



# NSBC Newsletter



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Editor: Kevin Davies

## Many thanks Kay



Kay Moyes has stepped away from the role of co-editor of the NSBC Newsletter. Her very professional help over the last few years was **much appreciated**. Kay will still assist in the pre-issue QA process.

## Interclub Teams at Peninsula Club

This annual inter-club teams event will be held at Peninsula (Trumps were the winners last year), on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

## Gold Coast Winners



Winners: Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Open  
Lorna Ichilcik and Lynn Kalmin

## 2019 NSW McCutcheon Awards

Four members who won NSW McCutcheon awards missed honourable mention in the Feb issue.

| McCutcheon Awards |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Yumin Li          | Gold Life  |
| Jane Beeby        | Life       |
| Yixiang Zhang     | * State    |
| Susan Feeny       | * Regional |

## NSBC Bushfire Appeal

| NSBC - Bushfire Appeal               |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Member donations                     | \$1,927         |
| Australia Day table monies (EL & CW) | \$3,735         |
| Polystyrene cup use collections      | \$288           |
| Club additional donation             | \$4,050         |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| Distribution                         |                 |
| Blaze aid (temp accommodation)       | \$5,000         |
| Wires (wildlife rescue)              | \$2,500         |
| NSW RFS                              | \$2,500         |

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## Bidding and Play Challenges

### Challenge Hand 1

| West      | V | East         | D | V |
|-----------|---|--------------|---|---|
| ♠ Q       |   | ♠ 10 8 4     |   |   |
| ♥ A K 9 4 |   | ♥ 3          |   |   |
| ♦ K Q 8 6 |   | ♦ 10 7 4 3 2 |   |   |
| ♣ J 7 6 4 |   | ♣ A K 9 2    |   |   |

Matchpoints. EW Vulnerable

South opens either a 2♥ weak two or 2♦ multi, but North will compete to 3♠. Can you bid EW cards to your best spot?

### Challenge Hand 2

| West         | NV | East         | NV |
|--------------|----|--------------|----|
| ♠ 10 7 5     |    | ♠ A K        |    |
| ♥ A K Q J 10 |    | ♥ 9 8 6      |    |
| ♦ K 9        |    | ♦ A Q J 10 3 |    |
| ♣ 7 6 3      |    | ♣ A 5 2      |    |

Matchpoints, NS Vulnerable.

North passes, then free bidding auction to your best spot.

## 2020 NSW Women's Teams selection

Well done Lynn, Lorna and Jessica, NSBC members who made the 2020 state women's team!

| 2020 NSW Women's Team Selection |                                 | IMP |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1                               | Lynn Kalmin & Lorna Ichilcik    | 110 |
| 2                               | Susan Humphries & Jessica Brake | 42  |
| 3                               | Kinga Moses & Nazife Bashar     | 25  |

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Director

## Profile: Kim Neale

### Director

I learnt to play bridge in high school. A friend and I decided to take bridge lessons during the activities week at the end of the year and I was hooked. We could barely follow suit – but had a lot of fun doing it. I joined the Sydney Uni Bridge Club when I started my degree and never looked back.

I met my husband through - you guessed it - playing bridge. Michael is also still playing and we have even had some success playing together. Neither of our children have shown any interest in taking up bridge.

Over the years I have been active in administration for bridge as a member of council for both NSBC and the NSWBA.

Tournament Organiser for the Sydney Festival for two years in the mid 2000's which merged with the Spring Nationals tournament which I also organised for 5 years. I have had some success in women's events over the years and been lucky enough to represent NSW a number of times at the Australian National Championships and also to represent Australia at the PABF Women's teams in 2008.

One of my recent favourite bridge moments occurred after my partner and I bid to a grand slam. Dummy came down and I knew instantly that the only way to make this contract was for the opponents to revoke. After some thought I decided that there was not a lot I could do to encourage a revoke - so I drew trumps. On the second round of trumps both opponents discarded - a quick count of trumps revealed the hoped-for revoke. Sometimes you can get lucky!

I have enjoyed teaching and directing for many years at the Tuesday morning Rookie and Supervised session with Kay Moyes. A multiple sclerosis diagnosis in 2013 has made a lot of significant changes to my life, but I hope to keep working (and playing!) at NSBC for the foreseeable future.

## Beginners' lessons again!

Word of mouth is our best source of new players: do you know anyone who would like to learn? Our teachers are:



Liz Wilkinson at Club  
Willoughby



Ed Barnes at East  
Lindfield

## Club Willoughby

The Club Willoughby lessons are well underway with **49** participating students.

## East Lindfield

The lessons with Ed start on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, **a few places are still available for late bookings.**

## Mike's lessons for Improvers



**IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE!**  
**FREE SERIES OF LESSONS**  
**WITH MIKE PRESCOTT**

East Lindfield Friday 9.30am  
Club Willoughby Sunday 12.30pm and  
Monday 7.00pm

**Different topic each week**

- Suitable for all levels of players
- Each lesson covers a new topic
- Receive notes at each lesson

Stay and play: Duplicate session follows at 10:00am

Do stay on after the lesson to enjoy the facilities and play in the Open games that follow.

## My Bridge Story

by Russell Drake



Russell Drake &amp; Giles Drake with President John

I was first introduced to Bridge at high school, and continued to play at Sydney University in the late 70s and early 80s. I can remember being impressed by a young Peter Gill – by the way, he was a wiz at capital cities quizzes. I would also overhear Peter Fordham and Mike Hughes talking about Bridge during cricket matches for Lindfield (Mike was a fine batsman and Peter was a very handy left-arm medium bowler and good hitter of the ball). Sadly, I was never admitted to their elite circle, and gave Bridge away when work, marriage and family got in the way.

Then in January 2018, my son Giles finished school and took a gap year. As a family we played a lot of board games and Giles would win way more than his fair share, so I thought he might do well at Bridge. I went along to the Bridge Shop to purchase an instruction book and got quite a shock to learn that the bidding system I remembered and loved as a youngster was no longer fashionable (this being Precision – relatively common in the 70s, at least in my circle of friends). In fact, I was strongly advised NOT to ruin the child by teaching him such nonsense. But I couldn't go back to Standard; I used to find Precision way more fun. So, I purchased the only book he had: a newish take on Precision called "Standard Modern Precision" by Daniel Neill.

We read the book and had a few bidding practices at home and I showed him the basic concept of trumps and tricks but there was only the two of us which got pretty boring. I joined us up to NSBC and went along to a rookie session. Now Giles had never even seen a game of bridge played (rubber or duplicate), and yet we won the night with a score of 62%! Actually, not the best way to start because it gave Giles a false sense that

this game is easy. Soon brought back down to earth in subsequent weeks. Thankfully he has persevered with the game (and me as partner). We tried out Lindfield Thursday Open under the watchful eye of Sue: there were a few law and etiquette breaches by us rookies, and some concerns about our weird bidding system, but mostly a very friendly group of people and we soon found we could cope with this level. Stepping out of your comfort zone to play against better players is a sure way to improve your game.

It is now nearly 2 years since we started. We try to play once weekly although for some reason Giles has other things going on in his life and will often be unavailable. We won the "Monthly Winners" for October and thereby qualified for the Winners Tournament held recently for the first time in Dec 2019, and by some strange alignment of the planets we won the Open division, much to our surprise (still just rookies with only 20 masterpoints).

There have been quite a few changes in the Bridge world during my 30-year absence. Nowadays, you play low to signal encourage, low-high to show doubleton, lead the Ace from Ace/King holdings! And EVERYONE plays Standard American (why?). I feel a good deal of the credit for our progress is due to Standard Modern Precision methods. In particular, having opening suit bids limited to 15 HCP makes it easier for responder to judge part-score vs game hands. Plus, it's more fun, and that's why Giles and I play Bridge. Gets the boy away from his computer too! I would like to thank NSBC and particularly the Lindfield directors and players for creating a pleasant and friendly atmosphere and putting up with us, even if at times we feel like unwelcome aliens for not playing "proper" Bridge.

What a great story Russell and thank you for the article. Congratulations also to the two of you on your monthly winners' tournament win. Yes, those of us playing regularly at the **club's East Lindfield venue believe that we have the perfect environment for bridge - the jewel in the club's crown!** So newer members please come and visit us some time in the year. We look forward to welcoming you.  
David Hagley (EL Director and Club Secretary)



## Club AGM is approaching!

We are not far away from the North Shore Bridge Club's 2020 AGM, so put the date in your diaries now! It will be held at **Club Willoughby at 11:30am on Saturday 4th April 2020**. There is a lot to catch up on, apart from the important vote for the election of office bearers and your club committee. Get an update on the Club Willoughby property development, catch up on the club's financial position and take the opportunity to have your say.

## Reducing Waste Initiative

Thank you all so much for your effort in bringing your own water/tea/coffee containers. It is great to see how many people are on board to look after our environment. We are pleased to inform you that NSBC is moving to Stage 2 of the "Reducing Waste Initiative" which is to **start phasing out all disposables**. This means:

**East Lindfield** – Neither plastic water cups NOR disposable cups for tea and coffee will be provided from the **24<sup>th</sup> February**. This to be trialled at East Lindfield first

**Club Willoughby** – no longer providing Polystyrene Cups from the **24<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please remember to bring your BYO coffee/tea cups to your session at either Club; and water bottles as well if playing at East Lindfield.

If you forget or have not bought one yet, you will be able to purchase **Bamboo Cups** from the club at a cost of **\$6.00**, or you can borrow a cup for **\$1.00**. The latter is not to keep so will need to be washed up and put back after you have finished your session; or you can borrow one for free from the Lost Property Box (but please wash before use, then wash, dry and return after use).

If possible, please take your BYO cups home with you (mainly due to lack of storage availability at the Club). If you have to leave them, please ensure they are washed and put away in the designated areas at each Club. This includes any borrowed cups being returned to where you borrowed it from.

## Club Championship nights

For the strongest competition of the week, come and play on our Championship nights, when we run a series of events throughout the year that all award red points and that bring together our most competitive players. For many years these Championship nights have been run at Club Willoughby, but now there is an additional Championship night at East Lindfield.

### East Lindfield, Championship night - Tuesdays at 7:30pm

We are continuing a **championship night** at East Lindfield with the "**State Mixed Pairs Qualifying**". This event starts on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and runs for 3 Tuesday evenings at 7:30.



Mixed Pairs ' [Web Entry](#) and [Honour Board](#)

### State Mixed Qualifier @ East Lindfield

2019 **Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes**

Next month, East Lindfield is hosting the first **GNOT Metro qualifying** over 3 Tuesday nights. A Gold point teams event (4+ team members).



EL GNOT ' [Web Entry](#) and [Honour Board](#)

### EL GNOT Qualification Winners

2019 **Margaret Gidley-Baird, Patrica Lacey, Robert Case, Margaret Pussell**

## Club Willoughby, Championship night - Thursdays at 7:30pm

The **Club Mixed Pairs Championship** to be held over 3 Thursday nights, starting the 5<sup>th</sup> Mar at 7:30 at Club Willoughby. This is a Match point scored event, an ideal time to test your mettle on Thursday night.

### Club Champion Qualifying Event



**Mixed State Pairs**  
Club Willoughby  
3 Thursday Nights Sessions: 7.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> March  
12<sup>th</sup> March  
19<sup>th</sup> March  
**Red Point Event**  
\$45 Members  
\$60 Non Members

Mixed Pairs [Web Entry](#) and [Honour Board](#)

### Club Mixed Pairs Champions

2019 **Karen McCallum & Axel Johannsson**

## Then in April: Mixed Teams Championship

### Club Champion Qualifying Event



**Mixed Teams Championship**  
Club Willoughby  
3 Sessions on Thursday at 7:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and April  
**Red Point Event**  
\$60 Members  
\$80 Non Members  
Please note: At least one member of the team must be of the opposite sex. Any substitute players must keep the team mixed

Mixed Teams ' [Web Entry](#) and [Honour Board](#)

### Club Mixed Teams Champions

2019 **Peter Jeffery, Yumin Li, Witold Chylewski (Jun), Judy Osie**

## 2020 Club Championship

The first 2 CC events have completed in February:

- Men's and Women's Pairs Championships
- Blue Ribbon Pairs Championship at EL

The initial Club Champion leaders are:

| Rank | Player                | Championship Points |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1    | <b>Sunny Pang</b>     | 11                  |
| 2=   | <b>David Weston</b>   | 10                  |
| 2=   | <b>Lester Kalmin</b>  | 10                  |
| 2=   | <b>Lorna Ichilcik</b> | 10                  |
| 2=   | <b>Lynn Kalmin</b>    | 10                  |
| 2=   | <b>Margaret Owen</b>  | 10                  |

Link to our 2020 [CC Website](#)

In March we will complete 2 more events:

- Pauline Evans **Swiss Pairs Congress** at EL
- **Club Mixed Pairs Championship** at CW

## Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs Congress at East Lindfield

Our first **Congress event** of the year is at East Lindfield on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. This two session Swiss Pairs event will be IMP / VP scored. This event has been sponsored by the Evans family in remembrance of **Pauline Evans** a long time Member and excellent bridge player. Limited Space, book early.

### Club Champion Qualifying Event



**Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs Congress**  
East Lindfield  
Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> March  
1 Day, 2 Sessions  
Session 1: 10:00am Start  
(Lunch orders taken before First Session)  
\$35 Table Fees

Congress Swiss Pairs – [Web Entry](#) and [Honour Board](#)

### Swiss Pairs Congress @ East Lindfield

2019 **Warren Dobes & Witold Chylewski (Jun)**

## Congratulations

Link to [Full Results](#)



Judy & Witold

| Womens Matchpoint Pairs Championship |                              | %    | CC |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------|----|
| 1                                    | Lynn Kalmin & Lorna Ichilcik | 163% | 10 |
| 2                                    | Helen Lowry & Frances Lyons  | 162% | 7  |
| 3                                    | Mischa Solar & Angie Boulton | 161% | 5  |
| Mens Matchpoint Pairs Championship   |                              | %    | CC |
| 1                                    | David Weston & Lester Kalmin | 160% | 10 |
| 2                                    | Kevin Davies & Leo Goorevich | 158% | 7  |
| 3                                    | Peter Jeffery & Wayne Zhu    | 157% | 5  |

Link to [Full results](#), [Men Honour](#), [Women Honour](#)



Lynn & Lorna



David & Lester

| Trumps Bridge Centre Summer Teams |  | VP |
|-----------------------------------|--|----|
| 1                                 | Chris Dibley & Chris Stead, Peter Jeffery & Yumin Li       | 84 |
| 2                                 | David Beauchamp & Anita Curtis, David Hudson & David Fryda | 81 |
| 3                                 | Les Grewcock & Peter Gill, Liz Sylvester & Ruth Tobin      | 79 |

Full [Trump Results](#)



Chris, Chris, Yumin and Peter

| State Mixed Qual @ CW Day time |                                 | %   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1                              | Mischa Solar & Gary Lane        | 184 |
| 2                              | Lorraine Schaap & John Mottram  | 176 |
| 3                              | Gordon Rudd & Anne-Marie Hazell | 158 |

Link to [State Mixed Full Results](#), [Honour Board](#)



Gary & Mischa

| Great Lakes Bridge Club Teams |   | VP  |
|-------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1                             | Liz Sylvester & Peter Gill, Helena Dawson & Richard Douglas | 120 |

## February 2019 Monthly Winners

[Link to Monthly results](#)

### East Lindfield:

| 2020 Club Monthly Comp |         |        | 2020 Feb Winners at East Lindfield |
|------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Mon                    | Open    | 9:30am | Joyce Ng & David Perry             |
|                        | Open    | 1pm    | Susi Burn & Brian Burn             |
| Tue                    | Open    | 10am   | Yu-Shiun Chen & Graham McMahon     |
|                        | S'vised | 2pm    | N/Q                                |
|                        | Rookie  | 2pm    | Beverley Thomson & Neville Thomson |
|                        | S'vised | 7pm    | Marion Blomfield & Judith Lade     |
| Wed                    | Open    | 10am   | Janice Gentle & Graham McMahon     |
| Thu                    | Open    | 1pm    | Robyn Lawrence & Laurence Priddle  |
| Fri                    | Open    | 10am   | Tien Chey & Helen Crawley          |
| Sat                    | Open    | 1pm    | Beverley Whitelaw & Christine Hsu  |

| BLUE Ribbon Matchpoint Pairs @ EL |                               | %   | CC |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1                                 | Margaret Owen & Sunny Pang    | 169 | 10 |
| 2                                 | Tony Halse & Susan Feeney     | 165 | 7  |
| 3                                 | Joyce Edwards & Bruce Edwards | 164 | 5  |

Link to Blue Ribbon [Full Results](#), [Blue Honour](#), [CC](#)



Margaret & Sunny

| Gold Coast Swiss Pairs @ CW |                              | VP |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----|
| 1                           | Judy Osie & Witold Chylewski | 80 |
| 2                           | Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu        | 79 |
| 3                           | Peter Gill & Liz Sylvester   | 79 |



**Club Willoughby:**

| 2020 Club Monthly Comp |         |        | 2020 Feb Winners at Club Willoughby |  |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Mon                    | Open    | 10am   | Ed Truscott & David Smee            |  |
|                        | Restr   | 10am   | Susy Shapiro & Shirley Gatliff      |  |
|                        | S'vised | 2pm    | N/Q                                 |  |
|                        | Rookie  | 2pm    | Dara Fraser & Jane Temby            |  |
|                        | S'vised | 7:00pm | Marillyn Stewart & Sue Ferguson     |  |
|                        | Open    | 7:30pm | John Stack & Bruce Daglish          |  |
| Tue                    | S'vised | 10am   | Richard Burnell & Robert Lagaida    |  |
|                        | Rookie  | 10am   | Sue Welch & Jenny Burchfield        |  |
|                        | Open    | 1pm    | Alicia Mercer & Prue Siemsglue      |  |
|                        | Open    | 7:30pm | Alison Pick & John Pick             |  |
|                        | Rookie  | 7:30pm | Sasha Bennett & Liz Morell          |  |
| Wed                    | Open    | 10am   | Elli Urbach & Judy Osie             |  |
|                        | Restr   | 10am   | Chris Willoughby & Pam Ranney       |  |
|                        | S'vised | 2pm    | Geoff Lyons & Dianne Carey          |  |
|                        | Rookie  | 2pm    | Mary James & Yeung Cheung           |  |
|                        | Open    | 7:30pm | David Osie & Hymie Osie             |  |
| Thu                    | Open    | 10am   | Neil Perry & John Mottram           |  |
|                        | Rookie  | 2pm    | Kerry Wilson & Julia Young          |  |
| Fri                    | Open    | 10am   | William Westwood & Tom Goodyer      |  |
|                        | Restr   | 10am   | Christina Pender & David Goodliffe  |  |
| Sat                    | Open    | 1pm    | Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes     |  |
| Sun                    | Open    | 1pm    | N/Q                                 |  |

**From Club Willoughby:**

| Member                | HOME CLUB | Promoted to RANK at end of Jan |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Garrick, Frances      | CW        | Gold Life                      |
| Jongkind, John        | CW        | Gold Life                      |
| Stevens, Margaret     | CW        | Life                           |
| Clark, Narelle        | CW        | *National                      |
| Tonkin, Libby         | SBC       | National                       |
| Wan, Dennis           | CW        | National                       |
| Barracough, Dominique | CW        | *Regional                      |
| Ranney, Pam           | CW        | Regional                       |
| Cheung, Yeung         | CW        | Regional                       |
| Garling, Jane         | CW        | Regional                       |
| Bishop, Michael       | CW        | Regional                       |
| Francis, Sue          | CW        | Regional                       |
| Pavli, Helen          | CW        | Regional                       |
| Oconnell, Veronica    | CW        | Regional                       |
| Craven, Mary          | CW        | Regional                       |
| Kaytaz, Bulent        | CW        | **Local                        |
| Lurie, Jane           | CW        | **Local                        |
| Morris, Michael       | CW        | **Local                        |
| Kean, Felicity        | CW        | **Local                        |
| Jenkins, Anthea       | CW        | **Local                        |
| Guy, John             | CW        | **Local                        |
| Young, Terry          | CW        | **Local                        |
| Berry, Jill           | CW        | **Local                        |
| Hullah, Nick          | CW        | *Local                         |
| Krishnan, Nurani      | CW        | *Local                         |
| Raymond, Sue          | CW        | *Local                         |
| Chapple, Judy         | CW        | *Local                         |
| McDonnell, James      | CW        | *Local                         |
| Heagney, Mary-Ann     | CW        | *Local                         |

**Masterpoint Promotions**

Link to your Masterpoints lookup ([on ABF Website](#))

**From East Lindfield:**

| Member            | HOME CLUB | Promoted to RANK at end of Jan |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Easton, Margaret  | EL        | *Regional                      |
| Morris, Lesley    | EL        | Regional                       |
| Young, Terry      | CW        | **Local                        |
| Squires, Nancy    | EL        | **Local                        |
| Ng, Joyce         | EL        | *Local                         |
| Swan, Lissa       | EL        | *Local                         |
| Bryan, Joy        | EL        | Local                          |
| Bloxham, Margaret | EL        | Club                           |
| Kudva, Meera      | EL        | Graduate                       |
| Bardone, Derek    | EL        | Graduate                       |
| Smith, Wendy      | EL        | Graduate                       |

|                     |    |          |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| Emanuel, Brian      | CW | Local    |
| Doecke, Karen       | CW | Local    |
| Dowling, Kate       | CW | Local    |
| King, Warren        | CW | Local    |
| Dwyer, Margaret     | CW | Local    |
| Ritchie, Paul       | CW | Local    |
| Mirzadeh, Jamileh   | CW | Local    |
| Burchfield, Jenny   | CW | Local    |
| Roberts, Christine  | CW | Club     |
| Thompson, Kim       | CW | Club     |
| Needham, Caroline   | CW | Club     |
| Christie, Jo        | CW | Club     |
| Gleeson, Anne Maree | CW | Club     |
| Reddy, Judy         | CW | Club     |
| Barling, Kerry      | CW | Club     |
| Lagaida, Robert     | CW | Club     |
| Mayoh, Karen        | CW | Graduate |
| Hebenstreit, Sonia  | CW | Graduate |
| Cincinnati, Fred    | CW | Graduate |
| Duggan, Diana       | CW | Graduate |
| Simper, Trish       | CW | Graduate |
| Dawkins, Liz        | CW | Graduate |
| Sher, Sharon        | CW | Graduate |
| Speechley, Lesley   | CW | Graduate |

**Some ABF statistics published**

| ABF Home Club Membership Statistics |         |                             |                |                  |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Largest Club                        | Club No | Club Name                   | 2019 Home club | 2018-2019 Change | Change % |
| 1                                   | 2-120   | North Shore Bridge Club Inc | 1,216          | -88              | -7%      |
| 12                                  | 2-074   | NSBC@Lindfield              | 435            | 76               | 21%      |
|                                     |         | + Non Home club members     | 210            |                  |          |
|                                     |         | NSBC Totals                 | 1,861          | -12              | -1%      |

Club Willoughby is **Australia's biggest Club!**  
 East Lindfield (12<sup>th</sup>) has **greatest percentage increase**



## Protect your Trumps

By Pat O'Connor

| North     |
|-----------|
| ♠ 832     |
| ♥ 6532    |
| ♦ 96      |
| ♣ 7642    |
| South (D) |
| ♠ AKJT9   |
| ♥ AK4     |
| ♦ 4       |
| ♣ AKQJ    |

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |                    |          |           |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| West                    | North              | East     | South (D) |
|                         |                    |          | 2 ♣       |
| Pass                    | 2 ♦                | Pass     | 2 ♠       |
| Pass                    | 4 ♠                | All Pass |           |
| Bidding Notes           |                    |          |           |
| 2 ♣                     | Game force hand    |          |           |
| 2 ♦                     | Waiting bid        |          |           |
| 2 ♠                     | strong ♠ Suit      |          |           |
| 4 ♠                     | 4 ♠ nothing to add |          |           |

South's 2♣ bid showed a powerful hand, forcing to game. North's 2♦ was a waiting bid, saying nothing about diamonds.

West leads the ♦A followed by the ♦K. Plan the play.

### Analysis

You have such a powerful hand it is hard to imagine that there could be any problems. It looks like you will lose one heart, one diamond and possibly one spade.

There is no way to get to dummy to take the spade finesse so you will have to lead spades from your hand. Can anything go wrong if spades are split 4-1?

| North   |           | East    |           |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| ♠ 832   | ♥ 6532    | ♠ 4     | ♥ QJT9    |
| ♦ 96    | ♣ 7642    | ♦ QJT32 | ♣ T98     |
| West    | South (D) |         | Full deal |
| ♠ Q765  | ♠ AKJT9   | ♥ AK4   |           |
| ♥ 87    | ♦ 4       | ♣ AKQJ  |           |
| ♦ AK875 |           |         |           |
| ♣ 53    |           |         |           |

Let us mentally play the hand assuming that one opponent has four spades to the queen.

Say you ruff the second diamond with the ♠9. You then lead the ♠A and ♠K, getting the bad news. Then you lead the ♠J losing to the ♠Q. West continues with a diamond, which you have to ruff with the ♠10, your last trump! Ouch! West still has a trump and you are in big trouble.

The best way to avoid this problem is to discard the ♥4 on the ♦K at the second trick instead of ruffing it. The ♥4 is an inevitable loser anyway and if West continues with a third diamond, dummy can ruff it, allowing you to retain five trumps in hand.

This deal demonstrates the danger of allowing the trumps in the long hand to be shortened.

### Key Point

**Protect your trump suit.**







## Bid on or Double?

By Johnno Newman

My hand was a thing of beauty:

| North (D) |
|-----------|
| ♠ A3      |
| ♥ AK9763  |
| ♦ A72     |
| ♣ K5      |

I opened 1♥, and partner raised to 2♥. My right-hand opponent doubled for takeout, and I bid 4♥. The player on my left bid 4♠, and I was faced with the age-old decision – **bid on or double?** No one was vulnerable.

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |                              |      |       |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------|-------|
| West                    | North (D)                    | East | South |
|                         | 1♥                           | Pass | 2♥    |
| X                       | 4♥                           | 4♠   | Pass  |
| Pass                    | P or X or 5♥                 |      |       |
| Bidding Notes           |                              |      |       |
| 1♥                      | Normal                       |      |       |
| 2♥                      | Raise with 3 hearts, 6-9 Hcp |      |       |
| X                       | Takeout                      |      |       |
| 4♥                      | Normal, extra values         |      |       |
| 4♠                      | Save?                        |      |       |
| X                       | Penalty (high card points)   |      |       |
| 5♥                      | Push on to 5 level?          |      |       |
| Pass                    | Very Poor - they are saving! |      |       |

### What would you do?

I started imagining hands partner could have for a 2♥ raise, to decide whether 5♥ would

succeed. I elected to double 4♠ rather than gamble on 5♥.

Try your best to defeat 4♠X by as many tricks as possible. Partner led the ♥Q and dummy came down:

| North (D) |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| ♠ A3      |             |
| ♥ AK9763  |             |
| ♦ A72     |             |
| ♣ K5      |             |
| West      |             |
| ♠ KJ9     |             |
| ♥ J2      |             |
| ♦ KQT8    |             |
| ♣ AQJT    | Partner ♥ Q |

I discouraged a heart continuation with the ♥9 (we play “**High-hate**”, “**Low-Encourage**” signals), and partner switched to a club. Declarer tried the ♣Q and I won ♣K. What now?

Have a think about how you can gather as **many tricks** as possible before you read on.

I figured partner didn't have a singleton diamond, because she didn't lead it at trick one. So, I cashed the ♥K, then played the ♦A and another, hoping partner started with a doubleton.

Declarer won the second diamond in dummy, then played ♣A, ♣J. I ruffed the ♣J with my ♠3, and declarer overruffed.

Declarer played a trump to the king, and I took the ace. I then played a third diamond, which partner ruffed, for three down doubled, **+500**. This was worth more than 4♥ **(+420)**!

It's a fantastic feeling to get a great score on defence, because it's a partnership effort. If you learn to defend well, you don't need to overbid!

5♥ fails by one trick, because the defence win the ♣A, a spade and a diamond.

## Lessons for those who have passed the beginners stage



**Anita**



**Jessica**

In 2020, our teachers will be Anita Curtis and Jessica Brake. We are very fortunate to have secured the services of Jessica, one of Australia's best young players. She will be taking the evening session of Build on the Basics.

**Build on the Basics** continues to introduce new ideas, together with play analysis and techniques. The lessons are targeted at players who have completed the 6-week "Introduction to Bridge" and the "Bridge Basics" course that follows.

The lessons are at Club Willoughby on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm with Jessica, and repeated on Thursday mornings at 10:30am with Anita.

| Dates                    | Jessica Brake @ CW Wednesday evening @ 7:00pm                          |
|--------------------------|--|
|                          | Anita Curtis @ CW Thursday Mornings @ 10:30am                          |
|                          | <b>Build on Basics - Lesson Topic</b>                                  |
| Wed Mar 4 & Thur Mar 5   | <b>Supporting partner</b> - Bidding - supporting opener                |
| Wed Mar 11 & Thur Mar 12 | <b>Now what do I do?</b> Responder's priorities & Opener's rebids      |
| Wed Mar 18 & Thur Mar 19 | <b>Oh no – I'm in the wrong hand!</b> - Plan ahead & untangle entries  |
| Wed Mar 25 & Thur Mar 26 | <b>Sorry, partner – I can't support you!</b> - Opener & 2 suited hands |
| Wed Apr 1 & Thur Apr 2   | <b>Responder's NT bids</b> - Bidding - responder bids NTs              |

**Develop Your Skills** is for players who have completed the "Build on the Basics" course or who have been playing for approximately one year. These lessons extend knowledge in bidding and play and prepare players to move to Rookie level. They are held at Club Willoughby on Thursday afternoons at 2pm.

| Date        | Anita Curtis @ CW Thursday afternoon @ 2:00pm                        |
|-------------|--|
|             | <b>Improver Program - Lesson Topic</b>                               |
| Thu, 5 Mar  | <b>DYS Do you know how to play this suit contract?</b> Declarer Play |
| Thu, 12 Mar | <b>Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 2</b> All skills  |
| Thu, 19 Mar | No Lesson  |
| Thu, 26 Mar | <b>Develop Your Skills end of course Hand Analysis 1</b> All skills  |
| Thu, 16 Apr | <b>Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 3</b> All skills  |

**Broaden Your Game/Intermediate** is a set of lessons for intermediate players with typically 3 years of Bridge experience. It follows on from Develop Your Skills. The lessons are held at Club Willoughby on Friday afternoons at 2pm.

| Date        | Anita Curtis @ CW Friday @ 2:00pm   |
|-------------|---|
|             | <b>Broaden your game - Lesson Topic</b>   |
| Fri, 6 Mar  | <b>Hand Analysis</b> - Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge - all skills  |
| Fri, 13 Mar | <b>Evaluate your hand for better bidding</b> - What factors should you consider in the bidding?<br>Broaden Your Game                                  |
| Fri, 20 Mar | No Lesson on Mar 20   |
| Fri, 27 Mar | <b>Gentle Hand Analysis</b> - For people who have completed the DYS course: consolidate skills & learn new ideas in bidding, declarer play & defence. |
| Fri, 3 Apr  | <b>Hand Analysis</b> - Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge - all skills  |

## Want to keep learning?

Call Anita Curtis on 0405 449 767  
or email [ac210927@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ac210927@bigpond.net.au)

## Ready for more challenges?

Are you ready to take your first steps into competitive bridge at the Restricted (<300 MPs) or Novice (<100 MPs) levels? Why not try:

- **NSW Novice and Restricted Pairs** at Orange, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- **ABF Tasmania Restricted Pairs**
- **NSBC – Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs** at our East Lindfield Venue has restricted prizes
- **Kiama – Novice Pairs** 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

## Bridge Can Be A Humbling Experience

By  
Michael Bishop

January  
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CW Mon 10.00 AM Dup - Open

In the following hand, I experienced how unforgiving bridge can sometimes be. My partner and I ended up in 3NT. Sitting North, I held:

| North NV      |  |
|---------------|--|
| ♠ A 2         |  |
| ♥ 9 8 6 5 4 3 |  |
| ♦ J 10 6      |  |
| ♣ K 8         |  |

The bidding proceeded:

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |                                      |      |       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| West (D)                | North                                | East | South |
| 1 ♣                     | 2 ♥                                  | Pass | 2 ♠   |
| Pass                    | 2NT                                  | Pass | 3NT   |
| Bidding Notes           |                                      |      |       |
| 1 ♣                     | Normal better minor                  |      |       |
| 2 ♥                     | Dubious Weak 2 overcall              |      |       |
| 2 ♠                     | Normal - better place to play?       |      |       |
| 2NT                     | What am I thinking, should Pass!     |      |       |
| 3NT                     | Very pushy.. Partner has a weak two! |      |       |

East led the 2♦ and dummy (South) came down

| North NV        |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| ♠ A 2           |            |
| ♥ 9 8 6 5 4 3   |            |
| ♦ J 10 6        |            |
| ♣ K 8           |            |
| West D V East V |            |
| ♠ 9 3           | ♠ 10 7 6 5 |
| ♥ A K J 7       | ♥ Q 2      |
| ♦ K 4           | ♦ 9 5 3 2  |
| ♣ Q J 10 7 5    | ♣ A 3 2    |
| South NV        |            |
| ♠ K Q J 8 4     |            |
| ♥ 10            |            |
| ♦ A Q 8 7       |            |
| ♣ 9 6 4         |            |

| HCPs |   |
|------|---|
| 8    |   |
| 14   | 6 |
| 12   |   |

That's strange I thought, why didn't she lead the suit bid by her partner, ♣? It looks like LHO has led from four or three diamonds to the ♦K.

This should be really easy! I'll just keep finessing the diamonds and make 5 spade tricks and 4 diamond tricks. No one else will be in 3NT so should be a **top board**!

So, I played low from dummy but the ♦K appeared on my right. Then the ♠Q, ♠K from me, ♠A. The opponents then cashed 5 club tricks, switched to hearts and cashed four more heart tricks. They made 10 tricks which left me with only 3 tricks; six off!

I tried not to look at partner's expression which I'm sure was one of disbelief.

**Good defence** by Shirley Smith and Judy de Flamingh.

| B16 CW Open 20/Jan       |    |     | Freque                    | NS Matchpoints |      |     |
|--------------------------|----|-----|---------------------------|----------------|------|-----|
| Contract/Tricks/Lead     |    |     |                           | Score          | MP   | %   |
| 2 ♥ W                    | 6  | A ♠ | 3x                        | 200            | 37.8 | 95% |
| 2 ♠ S                    | 9  | Q ♣ | 2x                        | 140            | 32.6 | 82% |
| 2 ♥ N                    | 8  | A ♣ | 1x                        | 110            | 29.4 | 74% |
| 2 ♠ S                    | 7  | Q ♣ | 1x                        | -50            | 27.4 | 69% |
| 3 ♥ N                    | 7  | A ♣ | 1x                        | -100           | 25.2 | 63% |
| 1NT W                    | 8  | 5 ♥ | 1x                        | -120           | 23.2 | 58% |
| 3 ♣ W                    | 10 | A ♠ | 1x                        | -130           | 21   | 53% |
| director Average awarded |    |     | 1x                        | 50%            | 20   | 50% |
| 1NT W                    | 9  | 9 ♥ | 8x                        | -150           | 11.6 | 29% |
| 1NT W                    | 10 | 6 ♥ | 1x                        | -180           | 2.2  | 6%  |
| 3NT N                    | 3  | 2 ♦ | 1x                        | -300           | 0    | 0%  |
| Played 21 Tables         |    |     | Max MP = 20x2 = 40 = 100% |                |      |     |

Link to [Pianola Results](#)

### Editor Comment:

#### Matchpoint Scoring:

The computer awards you 2 MPs for each pair your score betters, and 1 MP for each pair your score equals. The computer adds up your MPs and generally shows it as a **percentage of the max MP** score on the board.

- **3NT (-300) was a NS bottom** (but an **EW Top**)
- Most of the time **EW** were in 1NT making 8-10 tricks
- Either 2♠/2♥ making by NS 8 or 9 or 11(?) tricks scored **69%**, or **82%** or **95%**. You both missed opportunities to **PASS** at 2♥ or 2♠ and still get a very good score!





The ABF Daily Column has provided these articles for the last 12 months. It has now been discontinued. The last column will be published on Feb 29.

A previous example follows:



### The Killing blow

By Ron Klinger

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |                                  |          |       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| West                    | North (D)                        | East     | South |
|                         | 1 ♣                              | Pass     | 1 ♦   |
| 1 ♠                     | 2 ♠                              | Pass     | 3 ♦   |
| Pass                    | 3 ♠                              | Pass     | 4 ♦   |
| Pass                    | 5 ♦                              | All Pass |       |
| Bidding Notes           |                                  |          |       |
| 1 ♣                     | Normal, but some play 2NT        |          |       |
| 1 ♦                     | Normal A + long suit             |          |       |
| 1 ♠                     | Sound Overcall                   |          |       |
| 2 ♠                     | Artificial, Strong Hand          |          |       |
| 3 ♦                     | Long weak D                      |          |       |
| 3 ♠                     | Artificial, Asking for ♠ Stopper |          |       |
| 4 ♦                     | None                             |          |       |
| 5 ♦                     | OK to Play                       |          |       |

|      |          | North (D) |
|------|----------|-----------|
|      |          | ♠ 84      |
| West | ♠ AKQJ83 | ♥ AQ73    |
|      | ♥ KT65   | ♦ KQT     |
|      | ♦ 832    | ♣ AKQ9    |
|      | ♣ --     |           |

West leads the ♠A:  
four – two (low discouraging) – five.  
What next, playing teams bridge?

You can expect to collect a second spade trick, but where is a third trick to take 5♦ down? With

the ♥A-Q over West's ♥K, there is little hope there. Prayer time?

|          |  |           |           |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|
|          |  | North (D) |           |
|          |  | ♠ 84      |           |
| West     |  | ♥ AQ73    | East      |
| ♠ AKQJ83 |  | ♦ KQT     | ♠ T72     |
| ♥ KT65   |  | ♣ AKQ9    | ♥ J94     |
| ♦ 832    |  |           | ♦ 5       |
| ♣ --     |  |           | ♣ J87652  |
|          |  | South (D) |           |
|          |  | ♠ 65      |           |
|          |  | ♥ 82      |           |
|          |  | ♦ AJ964   |           |
|          |  | ♣ T43     | Full deal |

As you can see, as soon as South gains the lead, South can draw trumps and make six diamonds, two hearts (via the finesse) and three clubs.

The only hope for the defence is for West to collect a club ruff. With that in mind, West continues with the ♠3 at trick 2. West prays that East has the ♠10 rather than South. When East plays the ♠10 and it wins, it should not be hard for East to deduce that West wants a club return. West's lowest spade asks East for the low suit back.

At teams or rubber bridge, this defence is clear. The worst that can happen is you give declarer an overtrick, a cheap cost compared with the chance of beating 5♦. At pairs, you might not wish to give South a possible overtrick, but beating 5♦ still appeals.

North might have done better to open 2NT, despite the weakness in spades. South would bid 3NT. If all pass, would East find the spade lead? If not, South has ten tricks on top and eleven if prepared to finesse in hearts.

If West now **doubles 3NT**, would that call for a spade lead in your defence methods?

### Challenge Hand 1

| West  | East  |
|---|---|
| <p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ A K 9 4</p> <p>♦ K Q 8 6</p> <p>♣ J 7 6 4</p> | <p>♠ 10 8 4</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ 10 7 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ A K 9 2</p> |

Matchpoints. EW vulnerable

South opens either a 2♥ Weak two or 2♦ Multi, but North will compete to 3♠. Can you bid EW cards to your best spot?

The full hand:

| North   | West  | East  | South   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <p>♠ A K J 9 7 6 5</p> <p>♥ 8 5</p> <p>♦ 9</p> <p>♣ Q 8 5</p> | <p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ A K 9 4</p> <p>♦ K Q 8 6</p> <p>♣ J 7 6 4</p> | <p>♠ 10 8 4</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ 10 7 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ A K 9 2</p> | <p>♠ 3 2</p> <p>♥ Q J 10 7 6 2</p> <p>♦ A J 5</p> <p>♣ 10 3</p> |

The computer predicted results:

|       | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
|-------|---|---|---|---|----|
| North | - | - | - | 2 | 1  |
| South | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1  |
| East  | 4 | 5 | - | - | -  |
| West  | 4 | 5 | - | - | -  |

### Suggested Solution:

December 09 CW Mon 10.00am Dup - Open

This hand was played at Club Willoughby on Mon 9/Dec, by the Open, Restricted and Rookie sections. The hand shows a common problem in competing for a successful part score.

**South Opens a 2♥** (weak 2, 6-card suit, less than opening HCPs.)

Here the 2♥ opening is very effective and West passes with his good heart suit; NS progress to a 3♠ contract and a good score.

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |                                 |          |       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------|
| West                    | North                           | East (D) | South |
|                         |                                 | Pass     | 2♥    |
| Pass                    | 2♠                              | Pass     | 3♠    |
| All Pass                |                                 |          |       |
| Bidding Notes           |                                 |          |       |
| 2♥/S                    | Normal weak 2♥ opening          |          |       |
| Pass/W                  | I have good heart defence       |          |       |
| 2♠/N                    | Show my 6+ spade suit           |          |       |
| 3♠/S                    | 6 hearts + spade tolerance + ♦A |          |       |

**South opens a multi 2♦** (weak in either major or 20/21 Balanced)

First a **System Note**: What do you do for takeout over a Multi 2♦ bid? ACBL recommends this takeout system

- X Takeout (short ♠)
- 2♥ Takeout (short ♥)
- 2♠ Natural 5+ opening
- 2N 15-18 Bal, stops in both Majors
- 3 bids Natural 5+ opening

So, here West has a minimum takeout double, with short spades. Fits for all other 3 suits.

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |  |          |       |
|-------------------------|--|----------|-------|
| West                    | North                                    | East (D) | South |
|                         |  | Pass     | 2♦    |
| X                       | 2♠                                       | 3♦       | Pass  |
| Pass                    | 3♠                                       | Pass     | Pass  |
| Pass or 4♦              |  |          |       |
| Bidding Notes           |  |          |       |
| 2♦                      | Normal weak 2 major or big balanced      |          |       |
| X                       | Takeout of spades, opening hand          |          |       |
| 2♠                      | Show my 6+ spade suit                    |          |       |
| 3♦                      | Some values, 5 diamonds                  |          |       |
| Pass                    | I have weak hearts, plus diamond honours |          |       |
| 3♠                      | 7+ spade suit, we are not vul            |          |       |
| Pass                    | We are vul                               |          |       |
| 4♦                      | Little defence to spade contract         |          |       |

This prompts East to compete to 3♦ and West can find their 4♦ contract even over north's 3♠.

The actual Open results on the board:

| B6 CW Open 9 Dec         |   |    |    |    | NS Matchpoints            |       |       |
|--------------------------|---|----|----|----|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| Contract / Tricks / Lead |   |    |    |    | Freq                      | Score | NS MP |
|                          |   |    |    |    |                           | NS %  |       |
| 4♠                       | N | 10 | A♠ | 1  | 420                       | 36    | 100%  |
| 3♠                       | N | 9  | A♠ | 2x | 140                       | 33    | 92%   |
| 2♠                       | N | 8  | A♠ | 1  | 110                       | 29    | 81%   |
| 2♥                       | N | 8  | A♠ | 1  | 110                       | 29    | 81%   |
| 5♦                       | E | 10 | 2♠ | 1  | 100                       | 26    | 72%   |
| 4♠                       | N | 9  | K♣ | 1  | -50                       | 23    | 64%   |
| 2♥                       | S | 7  | K♦ | 1  | -50                       | 23    | 64%   |
| 4♠                       | N | 8  | A♠ | 1  | -100                      | 17    | 47%   |
| 3♥                       | N | 7  | A♠ | 3x | -100                      | 17    | 47%   |
| 4♦                       | E | 10 | 6♠ | 1  | -130                      | 12    | 33%   |
| 4♥                       | S | 7  | K♦ | 5x | -150                      | 5     | 14%   |
| 4♦                       | E | 11 | 2♣ | 1  | -150                      | 5     | 14%   |
| Played 19 Tables         |   |    |    |    | Max MP = 18x2 = 36 = 100% |       |       |

Full Open results: [Pianola Link](#)

Full restricted results: [Pianola Link](#)

Full Rookie results: [Pianola Link](#)

The big scatter of scores in the Open shows that many Open players are using multi 2♦, and only some EWs have effective takeout methods. For EW to get any MPs they must get a positive score and push NS out of their low spade contracts.

All of the Restricted and Rookie fields must just use 2♥ as the weak two opening and EW do not compete!

### Card by Card in 4♦ by East

#### Best lead by South?

The choice is between ♥Q looking for a ruff by North, who keeps bidding spades; or ♠3 lead (high from doubleton), hoping for a ruff. I would lead ♠3 to try and cash some tricks. My diamond may be well placed.

#### East planning in 4♦ by E on ♠3 lead

The EW hands fit well, with shortages in separate hands.

Winners: 3 or 4♦+2♥+2♠ = 7

Losers: ♠A, ♦A, maybe ♣Q, ♦J

Hopefully spades will break 7/2 and I can ruff some. North switches attack with a club. Need to win this in the East hand, in order to lead trumps towards ♦KQ.

| Leader   | Card by Card                                       |    |    |    | 4 ♦ by East                           | EW   |
|--|--|----|----|----|---------------------------------------|------|
| T1 S   | ♠3   | ♠Q | ♠K | ♠4 | Lead partners suit, hope for a ruff   | 0-1  |
| North  | N looking at west dummy, best chance is ♠ tricks   |    |    |    |                                       |      |
| T2 N   | ♣5   | ♣A | ♣3 | ♣4 | E wins (♣A hide ♣K)                   | 1-1  |
| T3 E   | ♦2   | ♦5 | ♦K | ♦9 | E starts on trumps, low towards KQ    | 2-1  |
| T4 W   | ♥A   | ♥8 | ♥3 | ♥2 | W cashes a heart (S has 6, N has 2)   | 3-1  |
| T5 W   | ♥4   | ♥5 | ♥3 | ♥6 | W returns small ♥ for a ruff          | 4-1  |
| T6 E   | ♦4   | ♦A | ♦6 | ♠6 | E leads small towards the ♦Q, A jumps | 4-2  |
| T6 S   | ♠2   | ♦8 | ♠7 | ♠8 | S exits last ♠. W ruffs               | 5-2  |
| T7 W   | ♦Q   | S9 | ♦7 | ♦J | W draws last trump                    | 6-2  |
| T8 W   | ♥K   | ♠J | ♠T | ♥Q | W cashes ♥K, throws ♠T                | 7-2  |
| T9 W   | ♣J   | ♣8 | ♣2 | ♣T | W guesses ♣ and runs ♣J               | 8-2  |
| East   | Can claim, 2x Trumps + 2 ♣ in East : EW =11 Tricks |    |    |    |                                       | 11-2 |
| EW = +150 scores 86% of NS match points (EW=14%) |  |    |    |    |                                       |      |

### Card by Card in 4♠ by North

#### Best lead by East?

The ♠K (count) looks right, allows you to assess the dummy and get a count of West's clubs. Partner plays ♠7, likely an even count 4. The singleton heart switch looks right, hoping for a ruff.





































#### North planning in 4♠ (♠K lead and ♥3 switch)

The 4♠ contract looks like it's going off. But EW do have a double minor fit!

Winners = 6-7spades + 1diamond = 7-8 tricks

Losers = 2 hearts and 2 clubs.

Maybe a 3<sup>rd</sup> club & trump promotion?

| Leader  | Card by Card  |  |   |   | 4 ♠ by North                              | NS  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|-----|
| T1 E  |  |  |  |  | Start ♣ K (Count?) & look at dummy        | 0-1 |
| East  | Partner even number (4?) clubs, Switch my singleton heart                           |  |   |   |   |     |
| T2 E  |  |  |  |  | W wins ♥ K, East must have singleton!     | 0-2 |
| T3 W  |  |  |  |  | Cash ♥ A                                  | 0-3 |
| T4 W  |  |  |  |  | Lead small ♥ towards partner, N ruffs ♠ J | 1-3 |
| T5 N  |  |  |  |  | N starts to draw trumps                   | 2-3 |
| T6 N  |  |  |  |  | N tries to draw trumps, but ♠ T promoted  | 3-3 |
| T7 N  |  |  |  |  | N crosses to the Top D                    | 4-3 |
| T8 S  |  |  |  |  | Cash top ♥, Discard losing ♣, East Ruffs  | 4-4 |
| T9 E  |  |  |  |  | East Cashes ♣ A                           | 4-5 |
| north   | 1 can Claim, Remaining 4 Trumps = 8 Tricks.. 2 OFF                                  |  |   |   |   | 8-5 |
| NS = -100 scores 47% of NS matchpoints (EW=53%) |   |  |   |   |   |     |



### Card by Card in 3♥ by South

#### Best lead by West?

Looks like I have 3 heart tricks, and can establish a diamond.

Choices:

- ♠Q, looking for a ruff and cutting South's entry to the spades
- ♦K, set up my diamond trick
- High ♣7, suggesting I do not want it returned

I would probably pick the ♠Q

#### Planning by South in 3♥ (S♠ lead)

S would be a better contract!

Winners: 3-4♥, 1♠, 1♦, ♦ ruff

Losers: 2+♥, 2♣ Maybe 3<sup>rd</sup> ♦

The lead looks like a singleton, must win, get a quick ♦ ruff in North's short trumps.

| Leader  | Card by Card                                       |    |    |    | 3 ♥ by South                           | NS  |
|---|--|----|----|----|--|-----|
| T1 W  | ♠Q   | ♠K | ♠4 | ♠2 | Singleton S? Win SK in dummy           | 1-0 |
| South D   | Looks like a singleton, But need to ruff a diamond |    |    |    |  |     |
| T2 N  | ♦9   | ♦3 | ♦A | ♦6 | ♦9 to Ace, planned diamond ruff return | 2-0 |
| T3 S  | ♦5   | ♦Q | ♥5 | ♦2 | Ruff diamond, exit ♣                   | 3-0 |
| T4 N  | ♣5   | ♠K | ♣3 | ♣4 | E wins, exits a spade for W to ruff    | 3-1 |
| T5 W  | ♠8   | ♠3 | ♥4 | ♠5 | W Ruffs, returns a club                | 3-2 |
| T6 W  | ♣6   | ♣8 | ♣A | ♣T | E wins club, tries another spade       | 3-3 |
| T6 E  | ♠T   | ♦J | ♥9 | ♠7 | W ruffs, but South discards ♦ loser    | 3-4 |
| T7 W  | ♥K   | ♥8 | ♥3 | ♥2 | W cashes heart winners                 | 3-5 |
| T8 W  | ♥A   | ♠9 | ♦7 | ♥6 | W cashes heart winners                 | 3-6 |
| South   | I can claim, remaining 4 Trumps are high =7 Tricks |    |    |    |  | 7-6 |
| NS = -100 still scores 64% of NS matchpoints (EW=36%) |  |    |    |    |  |     |

### Challenge Hand 2

| West         | NV | East         | NV |
|--------------|----|--------------|----|
| ♠ 10 7 5     |    | ♠ A K        |    |
| ♥ A K Q J 10 |    | ♥ 9 8 6      |    |
| ♦ K 9        |    | ♦ A Q J 10 3 |    |
| ♣ 7 6 3      |    | ♣ A 5 2      |    |

Matchpoints, NS Vulnerable.

North passes, Then Free bidding auction to your best spot

Suggested Bidding Solution:

This slam hand is from our first Monthly Winners Tournament held at C on Dec/15 Board 21 First session

| Standard or 2/1 Bidding |           |      |       |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|-------|
| West                    | North (D) | East | South |
|                         | Pass      | 1♦   | Pass  |
| 1♥                      | Pass      | 2NT  | Pass  |
| 3♣                      | Pass      | 3♦   | Pass  |
| 3♥                      | Pass      | 4♥   | Pass  |
| 4NT (♥)                 | Pass      | 5♣   | Pass  |
| 5♠                      | Pass      | 5NT  | Pass  |
| 6♥, 6NT, 7♥, 7NT?       | All Pass  |      |       |

| Bidding Notes |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1♦            | Normal 4+D, Better than 1NT       |
| 1♥            | 4+♥ 6+Hcp                         |
| 2NT           | 18/19 Bal shape                   |
| 3♣            | Alert - GF Checkback on Shape     |
| 3♦            | 5♦                                |
| 3♥            | I have 5♥                         |
| 4♥            | 3♥ Support                        |
| 4NT (♥)       | Keycard in ♥                      |
| 5♣            | 3 or 0 Keycards (3 Aces)          |
| 5♠            | Grand interest - any Kings?       |
| 5NT           | 1 King (zero Kings =6♥)           |
| 6♥            | fair (likely 5♥ +5♦ +A+AK blacks) |
| 6NT           | Better in Matchpoints             |
| 7♥            | Best, Will likely make 7♥         |
| 7NT           | Gambler for TOP matchpoints       |

The 5NT showed 1 king, but then I would choose either 6NT (max the MP's) or the 7♥ Contract (may have to ruff something). The 7NT is a gamble on 31-32 hcp and requires perfect red suit fits which do occur on this hand. The full hand:

| North |            | D V  |            |
|-------|------------|------|------------|
| ♠     | Q 9 6      |      |            |
| ♥     | 7 4 3 2    |      |            |
| ♦     | 7 5 4 2    |      |            |
| ♣     | Q J        |      |            |
| West  |            | NV   |            |
| ♠     | 10 7 5     | ♠    | A K        |
| ♥     | A K Q J 10 | ♥    | 9 8 6      |
| ♦     | K 9        | ♦    | A Q J 10 3 |
| ♣     | 7 6 3      | ♣    | A 5 2      |
| South |            | V    |            |
| ♠     | J 8 4 3 2  |      |            |
| ♥     | 5          |      |            |
| ♦     | 8 6        |      |            |
| ♣     | K 10 9 8 4 |      |            |
|       |            | HCPs |            |
|       |            | 5    |            |
|       |            | 13   | 18         |
|       |            | 4    |            |

|       | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | ♠ | NT |
|-------|---|---|---|---|----|
| North | - | - | - | - | -  |
| South | - | - | - | - | -  |
| East  | 2 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 7  |
| West  | 2 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 7  |

The actual results are stored in Pianola:

Full Open results: [Pianola Link](#)

Full Restricted ,Rookie, Supervised Results: [Pianola link](#)

In the open: 7 out of 15 bid a small slam with 5 of these choosing the better match point scoring 6NT

In the restricted/Rookie/Supervised section, only 2 out of 8 tables bid the slam.

Nobody in either section tried a grand slam!

| EL - Special Events (MAR-MAY) |     |  |                                       |  |
|-------------------------------|-----|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 3/Mar                         | 1/3 | EL Evening State Mixed Qual<br>(7:30)      | bookings<br>Required                  |  |
| 10/Mar                        | 2/3 |  |                                       |  |
| 17/Mar                        | 3/3 |  |                                       |  |
| Sun 15/Mar                    |     | EL Congress Swiss Pairs<br>2 Sessions 10am | 2020 CC event<br>bookings<br>Required |  |
| 10/Apr                        |     | EL Closed Good Friday                      |                                       |  |
| 13/Apr                        |     | Easter Monday red points 9:30 & 1:00       | Walkin                                |  |
| 7/Apr                         | 1/3 | EL Evening GNOT Qual<br>(7:30)             | bookings<br>Required                  |  |
| 14/Apr                        | 2/3 |  |                                       |  |
| 21/Apr                        | 3/3 |  |                                       |  |
| 27/Apr                        |     | ANZAC Hol - Monday red points 9:30 & 1:00  | Walkin                                |  |
| 5-May                         | 1/3 | EL Evening Swiss Pairs Championship        | bookings<br>Required                  |  |
| 12-May                        | 2/3 |  |                                       |  |
| 19-May                        | 3/3 |  |                                       |  |

## ABF News and Coming Events

Link to [ABF calendar](#)

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Tasmanian Festival of Bridge – Launceston<br><i>New Venue: Grand Chancellor Hotel</i> | March 26-29      |
| APBF Congress – Perth   | April 15-22      |
| Autumn Nationals – Adelaide   | April 30 – May 4 |
| Barrier Reef Congress – Yeppoon   | May 1-4          |
| Western Senior Pairs – Perth  | May 16-17        |

## Upcoming NSW Club congress events

Link to [NSWBA](#) website

## NSBC Calendar:

| CW - Tournament Events (MAR-MAY)      |     |  |  |                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Thursday Championship nights @ 7:30pm |     |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| Date                                  |     | Event Details  |  | Status                                |                                       |
| 5/Mar                                 | 1/3 | Club Mixed Pairs<br>(State Mixed Pairs Qualifications) |  | 2020 CC event<br>bookings<br>Required |                                       |
| 12/Mar                                | 2/3 |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| 19/Mar                                | 3/3 |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| 26/Mar                                |     | Closed ABF: Launceston Congress                        |  |                                       |                                       |
| 2/Apr                                 | 1/3 | Club Mixed Teams                                       |  | 2020 CC event<br>bookings<br>Required |                                       |
| 9/Apr                                 |     | Closed for Easter                                      |  |                                       |                                       |
| 16/Apr                                | 2/3 | Club Mixed Teams                                       |  |                                       |                                       |
| 23/Apr                                | 3/3 |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| 30/Apr                                |     | Closed for ABF: ANOT (Adelaide)                        |  |                                       |                                       |
| 7/May                                 | 1/4 | GNOT - Direct<br>(Tweed Heads Qualifier)               |  | 2020 CC event<br>bookings<br>Required |                                       |
| 14/May                                | 2/4 |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| 21/May                                | 3/4 |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| 28/May                                | 4/4 |  |  |                                       |                                       |
| Sun 8/Mar                             |     | Represent NSBC At the Inter-Club<br>TEAMS @ Peninsula  |  |                                       | Registration<br>with Mike<br>Required |

| CW - Special Events (MAR-MAY) |     |                                       |                      |  |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Date                          |     | Event Details                         | Status               |  |
| 10/Mar                        |     | CW Closed Good Friday & Easter Sunday |                      |  |
| 12/Mar                        |     |                                       |                      |  |
| 13/Apr                        |     | EASTER - Monday Red points 1:00pm     | Walkin               |  |
| 27/Apr                        |     | ANZAC Hol - Monday Red points 1:00pm  | Walkin               |  |
| 19/May                        | 1/3 | State Open Pairs Qual                 | bookings<br>Required |  |
| 26/May                        | 2/3 |                                       |                      |  |
| 2/Jun                         | 3/3 |                                       |                      |  |

| March, 2020  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Forbes Bridge Club Swiss Pairs                                   | Mar 1 (Sun)             |
| Armistide Bridge Club Swiss Pairs                                | Mar 7 (Sat) - 8 (Sun)   |
| Griffith Ex-Servicemens Bridge Club Wine Country - Pairs & Teams |                         |
| Wellington Bridge Club Annual Congress - Swiss Pairs & Teams     |                         |
| Northern Suburbs Inter Club Teams Challenge @ Peninsula          | Mar 8 (Sun)             |
| Batemans Bay Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs & Teams                   | Mar 14 (Sat) - 15 (Sun) |
| Ballina Bridge Club Swiss Pairs                                  |                         |
| Port Macquarie-Hastings Congress - Swiss Pairs & Teams           |                         |
| NSBC@Lindfield Swiss Pairs                                       | Mar 15 (Sun)            |
| State Novice and Restricted Pairs                                | Mar 21 (Sat) - 22 (Sun) |
| ABF: Tasmanian Festival of Bridge                                | Mar 26 (Thu) - 29 (Sun) |
| Kiama and District Bridge Club Novice Swiss Pairs                | Mar 29 (Sun)            |

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