

NSBC Newsletter



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Many thanks Kay



Kay Moyes has stepped away from the role of coeditor 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 8th 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.

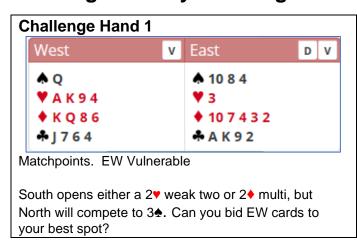
McCutcheon Awards	
Yumin Li	Gold Life
Jane Beeby	Life
Yixiang Zhang	* State
Susan Feeney	* Regional

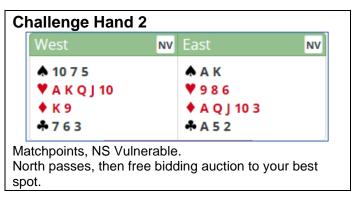
NSBC Bushfire Appeal

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	
Total	\$10,000	
Distribution		
Blaze aid (temp accommodation)	\$5,000	
Wires (wildlife rescue)	\$2,500	
NSW RFS	\$2,500	

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Bidding and Play Challenges





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



Profile: Kim Neale

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 3rd March, a few places are still available for late bookings.

Mike's lessons for Improvers



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 & 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 guite 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.

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**th **February**. This to be trialled at East Lindfield first

Club Willoughby – no longer providing Polystyrene Cups from the **24**th **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 3rd, 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 <u>Club Mixed Pairs Championship</u> to be held over 3 Thursday nights, starting the 5th 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 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 'Web Entry and Honour Board

Club Mixed Teams Champions

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	Championsip Points
1	Sunny Pang	11
2=	David Weston	10
2=	Lester Kalmin	10
2=	Lorna Ichilcik	10
2=	Lynn Kalmin	10
2=	Margaret Owen	10

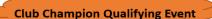
Link to our 2020 CC Website

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 15th 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.





Swiss Pairs Congress @ East Lindfield

Warren Dobes & Witold Chylewski (Jun)

Congratulations

Wo	Womens Matchpoint Pairs Championship		сс
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

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

	Ten y ar rime error				
BLUE Ribbon Matchpoint Pairs @ EL			СС		
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

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

Link to Full Results



Judy & Witold

Tru	Trumps Bridge Centre Summer Teams	
	Chris <u>Dibley</u> & Chris Stead, Peter	0.4
1	Jeffery & Yumin Li	84
2	David Beauchamp & Anita Curtis,	01
	David Hudson & David Fryda	81
3	Les Grewcock & Peter Gill, Liz	70
	Sylvester & Ruth Tobin	79

Full Trump Results



Chris, Chris, Yumin and Peter

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

February 2019 Monthly Winners

Link to Monthly results

East Lindfield:

2020 (2020 Club Monthly Comp		2020 Feb Winners at East Lindfield
Mon	Open 9:30		Joyce Ng & David Perry
WIOII	Open	1pm	Susi Burn & Brian Burn
	Open	10am	Yu-Shiun Chen & Graham McMahon
	S'vised	2pm	N/Q
Tue	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

Club Willoughby:

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Club Month	nly Comp	2020 Feb Winners at Club Willoughby		
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		
S'vised	10am	Richard Burnell & Robert Lagaida		
Rookie	10am	Sue Welch & Jenny Burchfield		
Open	1pm	Alicia Mercer & Prue Siemsgluess		
Open	7:30pm	Alison Pick & John Pick		
Rookie	7:30pm	Sasha Bennett & Liz Morell		
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		
Open	10am	Neil Perry & John Mottram		
Rookie	2pm	Kerry Wilson & Julia Young		
Open	10am	William Westwood & Tom Goodyer		
Restr	10am	Christina Pender & David Goodliffe		
Open	1pm	Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes		
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Masterpoint Promotions Link to your Masterpoints lookup (on ABF Website)

From East Lindfield:

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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	

Some ABF statistics published

	ABF Home Club Membership Statistics					
Largest	Club	Club Name	2019 Home	2018-2019	Change	
Club	No	Club Name	club	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 (12th) has greatest percentage increase

From Club Willoughby:

Member Garrick, Frances Jongkind, John Stevens, Margaret Clark, Narelle Tonkin, Libby Wan, Dennis Barraclough, Dominique Cheung, Yeung Bishop, Michael Francis, Sue Pavli, Helen Oconnell, Veronica Craven, Mary Kaytaz, Bulent Lurie, Jane Morris, Michael Kean, Felicity Jenkins, Anthea Guy, John Young, Terry Berry, Jill Hullah, Nick Krishnan, Nurani Ranger CW Regional Podd Regional Promoted to RANK at end of Jan end of Jan Podd Life Gold Life Gold Life Gold Life Gold Life Gold Life Gold Life Sold Life Sold Life National Regional Regional CW **Local **Local **Local **Local Y**Local Y**Local **Local **Local **Local Kean, Felicity CW **Local Hullah, Nick CW **Local Raymond, Sue CW **Local Raymond, Sue CW **Local Regnond CW **Local Regnond Regnond CW **Local	TOTTI CIUD WITHOU	ugiib	<u>y - </u>
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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
Cincinnato, Fred	cw	Graduate
Duggan, Diana	cw	Graduate
Simper, Trish	cw	Graduate
Dawkins, Liz	cw	Graduate
Sher, Sharon	cw	Graduate
Speechley, Lesley	cw	Graduate

For our Newer players



Protect your Trumps

By Pat O'Connor

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Standard or 2/1 Bidding					
West	North East South (D)				
Pass	2 🔷	Pass	2 🛖		
Pass	4 🛖	All Pass			
	Bidding Notes				
2 🛖	Game force hand				
2 🔷	Waiting bid				
2 秦	strong 🌩 Suit				
4 🛖	4 ♠ 4 ♠ nothing to add				

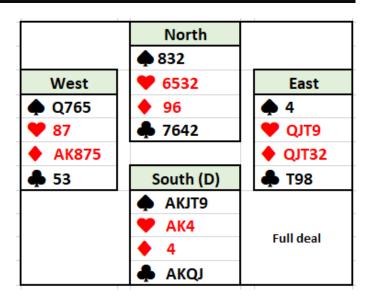
South's 2♣ bid showed a powerful hand, forcing to game. North's 2♦ was a waiting bid, saying nothing about diamonds.

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?



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♥	1♥ Pass 2♥		
X	4♥	4♥ 4♠ Pass		
Pass	P or X or 5♥			
	Bidding Note	s		
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
West	♣ K5
♠ 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.

For our Newer players

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.

<u>Build on the Basics</u> 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
	Build on Basics - Lesson Topic
Wed Mar 4 & Thur Mar 5	Supporting partner - Bidding - supporting opener
Wed Mar 11 & Thur Mar 12	Now what do I do? Responder's priorities & Opener's rebids
Wed Mar 18 & Thur Mar 19	Oh no – I'm in the wrong hand! - Plan ahead & untangle entries
Wed Mar 25 & Thur Mar 26	Sorry, partner – I can't support you! - Opener & 2 suited hands
Wed Apr 1 & Thur Apr 2	Responder's NT bids - 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 Improver Program - Lesson Topic							
Thu, 5 Mar	DYS Do you know how to play this suit contract?	Declarer Play						
Thu, 12 Mar	Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 2	All skills						
Thu, 19 Mar	No Lesson							
Thu, 26 Mar	Develop Your Skills end of course Hand Analysis 1	All skills						
Thu, 16 Apr	Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 3	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
Date	Broaden your game - Lesson Topic
Fui C Mau	Hand Analysis - Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge - all
Fri, 6 Mar	skills
	Evaluate your hand for better bidding - What
Fri, 13 Mar	factors should you consider in the bidding?
	Broaden Your Game
Fri, 20 Mar	No Lesson on Mar 20
	Gentle Hand Analysis - For people who have
 Fui: 27 Max	completed the DYS course: consolidate skills &
Fri, 27 Mar	learn new ideas in bidding, declarer play &
	defence.
Fu: 2 Aug	Hand Analysis - Eddie Kantar Thinking Bridge - all
Fri, 3 Apr	skills

Want to keep learning?

Call Anita Curtis on 0405 449 767 or email ac210927@bigpond.net.au

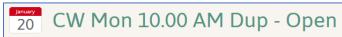
Ready for more challenges?

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, 21st and 22nd March.
- ABF Tasmania Restricted Pairs
- NSBC Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs at our East Lindfield Venue has restricted prizes
- Kiama Novice Pairs 29th Mar

Bridge Can Be A Humbling Experience

By Michael Bishop



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



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 bet	Normal better minor					
2 💚	Dubious We	Dubious Weak 2 overcall					
2 🏚	2 Normal - better place to play?						
2NT	What am I thinking, should Pass!						
3NT	Very pushy	Partner ha	s a weak two!				

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



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 o	pen 2	0/Jan	Erogu	NS N	/latchpo	ints
Con	tract/	Tricks	/Lead	Frequ	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%
direct	or Ave	rage a	warded	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%
Р	layed	21 Tab	les	Max I	MP = 20x	2 = 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 <u>PASS</u> at 2♥ or 2♠ and still get a very good score!

Our Game of Bridge



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.

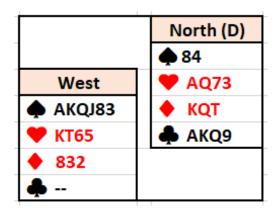
A previous example follows:



The Killing blow

By Ron Klinger

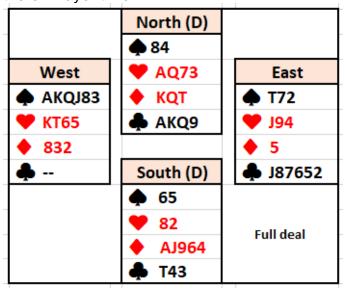
Standard or 2/1 Bidding							
West	North (D)	East	South				
	1 🛖	Pass	1 🔷				
1 🏚	2 🏟	Pass	3 🔷				
Pass	3 🏚	Pass	4 🔷				
Pass	5 🔷	All Pass					
	Bidding Notes						
1 🛖	Normal, b	Normal, but some play 2NT					
1 🔷	Normal A	Normal A + long suit					
1 🏚	Sound Ov	ercall					
2 🛖	Artificial,	Strong Har	nd				
3 🔷	Long wea	k D					
3 🛖	Artificial,	Artificial, Asking for 🛖 Stopper					
4 🔷	None						
5 🔷	OK to Pla	у					



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?



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.

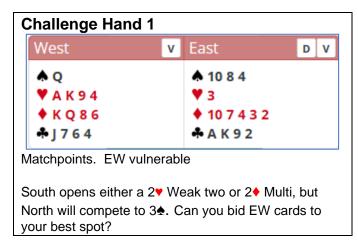
The only hope for the defence is for West to collect a club ruff. With that in mind, West continues with the ♠3 at trick 2. West prays that East has the ♠10 rather than South. When East plays the ♠10 and it wins, it should not be hard for East to deduce that West wants a club return. West's lowest spade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

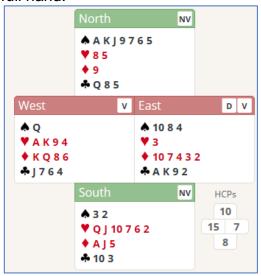
North might have done better to open 2NT, despite the weakness in spades. South would bid 3NT. If all pass, would East find the spade lead? If not, South has ten tricks on top and eleven if prepared to finesse in hearts.

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

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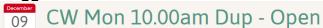
The full hand:



The computer predicted results:



Suggested Solution:



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						
	Bidd	ing Notes				
2 Y /S	Normal	weak 2♥ ope	ening			
Pass/W	I have g	ood heart de	efence			
2 ∳ /N	Show m	Show my 6+ spade suit				
3 ≜ / S	6 hearts	+ spade tol	erance + +A			

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

Note : What do you do for takeout over
ACBL recommends this takeout
ut (short ♠)
ut (short ♥)
I 5+ opening
Bal, stops in both Majors
I 5+ opening

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

	_						
	Standard	d 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	l have weak	hearts, plus dia	mond				
	honours						
3♠	7+ spade suit, we are not vul						
Pass	We are vul						
4♦	Little defend	ce to spade cont	ract				

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

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The actual Open results on the board:

B6 C	W O	pen 9	Dec		NS Matchpoints		
Contra	ct / T	ricks /	Lead	Freq	Score	NS MP	NS %
4♠	N	10	A♣	1	420	36	100%
3♠	N	9	A♣	2x	140	33	92%
2♠	Ν	8	A♣	1	110	29	81%
2♥	N	8	A♣	1	110	29	81%
5♦	Е	10	2♠	1	100	26	72%
4♠	Ν	9	K♣	1	-50	23	64%
2♥	S	7	K♦	1	-50	23	64%
4♠	Ν	8	A♣	1	-100	17	47%
3♥	N	7	A♣	3x	-100	17	47%
4	Е	10	6♠	1	-130	12	33%
4♥	S	7	K♦	5x	-150	5	14%
4	Е	11	2♣	1	-150	5	14%
Play	ed 1	9 Tab	les	Max	MP = 18x	2 = 36 = 1	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 AQ, 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			Car	d by (Card 4 🔷 by East	EW		
T1 S	4 3	♠ Q	♠ K	4	Lead partners suit, hope for a ruff	0-1		
North	N lo	N looking at west dummy, best chance is 🌲 tricks						
T2 N	♣ 5	<u>♣ A</u>	<u>♣</u> 3	4	E wins (📤 A hide 📤 K)	1-1		
T3 E	♦ 2	♦ 5	<u> • к</u>	• 9	E starts on trumps, low towards KQ	2-1		
T4 W	Y A	♥ 8	7 3	7 2	W cashes a heart (S has 6, N has 2)	3-1		
T5 W	~ 4	♥ 5	<u> </u>	9 6	W returns small 💙 for a ruff	4-1		
T6 E	4	<u> </u>	♦ 6	♠ 6	E leads small towards the 🔷 Q, A jumps	4-2		
T6 S	^ 2	<u>♦8</u>	• 7	♠8	S exits last 🔷 . W ruffs	5-2		
T7 W	∳ Q	S9	♦ 7	۱	W draws last trump	6-2		
T8 W	<u>%K</u>	۱	♠ T	♥ Q	W cashes ♥ K, throws ♠ T	7-2		
T9 W	<u>♣1</u>	♣8	4 2	ф т	W guesses 📤 and runs 📤 J	8-2		
East Can claim, 2x Trumps + 2 🌲 in East: EW =11 Tricks								
	EW =	+150) sco	res 86	5% 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 3rd club & trump promotion?

<mark>Leader</mark>			Card	by Ca	ard 4 🌩 by North	NS	
T1 E	<u>♣ K</u>	4 3	4 7	4 5	Start 📤 K (Count?) & look at dummy	0-1	
East	Partn	er evei	n num	ber (4?) clubs, Switch my singleton heart		
T2 E	9 3	y q	• K	₩ 8	W wins ♥ K, East must have singleton!	0-2	
T3 W	* A	9 5	♦ 2	¥ 2	Cash 🎔 A	0-3	
T4 W	Y 4	•1	♦ 3	9 6	Lead small ♥ towards partner, N ruffs ♠ J	1-3	
T5 N	♠ A	\$ 8	^ 2	♠ Q	N starts to draw trumps	2-3	
T6 N	<u>♠ K</u>	4	4 3	4 4	N tries to draw trumps, but 🏚 T promoted	3-3	
T7 N	9	4	<u> </u>	♦8	N crosses to the Top D	4-3	
T8 S	•	~ 4	\$ 8	<u>♦</u> T	Cash top ♥, Discard losing ♣, East Ruffs	4-4	
T9 E	♣ A	ф т	4 7	♣ Q	East Cashes 📤 A	4-5	
north	orth 1 can Claim, Remaining 4 Trumps = 8 Tricks 2 OFF						
	NS =	-100	scor	es 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)

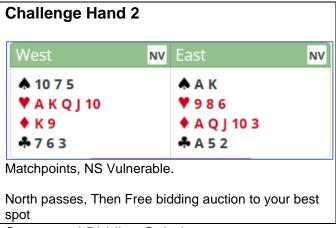
S would be a better contract!

Winners: 3-4♥, 1♠, 1♦, ♦ ruff Losers: 2+♥, 2♣ Maybe 3rd ♦

The lead looks like a singleton, must win, get

a quick • ruff in North's short trumps.

Leader			Card	by Ca	ard 3 🎔 by South	NS	
T1 W	• Q	<u>♠ K</u>	4	^ 2	Singleton S? Win SK in dummy	1-0	
South D		Look	s like	a sing	gleton, But need to ruff a diamond		
T2 N	9	4 3	<u>◆</u> A	6	♦ 9 to Ace, planned diamond ruff return	2-0	
T3 S	♦ 5	♦	> 5	\$ 2	Ruff diamond, exit 🐥	3-0	
T4 N	♣ 5	<u>♣ K</u>	3	4	E wins, exits a spade for W to ruff	3-1	
T5 W	8	4 3	¥ 4	\$ 5	W Ruffs, eturns a club	3-2	
T6 W	♣ 6	4 8	♣ A	•	E wins club, tries another spade	3-3	
T6 E	фт	~	9	• 7	W ruffs, but South discards ♦ loser	3-4	
T7 W	<u>" K</u>	> 8	> 3	" 2	W cashes heart winners	3-5	
T8 W	Y A	4 9	♦ 7	>	W cashes heart winners	3-6	
South	South I can claim, remaining 4 Trumps are high =7 Tricks						
N	IS = -1	.00 s	till sc	ores (54% of NS matchpoints (EW=36%)		



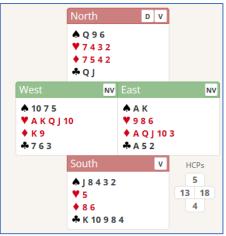
Suggested Bidding Solution:

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 (💙)	4NT (Pass		Pass	
5 🛖	Pass	5NT	Pass	
6 ♥ , 6NT,	7♥,7NT?	All Pass		

Bidding Notes				
1 Normal 4+D, Better than 1NT				
1 💙	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 💙	6 ♥ fair (likely 5 ♥ +5 ♦ +A+AK blacks)			
6NT	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:



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Bridge Calendars

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

EL - Special Events (MAR-MAY)

ABF News and Coming Events

Link to ABF calendar

Tasmanian Festival of Bridge – Launceston New Venue: Grand Chancellor Hotel	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

<u>Upcoming NSW Club congress events</u>

March, 2020			
Forbes Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Mar 1 (Sun)		
Armidale Bridge Club Swiss Pairs			
Griffith Ex-Servicemens Bridge Club Wine Country - Pairs & Teams	Mar 7 (Sat) - 8 (Sun)		
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			
Ballina Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Mar 14 (Sat) - 15 (Sun)		
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)		

NSBC Calendar: Link to NSWBA website

CW - Tournament Events (MAR-MAY)		March, 2020			
Thursday Championship nights @ 7:30pm		Forbes Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Mar 1 (Sun)		
Date		Event Details	Status	Armidale Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	
5/Mar 12/Mar 19/Mar	1/3 2/3 3/3	Club Mixed Pairs (State Mixed Pairs Qualifications)	2020 <u>CC event</u> bookings Required	Griffith Ex-Servicemens Bridge Club Wine Country - Pairs & Team	Mar 7 (Sat) - 8 (Sun)
26/Mar	3/3	Closed ABF: Launceston Congress		Wellington Bridge Club Annual Congress - Swiss Pairs & Teams	
2/Apr	1/3	Club Mixed Teams	2020 <u>CC event</u>	Northern Suburbs Inter Club Teams Challenge @ Penins	la Mar 8 (Sun)
9/Apr		Closed for Easter	bookings	Batemans Bay Bridge Club - Swiss Pairs & Teams	
16/Apr 23/Apr	2/3 3/3	Club Mixed Teams	Required	Ballina Bridge Club Swiss Pairs	Mar 14 (Sat) - 15 (Sun)
30/Apr	30/Apr Closed for ABF: ANOT (Adelaide)			_	
7/May	1/4	CNOT D'	2020 CC event	Port Macquarie-Hastings Congress - Swiss Pairs & Teams	
14/May 21/May	2/4 3/4 4/4	GNOT - Direct (Tweed Heads Qualifier)	bookings Required	NSBC@Lindfield Swiss Pairs	Mar 15 (Sun)
28/May	-			State Novice and Restricted Pairs	Mar 21 (Sat) - 22 (Sun)
Sun 8/Mar	18/Mar Represent NSBC At the inter-club with I		with Mike Required	ABF: Tasmanian Festival of Bridge	Mar 26 (Thu) - 29 (Sun)
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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 bookings 26/May 2/3 State Open Pairs Qual Required 2/Jun

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