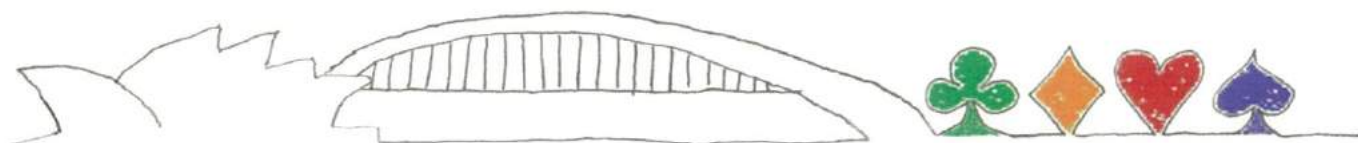
Whether you're looking for a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Liz has the experience and the touch to help you get the best out of your new passion.

Bookings

scrompton67@hotmail.com

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or Sue Crompton 0416 290 867





Free Lesson with Mike Prescott



**Starting Friday 18th May at 9.30am
East Lindfield.**

We are always looking at ways to grow our sessions so from 18th May Mike Prescott will conduct a series lessons at 9.30am before the duplicate session at 10.00am.

You will all receive notes, and each week we will be looking at different subjects.

Week one we will be covering Bergen raises one of the most popular conventions in the world.

Even if you don't want to add this convention to your system you will still get a lot out of the lesson by understanding why this convention is so widely used.

This is suitable for all levels of players and the duplicate session following is fun and friendly you will improve your game with Mike.

Please join me at East Lindfield everyone will get something useful out of these lessons.



Learn To ♠ Play Br♦dgc♣

With
Ed Barnes

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

6 Lessons \$99

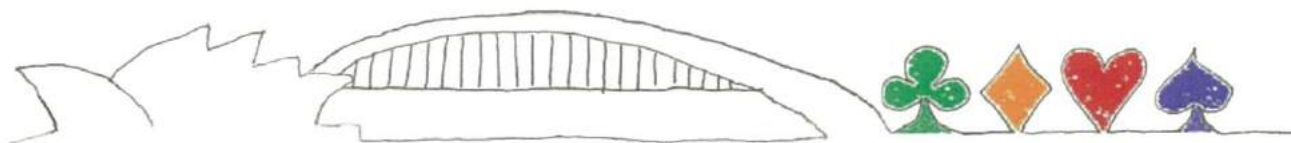
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New Monthly Winners @ NSBC

Starting this month, we will be awarding monthly winners in all sessions at NSBC.

Your top three scores as a partnership will count, so if you have a bad session, this could be dropped off if you attend 4 sessions in the calendar month.

All partnerships will be awarded a monthly prize which will be different month to month.

At the end of the year, we will be running a winner's tournament for all categories: Open, Restricted, Rookie and Supervised. All partnerships that win a monthly competition will be invited to compete.

You will also get more masterpoints due to us running the new monthly competitions.

Excluded from this, is Thursday evenings Club Willoughby and Tuesday evenings East Lindfield due to these being championship nights. This will have a separate competition which will start 1st January 2019.

State Open Pairs East Lindfield

Tuesday Morning 10am



**12th June
19th June
26th June**



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IT'S ALL IN THE GAME



Once in a while you will go down
But it's all in the game.
Partner will give you a frown
And do exactly the same.

You both raise a big smile
When you win by a mile
And realise it's all in the game.

(Adapted from the original lyrics by Carl Rigman)

WHAT'S THE POINT PARTNER?



You pick up ♠ AK87 ♥ A53, ♦ 1094, ♣ AQ2 and open 1NT.
Partner responds 2S which is a transfer to clubs. You bid 3C and partner rebids
3NT. Your left-hand opponent leads the 8♥ and partner lays down the following:

♠ Q42 ♥ KQ2, ♦ Q2, ♣ K8432

You decide to take your 9 tricks because of the diamond situation. The full
hand was:

♠ Q42 LEAD: 8♥
♥ KQ2
♦ Q2
♣ K8432

♠ 93
♥ 873
♦ 7653
♣ J1065

♠ J1065
♥ J1094
♦ AKJ8
♣ 7

♠ AK87
♥ A65
♦ 1094
♣ AQ9

You quietly ask partner why he didn't bid 3NT straight away. " I wanted to show
you my club suit " came the reply. There didn't seem much point in saying that
West would have lead a club if he had bid 3NT directly.
Will this partnership last? Stay tuned.



Queen's Birthday

Monday 11th June



Club Willoughby 1PM

East Lindfield 9.30AM & 1PM



Red Point Event



From the president

To state or restate the obvious, our long-term problem is to find suitable accommodation once the Club Willoughby redevelopment takes place. Will we then be able to rent space there at a price we can afford? Will there be adequate parking space available there to our members? The committee cannot answer either of these questions now, but, rest assured, there is no item higher on the committee's agenda, and as soon as the committee is able to provide sensible information, it will do so. In the meantime, distrust any and all rumours and ask the rumour monger to identify his or her sources of information! The committee WILL tell you as soon as possible about any likely and realistic development.

Difficulty with the stairs at Club Willoughby? Several members seem to other members to have real difficulty with the stairs, and they pass their concerns on. If you yourself have a difficulty, please consider walking around the clubhouse, along a ramp with no stairs, and entering the clubhouse from the rear, along a level entry. If you don't know how to gain access this way, please don't just put up with it, just ask a director at any session to show you what to do.

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.



Butler Pairs East Lindfield

Tuesday Nights 7:30pm



12th June
19th June
26th June



\$15 per session for members
\$20 per session for non-members
Red Point Event

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.
Your host is the amiable Malcolm Martin.

You are very welcome without a partner.

MY FIRST CONGRESS - ELISE QUITTNER

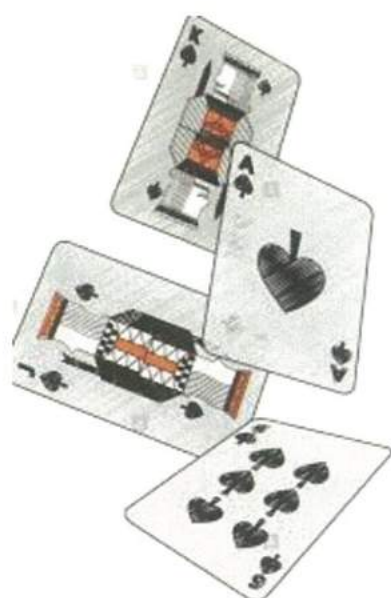
Even though my husband has been addicted to bridge since before we met. I am a relative newcomer to the game. Because he teaches bridge people usually expect me to be some kind of expert. As this article reveals nothing could be further from the truth.

It came as a total surprise when Greg surprise when Greg suggested that we play in the Tamworth Congress in June. I had only been playing for about a year or so and even then, not regularly because of a young growing family. The opportunity to escape Sydney for a weekend was too good to pass up. Our five-hour trip was spent discussing system and tactics. We agreed to change the name of our system from **LMPTND** (Let Me Play the Notrumps Dear) to **SOAR** (Smell Of An Oily Rag).

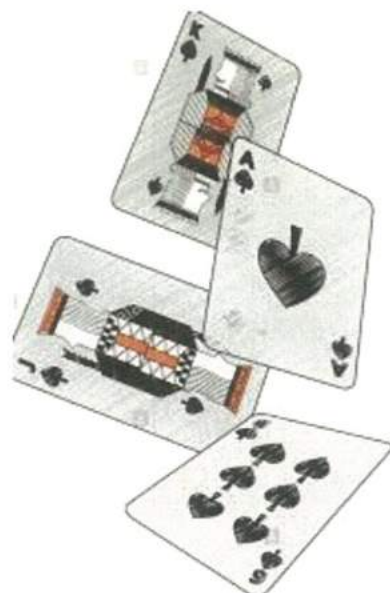
For those who have never attended a country congress the atmosphere was very friendly. I had the pleasure of meeting Richard Grenside, whose name I had heard in conversation over the years. His professionalism was unquestionable; his smooth directing made the

ANC Swiss Pairs Club Willoughby

Thursday Nights 7:30pm



**14th June
21st June**



***\$30 for members
\$40 for non-members
Red Point Event***

experience a real pleasure. You'd probably like to hear about a couple of hands so here goes.

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Sitting North you hold: ♠ K874 ♥94, ♦ A97, ♣AQ85

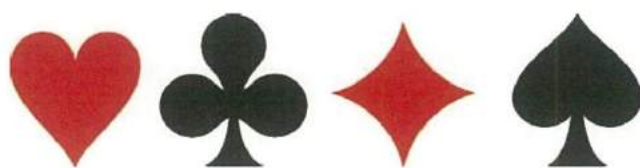
My limited experience left me in a quandary as to what to lead. I finally settled for a rather unusual QC. Dummy produced the following: ♠ A963 ♥Q7, ♦ Q432, ♣ K94

Declarer played the 4C from dummy and Greg played the 7C with declarer the 2C. It seemed reasonable to stay with clubs so I continued with the 8C. Declarer played low and Greg won with the JC. He leads back a 3rd club which Greg won with the Ace as declarer followed suit. The contract proceeded to go 2 down – everyone made 3H. At the end of the hand dummy turned to Greg and in a tone of admiration said: " Where have you been hiding her all these years?" Such compliments don't come often so I smiled graciously. Greg had promised not

NSBC Results Corner:

Recent Club events		Winners
Club Championship – MIXED PAIRS @ CW	1 st	Liz Wilkinson & Patrick Neary
CONGRESS – SWISS PAIRS @ EL	1 st	Gary & Sally Clarke
State Mixed Pairs Qual @ EL	1 st	Sheena Arora & Bijan Assaee
GNOT Metro Qual Teams @ EL	1 st	Bijan Assaee, Sheena Arora, Peter Liphay, Mark Moscow
Club Championship – Men's TEAMS @ CW	1 st	Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas, Bijan Assaee, Wayne Zhu, Yixiang Zhang
Club Championship – Women's TEAMS @ CW	1 st	Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets, Lorna Ichilcik, Lynn Kalmin, Rena Kaplan
Club AGM & Bridge @ CW	NS EW	Hymie Osie & Liz Wilkinson Judy Osie & David Osie
Bridge for Brains @ 9:30 EL	NS EW	Veronica Oconnell & Peter Koorey Marlaine Gahan & Gwen Cordingley
Bridge for Brains @ 1:00 EL	NS EW	John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey Fiona Lavery & Esther Lee
Bridge for Brains @ 10:00 CW	NS EW	Angie Boulton & Peter Boulton Judy Marks & Adam Rutkowski
Bridge for Brains @ 10:00 CW (Restricted Section)	NS EW	Kerstin Gale & Elizabeth Platt Marg Betts & Shane Mahoney

Club events in Progress	Ven	Details
EL Club Championship – Swiss Pairs	EL	Night Comp – Started – in progress
GNOT Direct Qualifier	CW	Night Comp – Started – in progress
Upcomming Club events	Ven	Details
State Open Pairs Qualifying (Red point event)	CW	Tuesday 1pm – Starting 22 nd May – 3 Daytime Sessions
State Open Pairs Qualifying (Red point event)	EL	Tuesday 10am – Starting 12 th June – 3 Daytime Sessions
EL Club Championship - Butler Pairs	EL	Tuesday 7:30pm – Starting 12 th June – 3 Night Sessions
SWISS Pairs	CW	Thursday 7:30pm – Starting 14 th June – 2 Night sessions
NSBC BRIDGE FESTIVAL - Restricted & Novice Congress @ EL		
"Two Men & A Truck" -Restricted PAIRS	EL	Saturday 10am – 2 Sessions PAIRS
"Two Men & A Truck" -Novice PAIRS	EL	Saturday 10am – 2 Sessions PAIRS
"Two Men & A Truck" – Restricted TEAMS	EL	Saturday 10am – 2 Sessions TEAMS (4)
"Two Men & A Truck" – Novice TEAMS	EL	Saturday 10am – 2 Sessions TEAMS (4)



**STATE OPEN TEAMS
QUALIFYING**
Club Willoughby

**Tuesday Afternoons
1:00pm**



3rd July
10th July
17th July



**\$45 for members
\$60 for non-members**
Red Point Event

