NSBC Newsletter

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2020 Club AGM 15th August.

The AGM Report of our postponed 2020 AGM has now been sent to members by Mike Prescott. At this point in time the Meeting is to be held at **10:00am on Saturday 15th August**. The exact location of the face to face meeting is yet to be determined and formal details will depend upon state government legislation at the time. Of course, all COVID-19 health and safety requirements will be implemented at the venue.

Assuming that attendance numbers will be capped, we are also looking at using Zoom technology to allow member attendance via the internet or telephone. This is to ensure that no member is disadvantaged. Additionally, a voting facility is currently being reviewed in the hope of finalising a suitable online voting procedure.
Please note that those wishing to stand for election to the committee must complete the Nomination Form, duly proposed and seconded, and email it to Mike Prescott by **10am Saturday 8th August 2020**. The complete and final list of those standing for election will then be disseminated to members very shortly afterwards. If you have any questions about the AGM, please contact Mike Prescott or one of the current committee members. Existing committee intentions re 2020 elections

Old NSBC 2019 Committee		Standing
President	John Mottram	No
Vice President	Graham Murray	Yes
Secretary	David Hagley	Yes
Treasurer	Les Grewcock	Yes
Committee	David Fryda	Yes
Committee	David Hudson	Yes
Committee	Elana Kohn	Yes

Before any new nominations are received.

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2020 Nominations @ July 25	
President	David Fryda
Vice President	Graham Murray
Secretary	David Hagley
Treasurer	Les Grewcock
Committee (3)	David Hudson, Elana Kohn

Note: 8/Aug deadline for extra nominations

NSBC - BBO Tournament Schedules

BBO weekly Schedule of NSBC Tournaments					Max	Changes
Day	Event		Rego	Play Start	Tables	
Mon	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Restricted	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	A	12:30 PM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Supervised	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20	
Tues	Supervised	M	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	20	
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	A	12:30 PM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Rookie (<100MP)	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Wed	Restricted	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	A	12:30 PM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Open	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Thurs	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	A	12:30 PM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie + Restr	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
	Comp Night	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	*Red points*
Fri	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	A	12:30 PM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie + Restr	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
Sat	Open	M	8:00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	Open	A	12:30 PM	1.30 PM	20 C	Reg Time
	Rookie + Restr	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	New
Sun	Open	A	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	20 C	27b redpoints
Codes	M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening, C = Clocked					
*Pre-Game Talk $10.00 - contact Kay Moyes moyes_kay@hotmail.com						

Challenge hand 1

West	East
♠ J8	♠ A7
♥ A	♥ K542
♦ KT8642	♦ QJ3
♣ KQ87	♣ AJ92
Vul NIL	Dlr: N

Dealer North, NS are silent, what is your bidding to the best contract?

Challenge hand 2

North	
West (D)	East
♠ K7652	♠ QJ843
♥ T	♥ 8
♦ A632	♦ KQT87
♣ 743	♣ K9
South	

North opens 1♥, and south competes to at least 5♥. **How do you bid these cards?**

Mike Prescott

NSBC Manager's Message

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Donations

We (NSBC) decided to continue to run '**Free BBO sessions**" for members with financial support being obtained by asking for donations to keep the club running.

The alternate that not been used, was to use the ABF user pays virtual club system. Where BBO charges are paid on entry (Fees are in $BBO dollars, which you must buy prior to any session you play in), but with a percentage of these entry fees being returned to club coffers via the ABF arrangement.

We are now running 26 free NSBC sessions per week on BBO. We need support for the costs in keeping the club running and bringing the game we all love into your home.

Please keep donations coming to keep your club going in these trying times

Pre-Paid players simply email Mike or the office, with ABF number and amount you wish to donate.

mikeprescott7@hotmail.com

If you are not on our Pre-Paid system, please use the link below to make a donation to club's operating costs.

https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/payments-with-cart

Kind regards

Mike and all the NSBC Team 0435 528 872

NSBC moves to CLOCKED BBO tournaments

All large sessions (defined as >7 tables or 14 Pairs) will be run as two fields North South and East West and will be linked to the automatic clocked system.

You must **now stick strictly to the clock**

- any boards not started with less than 4 minutes left on the clock will be automatically averaged.
- **Please note**: Any board not completed when the clock hits zero will be averaged even if you are still playing the hand.
- This means **no more waiting** for tables to finish, as any late tables they will automatically be truncated, and averages awarded.
- Supervised sessions will not be clocked

We continue each day with our two open time slots 10.00am and 1.30pm, the morning sessions are well under our 20-table limit and the afternoon most days are full (sold out). If you can **transfer to the 10.00am session games,** please do so.

Our newest group of players join the club

Liz Wilkinson started a new beginners' course back in February this year, BC (Before Covid). She had just completed the 6-week Introduction course when the club closed.

Liz then not only converted the next set of 10 lessons (known as Bridge Basics) so that they could be delivered via a combination of Zoom and BBO, but she also created the capability to give all the students opportunities to play some practice boards in BBO, while she supervised them, 4 students at a time.

The result of all that was that when this group graduated at the end of June, they were quite familiar with BBO. They have moved into the supervised games very smoothly, with the club gaining about 30 new playing members. At the moment, there is no Beginner program planned for semester 2.

It's hard to calculate retention rates from the beginners' lessons, due to comings, goings and returns, but the 30 new NSBC members represents over 50% retention. In addition, we have a pool of over 60 players who attend the pre-game talks, and a pool of over 140 who attend the lessons with Jess and Anita.

Pre-game talks for Rookie players

And just a reminder that, as we did at the club Before Covid, we have a pre-game talk for Rookie and Supervised players, Monday through to Wednesday.

The talks are delivered using a combination of Zoom and BBO, and they open at 12:30 so that players can join in a 15-minute chat before the talk – it's so nice to see some faces! The talks start at 12:45 and are longer than before, usually between 30 and 45 minutes, allowing for a more leisurely approach to the many and varied topics, and with time for questions.

If you have not tried them yet, contact Kay for details on moyes_kay@hotmail.com.

Well done Kay & the team

Our newer players continue to flourish, well done to the new Player team!

2020 Club Champion Progress

The qualifying events for the Club Champion have been updated to allow the 2020 process to progress. A few more changes will likely be made if the lock down continues with more events being cancelled.

Month	Ref.	NSBC 2020 Club Championship Events	Weight
Jan Feb	1a	Men's Pairs - Club Willoughby	1x
Jan Feb	1b	Women's Pairs - Club Willoughby	1x
Jan Feb	2	Blue Ribbon Pairs - East Lindfield	1x
Mar	3	Mixed Pairs - Club Willoughby	1x
Mar	4	Swiss Pairs Congress - East Lindfield	1x
~~Apr~~	~~5~~	~~Mixed Teams - Club Willoughby~~	~~1x~~
~~May~~	~~6~~	~~GNOT Direct qualifer - Club Willoughby~~	~~2x~~
Apr-May	5	Danish Swiss Pairs - on BBO.	new 1x
~~Jun~~	~~7~~	~~Festival Thursday Swiss Pairs - CW~~	~~1x~~
~~Jun~~	~~8~~	~~Festival Friday Teams - CW~~	~~1x~~
~~Jun~~	~~9a~~	~~Festival Saturday Swiss Pairs N-S Field - CW~~	~~1x~~
~~Jun~~	~~9b~~	~~Festival Saturday Swiss Pairs E-W Field - CW~~	~~1x~~
~~Jun~~	~~10~~	~~Festival TBIB Sunday Teams - CW~~	~~2x~~
~~Jun Jul~~	~~11~~	~~Morgans Club Pairs - CW~~	~~2x~~
~~Jul Aug~~	~~12a~~	~~Men's Teams~~	~~1x~~
~~Jul Aug~~	~~12b~~	~~Women's Teams~~	~~1x~~
~~Aug~~	~~13~~	~~Swiss Teams Congress - East Lindfield~~	~~1x~~
~~Aug~~	~~14~~	~~Stratified Pairs - Club Willoughby + East Lindfield~~	~~1x~~
Sep	15	Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	1x
Oct	16a	MP Pairs Congress N-S Field - East Lindfield	1x
Oct	16b	MP Pairs Congress E-W Field - East Lindfield	1x
Nov	17	Club Teams - Club Willoughby	2x
Dec	18	Monthly Winners Tournament	1x

We have now completed only 5 CC qualifying events by end July the leaders table is:

	After only 5 events have been completed	
Rank	**Player Name**	**Total**
1=	**David Weston**	**20**
1=	**Kevin Davies**	**20**
1=	**Leo Goorevich**	**20**

Link to Full CC Results to date

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NSBC BBO Pairs (July)

On Thursday evenings, July Red Pointed competition, a 3-week Pairs. You can play in any single session but must play all 3 for consideration in the outright results. This is scored using match points.

	BBO Pairs (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results 2/July	%
1=	Ming Li & Paulina Martin	61.86%
1=	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	61.86%
3	Philip Beeby & Jane Beeby	61.22%
	BBO Pairs (20T limit) 2/3 Session Results 9/July	%
1	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	62.49%
2	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	57.06%
3	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	56.90%
	BBO Pairs (20T limit) 3/3 Session Results 16/July	%
1	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	62.66%
2	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	60.26%
3	Michael Cartmell & David Fryda	60.10%
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Overall Winners	%
1	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	177
2	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	174
3	Terry Dunne & Craig Mietzke	173
4	Judy Marks & Julianne Rocks	167

Wenjie and Ming

Thomas and Prue

Craig

Terry

June BBO Monthly winners

OPEN	Open Winners (June)	Pts
1=	Eva Shand	107
1=	Les Varadi	107
3	Tony Burke	89
4	John Mottram	88

Eva and Les

Pos	Winners June Restricted	Pts
1=	Don Mullineux	67
1=	Mary Harrington	67
3	Elizabeth Platt	62
4	Ross Yates	56

Don and Mary

Pos	Winner JUNE Rookie	Pts
1	Sue Gordon	88
2=	Deborah Hilder	77
2=	Graeme Hilder	77
4	Noni Glew	62

Sue Gordon

Masterpoint Promotions

Due to lock down and limited masterpoint files processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre by the **end of June**, there have been limited promotions in Masterpoint ranks. This has improved with **NSBC now issuing masterpoint awards** for all our BBO sessions.

From East Lindfield:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of Jun
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Regional
Halse, Tony	EL	Regional
Vilensky, Leo	EL	Local
Boyle, David	EL	Graduate

And from Club Willoughby:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of JUN
Gibbs, Lydia	Trump	Life
Waygood, Tim	CW	*State
Feeney, Susan	CW	*State
Purushothaman, Ram	CW	State
Quilter, Len	CW	Regional
Fraser, Dara	CW	Regional
Narunsky, Jenny	CW	**Local
Fleming, Robyne	CW	**Local
Glew, Noni	CW	**Local
Doecke, Karen	CW	*Local
Rutkowski, Sue	CW	Local
Skor, Eva	CW	Club
Brecht, Lyn	CW	Club
Quist, Mrs J	CW	Club
Craig, Anne	CW	Graduate
Craig, David	CW	Graduate
Abrams, Jack	CW	Graduate
Mitchell, John	CW	Graduate
Small, Philip	CW	Graduate
Elley, Wayne	CW	Graduate

ABF MASTER RANKINGS				
Rank	Minimum Requirements			
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold
Graduate	2	2		
Club	5	5		
Local	15	15		
*Local	25	25		
**Local	35	35		
Regional	50	50		
*Regional	100	100		
State	50	25	25	
*State	100	50	50	
National	150	75	75	
*National	200	100	100	
**National	300	150	150	
Life	300	120	180	30
Bronze Life	400	160	240	40
Silver Life	500	200	300	50
Gold Life	750	300	450	75
Grand	1000	300	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	600	1900	600
Gold Grand	5000	1000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	1500	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	2000	13000	5000

Master Point Grading AUS v NSBC				
No. Master Points		AUS	CW	EL
0-20	(Local)	41%	49%	41%
20-50	(Regional)	16%	14%	18%
50-100	(State)	12%	8%	16%
100-300	(National)	16%	12%	20%
300-1000	(Life)	10%	10%	5%
1000+	(Grand)	4%	7%	1%

THE BRIDGE SHOP 15% OFF for NSBC members

The Bridge Shop has partnered with the North Shore Bridge Club and we are delighted to offer all club members a 15% discount.

We welcome you to drop into our store at 182 Penshurst Street Willoughby or redeem your discount by using the code **NS15** at checkout on our web site.

BBO Open Session Results

Date		NSBC BBO Event Name	T		Late June Open Winners	Score
24-Jun	W	Open 1pm	26		Judy Osie & Lynn Kalmin	75%
		Open 7pm	19		Brenda Kaplan & Helene Jacobson	67%
25-Jun	T	Open 1pm	24		Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	69%
26-Jun	F	Open 1pm	23		Ed Truscott & Alexis Ngan	64%
27-Jun	S	Open 1pm	26		Julian Abel & Colin Clifford	67%
28-Jun	S	Open 1pm	24		Kit Meyers & Fiona Fawcett	61%
29-Jun	M	Open 1pm	34		Eva Shand & Les Varardi	74%
30-Jun	T	Open 1pm	29		Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	62%
Date		**NSBC BBO Event Name**	**T**		**Early JULY Open Winners**	**Score**
1-Jul	W	Open 10am	11		Janice Harris & Julianne Rocks	62%
		Open 1.30 PM	20		Jennifer Rothwell & George Bilski	74%
		Open 7pm	20		Eva Shand & Les Varardi	68%
2-Jul	T	Open 10am	10		Ron Speiser & George Bilski	67%
		Open 1.30 PM	19		Tim Mountjoy & Richard Phillips	64%
3-Jul	F	Open 10am	11		David Smee & Derek Maltz	61%
		Open 1.30 PM	15		Line Davidson & Sam York	66%
4-Jul	S	Open 10am	7		Felix Shteyman & Brian Osborne	65%
		Open 1:30 pm	20		Judy Osie & David Osie	72%
5-Jul	S	Open 1pm	18		Lynn Baker & Bev Peters	63%

Date		NSBC BBO Event Name	T	M	Early JULY Open Winners	Score
6-Jul	M	Open 10am	11	NS	Adrienne Sacks & Rene Sharp	59%
				EW	Maria Rowe & Gail Phillips	59%
		Open 1:30 pr	20	NS	Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes	63%
				EW	Tim Waygood & Ian MacLaren	63%
7-Jul	T	Open 10am	10	NS	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	63%
				EW	Sunny Pang & Malcolm Clift	59%
		Open 1:30 pr	19	NS	Alicia Mercer & Prue Siemsgluess	63%
				EW	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	65%
8-Jul	W	Open 10am	9	NS	Peter BendelsTien & Peter Lipthay	63%
				EW	Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	60%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Joan Polivnick & Helene Jacobson	61%
				EW	Hymie Osie & David Osie	63%
		Open 7pm	20	NS	Catherine Chaffey & Jane Beeby	65%
				EW	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	72%
9-Jul	T	Open 10am	9	NS	Malcolm Clift & Sunny Pang	67%
				EW	Adam Rutkowski & Derek Maltz	67%
		Open 1:30 pm	19	NS	Jann Cathels & Narelle Clark	69%
				EW	Leo Goorevich & Elli Urbach	67%
10-Jul	F	Open 10am	8	NS	Kerry McKay & Ian Plummer	58%
				EW	Michael Price & Adam Rutkowski	63%
		Open 1:30 pm	18	NS	Lee Santow & Sally Zylberberg	60%
				EW	Mark & Julie Guthrie	62%
11-Jul	S	Open 10am	9	NS	David Hagley & Deirdre James	58%
				EW	Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios	60%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Fiona Lavery & Leo Goorevich	65%
				EW	Judy Osie & David Osie	64%
12-Jul	S	Open 1pm	20	NS	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	67%
				EW	Steven Bock & Warren Dobes	63%

Date		NSBC BBO Event Name	T		Mid JULY Open Winners	Score
13-Jul	M	Open 10am	13	NS	Henrietta Hohnen & John Mottram	71%
				EW	Jenny Genocchio & Jan Winn	62%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Brett Slater & Tony Halse	64%
				EW	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	60%
14-Jul	T	Open 10am	11	NS	Maurice Loomes & Rachael Loomes	63%
				EW	Cyril Reynolds & Kevin Davies	57%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Darren Myerson & Arlene Normand	62%
				EW	Peter Cox & Bernard EdelsTien	62%
15-Jul	W	Open 10am	9	NS	Robyn Ogborne & Julianne Rocks	66%
				EW	Joyce Edwards & Sandra Da Silva	57%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	63%
				EW	Linda Aubusson & Helen Lowry	62%
		Open 7pm	18	NS	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	74%
				EW	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	70%
16-Jul	T	Open 10am	11	NS	Brian Soutter & Jenny Barnes	61%
				EW	Neil Perry & John Mottram	63%
		Open 1:30 pm	19	NS	Mary Atkinson & Janis Grauds	61%
				EW	Elliot Kaplan & Tony Burke	66%
17-Jul	F	Open 10am	11	NS	Chris Gaskell & Mary Carter	64%
				EW	Thomas Fischer & Barbara Temple	68%
		Open 1:30 pm	18	NS	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	62%
				EW	Fiona Fawcett & David Hudson	66%
18-Jul	S	Open 10am	10	NS	Julian Abel & Colin Clifford	62%
				EW	Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios	57%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Christine Vinson & Bev Peters	62%
				EW	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	63%
19-Jul	S	Open 1pm	18	NS	Adam Rutkowski & Jeanette Abrams	63%
				EW	Tony Bourke & Nigel Rosendorff	69%

Date		NSBC BBO Event Name	T		Late JULY Open Winners	Score
20-Jul	M	Open 10am	13	NS	Elana Sacks & Tina Osie	71%
				EW	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	68%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Brett Slater & Tony Halse	64%
				EW	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	64%
21-Jul	T	Open 10am	10	NS	Lorraine Schaap & John Mottram	63%
				EW	Ron Speiser & George Bilski	66%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	67%
				EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	69%
22-Jul	W	Open 10am	15	NS	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	60%
				EW	Donald Cartwright & Joe Barda	60%
		Open 1:30 pm	19	NS	Tony Bourke & Nigel Rosendorff	71%
				EW	Michele Fendel & Janice Olevson	65%
		Open 7pm	19	NS	Robbie Feyder & Colin Clifford	66%
				EW	Thomas & Prue Siemsgluess	65%
23-Jul	T	Open 10am	10	NS	Brian Osbourne & Felix Shteyman	66%
				EW	Joe Barda & Ron Speiser	63%
		Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Heather Lane & John Brownie	61%
				EW	Hymie Osie & Bella Swartzberg	68%
24-Jul	F	Open 10am	11	NS	Esther Lee & Ian Bailey	70%
				EW	Bruce Edwards & Joyce Edwards	64%
		Open 1:30 pm	15	NS	Brett Slater & Tony Halse	69%
				EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	67%
25-Jul	S	Open 10am	7	NS	Julian Abel & Colin Clifford	65%
				EW	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	66%
		Open 1:30 pm	19	NS	Ian Bailey & Peter Robinson	61%
				EW	Prue Siemsgluess & Alicia Mercer	61%

BBO Restricted Session Results

Date		NSBC BBO Event Name	T		Late June Restricted Winners	Score
26-Jun	F	Restricted 1:15	8		Liz Way & Bob Way	56%
29-Jun	M	Restricted 1:15	6		Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	71%
Date		**NSBC BBO Event Name**	**T**		**JULY Restricted Winners**	**Score**
1-Jul	W	Restricted 10am	5		Jane Loveday & Karen Doecke	58%
3-Jul	F	Restricted 10am	5		Cynthia Playfair & Robin Low	63%
6-Jul	M	Restricted 10am	4	NS	Don du Temple & Sara Foster	57%
				EW	Valda Stokoe & Thelma Ramsay	61%
8-Jul	W	Restricted 10am	4	NS	Jane Loveday & Karen Doecke	61%
				EW	John Boyd & Michael Mahoney	59%
10-Jul	F	Restricted 10am	5	NS	Kwi Tan & Sigrid Smee	59%
				EW	Thelma Ramsay & Valda Stokoe	56%
13-Jul	M	Restricted 10am	5	NS	Pauline Beckton & Jane Loveday	61%
				EW	Robyn Wilmot & Josephine Abrahams	53%
15-Jul	W	Restricted 10am	5	NS	John Hill & Garry White	55%
				EW	Glenys Nice & Catherine Versi	56%
20-Jul	M	Restricted 10am	3		Pauline Beckton & Jane Loveday	64%
22-Jul	W	Restricted 10am	5	NS	Sue Hamilton & Jenny Watson	68%
				EW	Tien Chey & Vera Cranston	70%

Note: Combined Rookie/Restricted results are shown in the Rookie Results tables from Jul 17th onwards

BBO Supervised Session Results

Date		NSBC Event	T	Late June Supervised Winners	Score
30-Jun	T	Supervised 11am	4	Deb Wotherspoon & Anne Lancaster	62%
Date		**NSBC Event**	**T**	**JULY Supervised Winners**	**Score**
7-Jul	M	Supervised 7pm	5	Catriona Ling & Sally Dews	65%
8-Jul	T	Supervised 10:30am	6	Beverley Piper & David Rands	62%
14-Jul	M	Supervised 7pm	3	Diana Bell & Di Lipman	78%
15-Jul	T	Supervised 10:30am	7	Richard Burnell & Robert Lagaida	78%
21-Jul	M	Supervised 7pm	4	Robert Lagaida & Richard Burnell	75%
22-Jul	T	Supervised 10:30am	5	Neil Edwards & Marina Shteyman	80%

BBO Rookie Session Results

Date		NSBC Event	T		Rookie late June Winners	Score
25-Jun	T	Rookie 2pm	9		Chris Alexander & Cheryl Harvey	63%
26-Jun	F	Rookie 2pm	8		Michael Fishburn & David Holt	64%
29-Jun	M	Rookie 2pm	18		Helen Douglas & Dee Zachert	66%
30-Jun	T	Rookie 2pm	13		Doug Leigh & Catherine McReady	66%
		Rookie 7:00 pm	10		Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	73%
Date		**NSBC Event**	**T**		**Rookie early JULY Winners**	**Score**
1-Jul	W	Rookie 2pm	18		Noni Glew & Loretta Cappie-Wood	64%
2-Jul	T	Rookie 2pm	10		Robyne Fleming & Sue Gordon	69%
3-Jul	F	Rookie 2pm	8		Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	66%

Date		NSBC Event	T		Rookie early JULY Winners	Score
6-Jul	M	Rookie 2pm	19	NS	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	69%
				EW	Anna Mahoney & Michael Mahoney	62%
7-Jul	T	Rookie 2pm	12	NS	Lynnette Brown & Peter Brown	64%
				EW	Judy Chapple & Noni Glew	65%
		Rookie 7:00 pm	7	NS	Stephanie Grey & Carol Wakelin	62%
				EW	Lyn Quilter & Len Quilter	61%
8-Jul	W	Rookie 2pm	17	NS	Eva Skor & Peter Skor	59%
				EW	Anne Craig & David Craig	63%
9-Jul	T	Rookie 2pm	8	NS	Judy Bursle & Saras Brooks	65%
				EW	Jo Ampherlaw & Harry Haberlin	60%
10-Jul	F	Rookie 2pm	8	NS	Anna Mahoney & Michael Mahoney	63%
				EW	Jack Abrams & Sue Rutkowski	62%
13-Jul	M	Rookie 2pm	20	NS	Lynda Ackroyd & Anthea Jenkins	70%
				EW	David & Jillian Hagley	64%
14-Jul	T	Rookie 2pm	15	NS	Brian Emanuel & Jo Ampherlaw	66%
				EW	Chris Alexander & Karen Mayoh	65%
		Rookie 7:00 pm	7	NS	Jack Abrams & Leesa Abrams	70%
				EW	Eric Lam & John?	64%
15-Jul	W	Rookie 2pm	19	NS	Felix Shteyman & Ilia Vilensky	66%
				EW	Michael Mahoney John Boyd	76%
16-Jul	T	Rookie & Restricted 2pm	11	NS	Felix Shteyman & Lorna Davies	63%
				EW	Sue Dickinson & Sharon Thompson	59%
17-Jul	F	Rookie & Restricted 2pm	5	NS	Felix Shteyman & Lorna Davies	69%
				EW	Tien Chey & James McDonnell	59%

Date		NSBC Event	T		Rookie Mid JULY Winners	Score
18-Jul	S	Rookie & Restricted 2pm	5	NS	Tien Chey & Vera Cranston	60%
				EW	Liz Way & Bob Way	64%
20-Jul	M	Rookie 2pm	19	NS	Dee Zachert & Helen Douglas	64%
				EW	Ruth Harrisson & Jenny Godfrey	65%
21-Jul	T	Rookie 2pm	12	NS	Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	73%
				EW	Sue Gordon & Yeung Cheung	63%
		Rookie 7:00 pm		NS	Leesa Abrams & Jack Abrams	52%
				EW	Neil Edwards & Marina Shteyman	64%
22-Jul	W	Rookie 2pm	20	NS	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	66%
				EW	Mary Craven & Jo Ampherlaw	72%
23-Jul	T	Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	NS	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	65%
				EW	Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	69%
24-Jul	F	Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	NS	Felix & Marina Shteyman	69%
				EW	Sharon Sher & Kerry Wilson	56%
25-Jul	S	Rookie & Restricted 2pm		NS	Sue Rutkowski & Judy Winning	69%
				EW	Vera Cranston & Jim Altman	64%

Vale Joan Colley

Joan was a regular member of NSBC. She lived life and loved the social aspect of bridge, making some wonderful friends at Willoughby. During times when she was suffering from ill-health she always found the energy to go out and play. Joan died peacefully in her sleep just before her 82nd birthday.

BBO JULY Monthly leaders

Pos	Leaders JULY Open	Pts
1	Alicia Mercer	101
2	John Mottram	81
3	Tony Burke	79
4=	Eva Shand	78
4=	Les Varadi	78

Pos	Leader JULY Restricted	Pts
1	Jane Loveday	22
2	Tien Chey	19
3=	Garry White	17
3=	John Hill	17
3=	Robyn Wilmot	17

Pos	Leader JULY Rookie	Pts
1	Sue Gordon	57
2	Jo Ampherlaw	53
3=	Anne Craig	52
4=	David Craig	52

Note: Rookie Monthly award is for pairs <100 MP

Thursday Red Points competition

Because of the uncertainty of our restrictions moving forward into August, the next Thursday night event will be a Swiss Pairs 24 boards 4 x 6 board matches. Please note this will run over 3 nights but ***one night will be a Monday***. You can just play any of the 3 sessions, but will need to play in all 3 to be considered for outright results.

- Thursday 23rd @ 7.00pm
- ***Monday 27th*** @ 7.00pm
- Thursday 30th @ 7.00pm

Registration will open at 5.00pm and we are limited to 20 tables so enter early to avoid missing out.

13 Tables participated in round one. The results are shown below

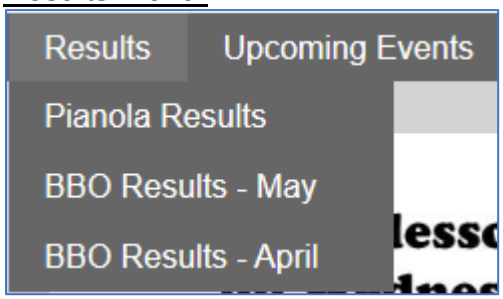
	BBO Swiss Pairs (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 23/July	Imps
1	Mischa Solar & Alicia Mercer	60.20
2	Margaret Owen & Sunny Pang	53.74
3	Michael Bishop & Robyn Rogers	42.38
	BBO swiss Pairs (20T limit) 2/3 Session Results *Monday 27/July*	Imps
	BBO Swiss Pairs (20T limit) 3/3 Session Results Thursday 30/July	Imps
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Overall Winners	

Visit the NSBC club Website

Leo Goorevich
NSBC Web Master

Have you visited our club website? **Come and explore!**
http://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/

Let us have a look at our session data store in Pianola. Access from our website is via the Results menu:



Clicking on Pianola results takes you to the current weeks session storage. You can navigate back to previous weeks.

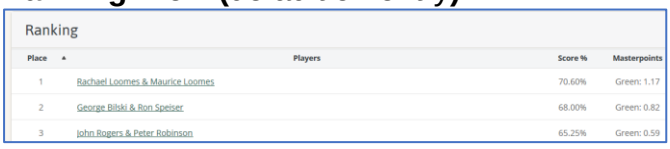
Mon	Tue	Wed
Pairs NSBC Open	Pairs NSBC Open	Pairs NSBC Evening Open
Pairs NSBC Restricted	Pairs NSBC Rookie	Pairs NSBC Open
Pairs NSBC Rookie	Pairs NSBC Rookie Evenir	Pairs NSBC Restricted
	Pairs NSBC Supervised	Pairs NSBC Rookie

- Lists session data stored for each day

We will have a quick look into a session data by clicking the "**Pairs NSBC Open**" on a Monday. Pianola stores our bridge session data in 4 views

- Ranking — Shows session winners
- Travellers — Results on a specific board
- Score Cards — Your scores (all boards)
- Hands — Detailed Hand records

Ranking View (default on entry**)**

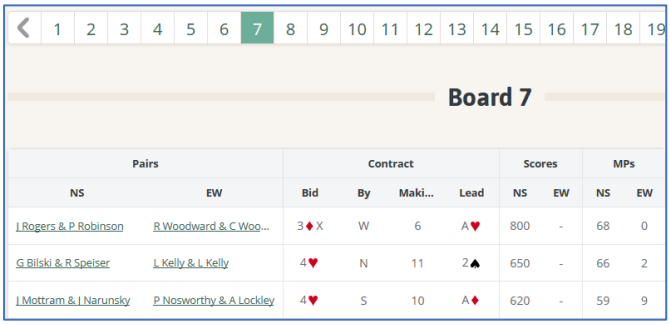


Ranking

Place	Players	Score %	Masterpoints
1	Rachael Loomes & Maurice Loomes	70.60%	Green: 1.17
2	George Bilski & Ron Speiser	68.00%	Green: 0.82
3	John Rogers & Peter Robinson	65.25%	Green: 0.59

- Partnership names
- Percentage score achieved
- Master point award

Traveller View
You need to select a board – here we selected Board 7, All results on the Traveller for board 7 are shown.



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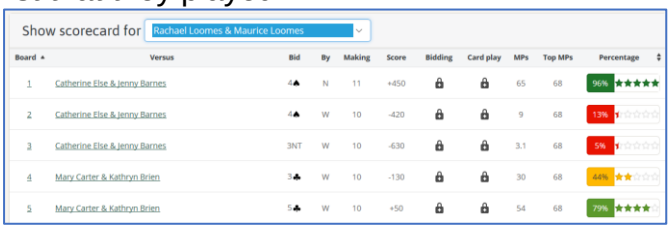
Board 7

Pairs		Contract				Scores		MPs	
NS	EW	Bid	By	Maki...	Lead	NS	EW	NS	EW
J Rogers & P Robinson	R Woodward & C Woo...	3♦X	W	6	A♥	800	-	68	0
G Bilski & R Speiser	L Kelly & L Kelly	4♥	N	11	2♠	650	-	66	2
J Mottram & J Narunsky	P Nosworthy & A Lockley	4♥	S	10	A♦	620	-	59	9

- Partnership Pairs, NS and EW
- Final Contract
- Declarer
- Tricks made
- Card Lead
- Resulting Bridge Score
- Allocated Matchpoint score

Score Card view having selected a pair. Shows the scorecard with all the boards in the list that they played.



Show scorecard for Rachael Loomes & Maurice Loomes

Board	Versus	Bid	By	Making	Score	Bidding	Card play	MPs	Top MPs	Percentage
1	Catherine Else & Jenny Barnes	4♠	N	11	+450	🔒	🔒	65	68	96% ★★★★★
2	Catherine Else & Jenny Barnes	4♠	W	10	-420	🔒	🔒	9	68	13% ☆☆☆☆☆
3	Catherine Else & Jenny Barnes	3NT	W	10	-630	🔒	🔒	3.1	68	5% ☆☆☆☆☆
4	Mary Carter & Kathryn Brien	3♣	W	10	-130	🔒	🔒	30	68	44% ★★☆☆☆
5	Mary Carter & Kathryn Brien	5♣	W	10	+50	🔒	🔒	54	68	79% ★★★★☆

- Partnership
- Contract information
- Bridge Score
- Allocated Matchpoints
- Max Matchpoints on the board
- Percentage score
- Performance Stars and colours.

Hands: just shows all hand records of the boards played in the session.

Decoding a suit

By Pat O'Connor

We are West. Our hand is

♠ K7653, ♥875, ♦T3, ♣K97.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
1NT	15-17 Bal		
3NT	To Play		

South opens **1NT**, we pass and North raises to **3NT**, just like that. All pass, we lead the ♠5, fourth best of our five-card suit and dummy comes down.

Lead ♠5	Dummy
You West	♠ J92
♠ K7653	♥ A62
♥ 875	♦ KQ85
♦ T3	♣ J42
♣ K97	

Lead: **♠5**

Dummy plays the ♠2, partner the ♠8 and declarer wins with the ♠A.

Who has the ♠Q? The ♠T?

If declarer had the **♠Q** he would not have wasted his **♠A**, so partner has the **♠Q**. Similarly, declarer would have won with the **♠T** if he had it, so partner has the **♠T** as well. It is good to know these things.

Declarer proceeds to take four diamond tricks, playing the **♦A** and **♦J** from hand and then the **♦K** and **♦Q** from dummy. Partner follows to three rounds and then discards the ♣3. We need to find two discards, so having no interest in hearts, we choose the **♥5** and **♥7**.

Declarer then leads the **♣2** from dummy, partner plays the **♣8** and declarer the **♣Q**. We win with the **♣K** and turn our attention back to our long suit, spades.

Our ♠K is high. Should we play it?

We previously worked out that partner has the **♠Q** and **♠T**. Declarer must have had two spades for the 1NT bid, so these are partner's only remaining spades. If we play the **♠K** and continue spades, partner will win the next trick with the **♠Q** but will then have no way back to our hand! The spades will be blocked.

So, what should we play?

We must play the **♠3**, showing partner that we started with five spades. Partner will win with the **♠Q** and return the **♠T** which we will overtake with our **♠K** and cash two more spade tricks, defeating the contract.

Full Deal	North	
	♠ J92	
West	♥ A62	East
♠ K7653	♦ KQ85	♠ QT8
♥ 875	♣ J42	♥ KQJ3
♦ T3		♦ 962
♣ K97	South (D)	♣ T83
	♠ A4	
3NT/S	♥ T94	Vul : Nil
Lead ♠5	♦ AJ74	Dlr:S
	♣ AQ65	

The knowledge that partner had the **♠Q** and **♠T** helped us to realise that we had to unblock the spade suit. If we had not done it, declarer would have made the contract.

Post Mortem

It is often possible to decode a suit at Trick 1 by looking at dummy and the cards played by partner and declarer.

Defensive Planning

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	X
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All pass			

Bidding Notes	
1♦	Opening 4+ ♦
X	Takeout X
1♠	4+ Spades
1NT	Stopper, but did not bid NT straight away

The Bidding

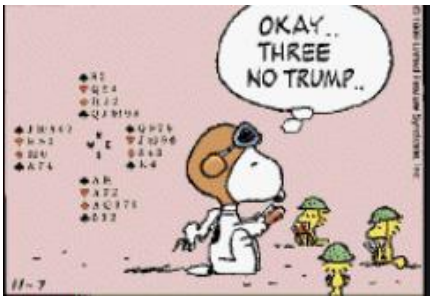
You are sitting East and your partner opened the bidding with 1♦ then went quiet, as after your pass (<6 hcp), South doubled for takeout, and then North bid 1♠, and South then bid 1NT

Your partner (West) leads ♥Q against South's final 1NT contract

West	Dummy	You
Lead ♥Q Against 1NT/S	♠ AT75 ♥ AT3 ♦ 876 ♣ 876	♠ 62 ♥ K9654 ♦ T93 ♣ 543

Declarer ducks with the ♥3 from dummy.

What is your defensive plan?



Defence Solution:

South has promised a balanced hand, and your partner (West) has likely led from ♥QJx, which gives him the space for at least four diamonds, probably headed by the ace since he has chosen not to lead a diamond.

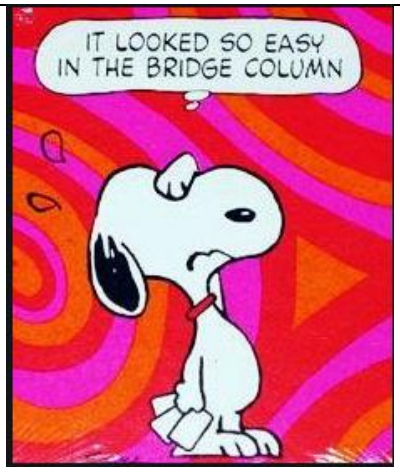
You encourage with the ♥6 (using high encourage) on the first round and when partner, continues with the ♥J, declarer again ducks, asking for a small one (♥T) hearts from dummy.

Now you must **overtake the ♥Q with your ♥K.** You have no outside entry to enjoy the long hearts. So,

Then you can play the ♦T through declarer, thus finessing his diamond stopper and hopefully establishing four tricks for partner.

Your partner's **♣K** will likely set the contract because of your good defence.

Full Deal	North	
	♠ AT75 ♥ AT3 ♦ 876 ♣ 876	
West (D)		East
♠ J843 ♥ QJ2 ♦ AQJ4 ♣ KT		♠ 62 ♥ K9654 ♦ T93 ♣ 543
	South	
	♠ KQ9 ♥ 87 ♦ K52 ♣ AQJ92	



Note from Kay Moyes

I chose this article (See Ron Klinger below) from the "**Australian Bridge Novice Edition**" for the August newsletter because I felt it combined some of the themes being covered recently in the pre-game talks, Monday to Wednesday. It's also a good reminder that while we teach you a specific method for a topic such as pre-empting to get you started and to have you all on the same wavelength, as you get more experienced you can expand your bidding system as you like – as long as partner is on the same page as you!

Ron Klinger

Getting in the way

Book excerpt from Ron Klinger's ***A Good Game of Modern Bridge***

BY AND LARGE, club players tend not to pre-empt high enough. A pre-empt is normally a weak hand, below 10 HCP, with a long, strong suit.
Start by estimating your playing tricks by counting your losers.

1. In a suit of three cards or longer, consider only the top three cards. The ace, king and queen are winners. Count each lower card in your top three as a loser.
2. All cards beyond the top three are taken to be winners.
3. For a doubleton holding, A-K = no losers, A-Q = half a loser, while A-x or K-x = 1 loser and all lower holdings = two losers.
4. A singleton ace = no loser. All other singletons = one loser.

For example:

♠6 ♥KQJ8532 ♦97 ♣J65

This hand has one loser in spades, one loser in hearts, two in diamonds and three in clubs, a total of seven losers. You have 13 cards with seven losers. That translates into six playing tricks.

'Playing tricks' are not sure winners. They are likely tricks: the probable number of tricks you will win if your long suit becomes trumps.

The Rule of 3 and 2 for pre-empts: To the number of playing tricks, add three when not vulnerable, two when you are vulnerable, and open accordingly. Thus, if not vulnerable open three with six playing tricks, but open four with seven playing tricks.

Do not pre-empt beyond game, but open 5♣ or 5♦ with a suitably weak hand and eight playing tricks. This would be a 5♣ opening:

♠6 ♥ – ♦JT92 ♣AQJ87654

You have one loser in spades, none in hearts, three in diamonds and one in clubs. Total losers: Five. Deduct from 13 = 8 playing tricks. When vulnerable you are slightly more conservative. Open three with seven playing tricks, four with eight playing tricks and 5♣ or 5♦ with nine.

The Rule of 3 and 2 is considered a sound approach to pre-emptive openings. The underlying theory is that you hope partner will provide the tricks which you are adding on to your own playing tricks. If partner provides no such tricks, and you are doubled for penalties, you figure to lose 500 points, three down doubled not vulnerable or two down doubled and vulnerable.

These days the Rule of 3 and 2 is considered conservative. A more aggressive approach works like this: Add two to your playing tricks at unfavorable vulnerability. Add three at equal vulnerability. Add four at favorable vulnerability. Some adopt a simpler approach and simply follow the Rule of 3, regardless of vulnerability. You should adopt either the aggressive approach above or the Rule of 3 throughout.

What would you open, at favorable vulnerability with:

♠QJ65432 ♥54 ♦ – ♣K873

In the final of a national team's tournament, both players opened 4♠. The hand has six

losers, hence seven playing tricks. Add three not vulnerable = ten tricks, so open 4♠

Here is a similar hand, on which both players opened 4♠, this time in the final of a tournament to select a national open team. Again, the vulnerability was favorable:

♠QT97432 ♥ – ♦32 ♣KJ84

In an international team's match, with neither side vulnerable, both players opened 5♦ with

♠T ♥94 ♦AQJT65432 ♣8

A sensible guide for pre-empting is that if you would open three with a normal hand pattern, then open one higher with a freakish pattern. This is a reasonable three-opening:

♠AQJ8752 ♥8 ♦62 ♣985

A 7-2-2-2 or a 7-3-2-1 is 'normal' shape for a pre-empt.
Therefore, you bid higher with a more extreme pattern. Open higher not with extra points, but with extra shape. This would qualify for a 4♠ opening:

♠AQJ8752 ♥ – ♦62 ♣9852

Notice that this hand has six losers, while the previous hand has seven losers.

Opening pre-empts are restricted to weak hands in case partner has a very strong hand. If you open with a pre-empt on a strong hand and partner is also strong, you might miss a slam, since partner will not play you for great strength. When prospects for slam are no longer there, you can freely pre-empt with a good hand, up to 16 HCP or so. However, if you do, you must open at game level. When do such opportunities occur?

AB Editor: Brad Coles

The Klinger article was extracted from the "**Australian Bridge Novice Edition**", an excellent journal, full of interesting articles for the newer players.

When partner is a passed hand, or right-hand opponent has already opened. Suppose the bidding has started Pass, Pass, to you. It would be sensible to open 4♥ with these cards:

♠A2 ♥KQJT872 ♦QJ2 ♣5

In first or second seat, you should open 1♥. In third or fourth seat, a 4♥ opening is preferable.

Similarly, if right-hand opponent has opened 1♥, or the bidding has been

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	pass	2♥	?

to you, bid 4♠ with

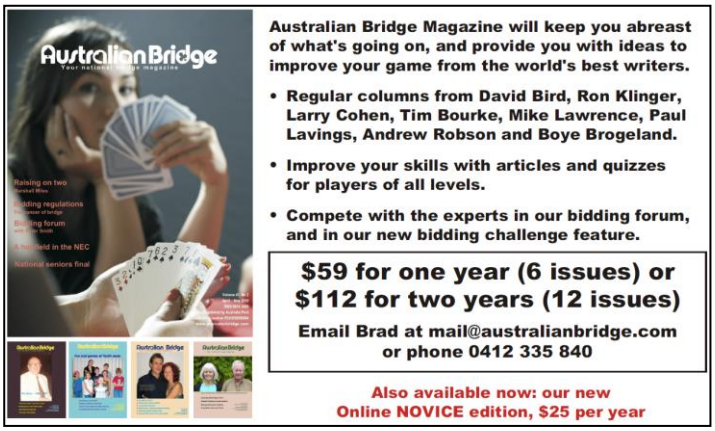
♠AKQ8752 ♥2 ♦KJ8 ♣J6

The choice is a minimum-level overcall, or an immediate jump to game. Never pre-empt at the three-level with a strong hand. 4♠ puts more pressure on the opponents

Librarian Confirmation Note

Ron Klinger's featured Book "***A Good Game of Modern Bridge***" is available in the NSBC Library (Bidding section) for members to borrow.

Fiona Lavery



Anita	***Jessica***

In 2020, our development teachers are Anita Curtis and Jessica Brake.

Build on the Basics is for people who are returning to bridge after a long break or who have completed Beginners and have played for 3-6 months. The normal Build on the Basics lessons are now split into 2: Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10am for approximately 1 hour each session on Zoom/BBO.

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Dates	Build on Basics - Lesson Topic Wed 10am AND Thurs 10am	
Wed Jul 29 Thur Jul 30	**Week 20**	**Transfers**
Wed Aug 5 Thur Aug 6	**Week 1**	**No Trump Delight**
Wed Aug 12 Thur Aug 13	**Week 2**	**I prefer a suit**
Wed Aug 19 Thur Aug 20	**Week 3**	**I can't open 1NT!**
Wed Aug 26 Thur Aug 27	**Week 4**	**Focus on Defence in NTs**
Wed Sep 2 Thur Sep 3	**Week 5**	**Supporting partner**

Develop Your Skills (DYS) with Anita 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 the Rookie level. They are held via Zoom/BBO sessions on Thursday afternoons at 2pm.

Date	Anita Curtis Thursday afternoon @ 2:00pm Develop your skills - Lesson Topic
Thur Jul 30	**DYS end of course hand analysis 9**
DYS Course restarts - August	
Thur Aug 6	**Interfering over 1NT (When do you overcall over 1NT? What happens after that?**
Thur Aug 13	**We're going to Slam! (Slam bidding in suits & the Blackwood convention)**
Thur Aug 20	**Don't steal this contract (Bidding over pre-empts)**
Thur Aug 27	**I CAN support you but not now! (The Canberra Convention – delayed support)**
Thur Sep 3	**Managing entries (Declarer play)**

Broaden Your Game/Intermediate with Anita 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 over Zoom video on **Friday mornings** at 10am.

Date	Anita Curtis Friday morning @ 10am Broaden your game/Intermediate - Lesson Topic
Fri July 31	**Gentle Hand Analysis 19** for anyone who wants to improve all their skills
Fri Aug 7	**Bidding to slam with Roman Keycard Blackwood**
Fri Aug 14	**Eddie Kantar Hand Analysis** – challenging hands from an expert!
Fri Aug 21	**Defence Signals part 4**: Putting it all together. Play hands that require using signalling
Fri Aug 28	**Gentle Hand Analysis 20** for intermediate players to improve all skills
Fri Sep 4	**Advancer & competitive bidding**. This is for ADVANCED players who want to raise their competitive bidding skills to the next level.

A **new monthly session** on Friday afternoons for gentle hand analysis fans.

Date	Anita Curtis Friday Afternoons @ 2pm Gentle hand analysis once a month
Fri Aug 14	**Gentle Hand Analysis 10** for anyone who wants to improve all their skills
Fri Sep 11	**Gentle Hand Analysis 11** for anyone who wants to improve all their skills

Vince Wilmont

Vince is an expert player and teacher.

This this article was adapted from an ACBL Bridge feed website

Defensive Play

An important aspect of good defence is figuring out how declarer's play might go and planning your defence accordingly.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	S(D)
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Bidding Notes	
1♠	5+♠, opening
2♣	4+♣, 10+ hcp
2NT	12-14 Bal with 5♠
3NT	to play

Opening lead: ♥3

In a recent tournament, I defended holding the East cards against 3NT by south. How would you plan the defence?

Partner Leads ♥3 Against 3NT/S	Dummy	YOU
	♠ K7 ♥ T7 ♦ K652 ♣ AQ932	♠ QJ63 ♥ AQ8 ♦ Q43 ♣ J85

Let us consider the points around the table. Based on the bidding, partner cannot have more than three or four points.

- North = can see 12,
- My hand =12,
- South =12-14,
- Partner up to a massive 2-4 HCP

It appears that we will need several heart tricks to beat this 3NT contract. The bidding strongly suggests partner is likely to have five hearts given that South did not rebid 2♥. If partner's high card is the ♥K, we will always get four or five heart tricks quickly.

Declarer's spades are not that strong. Maybe declarer will likely need to attack clubs to get some extra tricks. It turns out that your critical decision is at trick one.

What if partner's high card is the ♣K? Declarer can keep partner off lead by making you win the defence losing club trick.

If you play the ♥A at trick one, declarer will also duck the second heart, and win the third heart. He will have the wherewithal to keep your partner off lead by ducking a club safely into your hand.

At trick one, therefore, you should find the winning play of the ♥Q. If declarer (south) has the ♥K, they will not duck, out of fear that your partner started with the ace and jack. If you played the queen (losing to the King), when you get back on lead, you can cash your side's four heart tricks.

If partner has the ♥K, your ♥Q will not cost as you will win and then you cash ♥A and your heart tricks.

At the table, I played the ♥Q. Declarer won with the ♥K, then led the ♣T and ran this to the ♣2 and my ♣J winning, and then we cashed out for down one.
Here is the complete deal:

	North	
West ♠ 84 ♥ J6432 ♦ 987 ♣ K74	♠ K7 ♥ T7 ♦ K652 ♣ AQ932	East ♠ QJ63 ♥ AQ8 ♦ Q43 ♣ J85
3NT/S Lead ♥3	South (D) ♠ AT952 ♥ K95 ♦ AJT ♣ T6	Vul Nil Dlr: S

Brett Manley

Brett Manley was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor.

Article was adapted from a **Brent Manly** article in Bridge feed

Playing the Odds

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ A5	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ KJ983				1♠
♦ K63	2NT	X	3♣	3♦
♣ 643	Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
	Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
South (D)	All Pass			
♠ KQJT94	Bidding Notes			
♥ A4	1♠	Strong Hand, but <GF		
♦ A87	2NT	Minors 55 weak/strong		
♣ A2	X	Values, suggesting Penalty		
	3♣	Weak Preference		
	3♦	Cue GF		
	4♠	To play No C control		
	4NT	Keycard (S)		
	5♣	1 or 4 Keycards (♠A)		
	6♠	To Play		

West leads the ♣K to your ♣A in your 6♠ contract.

Analysis
Top Winners: 6♠+2♥+2♦+1♣ = 11
Losers: none, but deep ♦ and ♣
Where is the 12th trick coming from?

Can you take advantage of the information provided by the 2NT overcall, to land this contract? What is your plan?

Solution

T1 Declarer took the opening lead **♣K** with the **♣A**, both opponents following.
T2 Declarer cashed the **♠K** both followed
T3 Declarer led **♠4** to **♠A**, all followed again. East giving count to his partner, showing a likely 3 trump holding.

Thus, counting out the West hand shape, he must hold a **2155** or **20(56)** shape with at most a singleton in hearts. Declarer decided his best shot was to set up a heart trick for 12.

T4 Declarer then continued with the **♥J** from dummy, with the intention of running it if not covered. This would lose only if West had three trumps (unlikely given East count cards) or a singleton **♥Q**. As the cards lay, this was the only winning line. East covered the **♥J** with the **♥Q** and declarer won with the **♥A**,
T5 Declarer cashed **♠Q**, drawing East's remaining trump.
T6 Next, he re-entered dummy with a **♥4** to the **♥K**
T7 Then he led the **♥9** and ruffed out East's **♥T** with **♠9** as he covered. It would do no good to duck, as a loser would be thrown from hand for 12 tricks.
T8 The **♦K** provided the entry to the established **♥8**, on which declarer's losing diamond was thrown.
Thus, making the contract of 6 spades

The full deal.

	North	
	♠ A5 ♥ KJ983 ♦ K63 ♣ 643	
West		East
♠ 62 ♥ 2 ♦ QJT42 ♣ KQJT5		♠ 873 ♥ QT765 ♦ 95 ♣ 987
6♠/S Lead ♣K	South (D) ♠ KQJT94 ♥ A4 ♦ A87 ♣ A2	Vul NS Dlr: S

If West had shown up with just one trump, it would still be correct to lead the **♥J** at trick three as it would be at least two to one odds that East had the **♥Q**.

It is only when West has a void in trumps that a different strategy is required.

T1 ♣A
T2 ♠K West shows out - **void**
T3 ♠A
T4 ♥A return to hand
T5-7 ♠QJT drawing all Easts trumps
T8 ♥K Cash the king, then, if West produced the ♥T
T9 declarer should make certain of the contract by playing the ♥9 and discarding the ♣2 from hand.
T10 If the ♥9 loses to the ♥Q, the ♥8 would still take care of declarer's diamond loser.

If a heart honour does not appear at T8, you ruff a heart and hope for ♥Q coming down from West.

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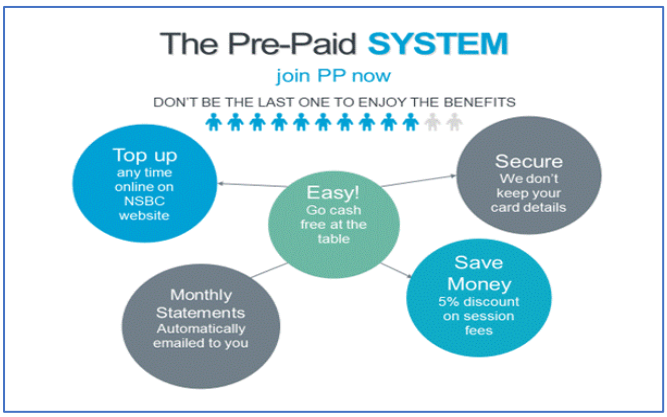

Fallback Plan

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AKJ42	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ A72				1NT
♦ KJ	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
♣ Q42	Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
	All Pass			

South (D)	Bidding Notes	
♠ T63	1NT	15-17 Bal
♥ Q853	2♥	Transfer to ♠
♦ AQ43	2♠	Accept Transfer
♣ AK	5NT	Pick a slam 6NT or 6♠
	6♠	To play

After you open 1NT, partner transfers to spades and asks you to pick a slam (6♠ or 6NT) with his 18hcp hand. You decided on spades because you might need to ruff a club in hand.

West leads the ♣J. How will you get to 12 tricks?

Analysis

After West's lead of the ♣J, declarer counted 12 tricks if the spades were no worse than a 4-1 break.
Top Winners: 4♠+1♥+4♦+3♣ = 12 Tricks
Top Losers None, but deep ♥K

T1 With that in mind, declarer played low from dummy and took the trick with the ♣K.
T2 His next move was to lead the ♠3 to dummy's ♠K. When East discarded a club, declarer was not able to avoid saying, "**Really?**"

After getting confirmation that trumps were indeed 5-0, declarer paused to reconsider the situation

Solution

The only hope seemed to be that West started with 5=1=4=3 shape allowing declarer to cash all his high tricks without trump interference by the opponents. So, with this in mind:

T3 So, declarer therefore needed to unblock the clubs, by leading ♣**4** to his ♣**A** in hand.
T4 Then crossed back to dummy via ♦**3** to the ♦**K**
T5 He now cashed the ♣**Q** and threw one of his hearts from hand.
T6 Next, he cashed the ♥**A**
T7 Then led the ♦**J** and overtook it with his ♦**Q** to re-enter hand.
T8 Cashed the ♦**A** throwing a heart from dummy
T9 The moment of truth had arrived. Declarer led his last diamond ♦**4**. When West followed with ♦**T**, it was a beautiful sight, and declarer ruffed it with the ♠**2** in dummy.

Declarer had taken all the first nine tricks and West had only four trumps left.

T10 So, when declarer exited dummy via the remaining ♥**7** to East's ♥**K**, West was forced to ruff (♠**7**) the trick!
T11 West was now end played! And had to lead away from his ♠**Q98** of trumps with the ♠**8**. which declarer won this with the ♠**T** in hand.
T12-13. This gave declarer the last two tricks by finessing the ♠**Q9** with ♠**KJ** in over the top in dummy.

Thus, making his 12 tricks and the 6♠ contract.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AKJ42 ♥ A72 ♦ KJ ♣ Q42	
West		East
♠ Q9875 ♥ 6 ♦ T852 ♣ JT8		♠ - ♥ KJT94 ♦ 976 ♣ 97653
	South (D)	
6♠/S Lead ♣J	♠ T63 ♥ Q853 ♦ AQ43 ♣ AK	Vul EW Dlr: S

Editors Notes: Lead and Contract choices

Lead choice

An interesting consideration is the choice of West's best lead against the 6♠ by South.

♣**J** The suggested lead (♣**J**) as he wanted to surprise declarer with his long strong trump holding, he was looking for a safe lead, which would not finesse any honour holding that partner had.
♥**6** The singleton heart lead would destroy the 6♠ contract. North would surely have had to finesse and West's ♥**K** would win. Then, East's long Spades would defeat the contract.

Contract choice

Another is the final choice of contract by NS. At match points, a 6NT contract scores much better than 6♠ for the same 12 tricks.

Not so at teams where 6♠ is usually safer and no value in bidding a 6NT contract.

North choose to quickly push south into a slam choice. A slower constructive approach (Keycard after the transfer) would have suggested double stoppers in all suits, and the Spades likely to provide 5 tricks. A good 6NT match point bidding option.

A Time for Counting

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AT532	West	North	East	S (D)
♥ 53				1♠
♦ A84	2♥	3♥	Pass	4♣
♣ Q32	Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
	Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠

South (D)	Bidding Notes	
♠ KQJ74	1♠	Very Good Hand 19 +shape
♥ A	2♥	Sound Vul Overcall
♦ Q53	3♥	Cue - good raise of Spades
♣ AKT9	4♣	Cue
	4♦	Cue
	4NT	Keycard (♠)
	5♥	2 Keycards No ♠Q (♦A + ♠A)
	6♠	Should be Ok

Bidding:
A sound auction to a good 6♠ contract. West leads the ♥K. What is your line of play to make this contract?

Analysis:
Winners: 5♠+1♥+1♦+3♣ + ♥ ruff = 11 tricks
Losers: None, but possibly 2 Diamonds
Strategies for the 12 tricks

- Declarer has 10 top tricks, with an 11th to come from ruffing dummy's second heart.
- West was the favourite to have the ♦K for his vulnerable overcall.
- So, it appears that declarer would have to rely on making four tricks in the club suit to make his 6♠ contract.

Solution

Declarer showed that this was at best a half-truth if West held the ♦K.

T1 He won the first trick with the ♥A,
T2 Cashed the ♠K (both EW followed)
T3 Played a low trump to dummy's ♠T drawing all outstanding trumps.
T4 Declarer ruffed dummy's last heart ♥5 in hand eliminating hearts from the NS hands. Good technique!
T5 Declarer then cashed the ♣K in hand. All followed.
T6 Played the ♣9 to dummy's ♣Q, again both EW following.
T7 Declarer's next move was to lead a low club ♣3 from dummy. When East followed with the ♣8, declarer just covered with the ♣T.

When that held, declarer claimed his contract, making five trumps, a heart, a heart ruff, the ♦A and four clubs.

"That was a rather lucky guess in clubs," said East. "Not at all," replied declarer. "If the ♣10 had lost to the jack, West would have had only red cards left and would have had to lead away from the ♦K or concede a ruff-and-discard by exiting with a heart.

"Also, if West had started with four clubs to the jack, I would have found East discarding at trick 7, and would have won the third round of clubs with the ♣A, and then I would have end played West with my ♣T." The declarer concluded his remarks with, "So, as long as West started with the king of diamonds, my plan guaranteed the contract."

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AT532 ♥ 53 ♦ A84 ♣ Q32	
West		East
♠ 8 ♥ KQJT74 ♦ KJ62 ♣ 75		♠ 96 ♥ 9862 ♦ T97 ♣ J864
	South (D)	
6♠/S Lead ♥K	♠ KQJ74 ♥ A ♦ Q53 ♣ AKT9	Vul EW Dlr: S

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How would you play 5♦/South?

North
♠ 765
♥ AJT9
♦ KT8
♣ J53

South
♠ J9
♥ Q
♦ AQJ974
♣ AKT4

Contract 5♦/South after no opponent bidding.

Opening Lead:
West leads ♠2 lead
East wins ♠K,
East cashes ♠A
East leads a third small ♠

You ruff high with ♦7 in Hand
How do you now play this hand?

Full Deal	North	
West	♠ 765 ♥ AJT9 ♦ KT8 ♣ J53	East
♠ Q842 ♥ K876 ♦ 543 ♣ Q2		♠ AKT3 ♥ 5432 ♦ 6 ♣ 9876
5♦/S Lead ♠2	South (D) ♠ J9 ♥ Q ♦ AQJ974 ♣ AKT4	

Preliminary Analysis
Top winners: 6x♦ + 1♥+ 2♣ = 9. (2 tricks short). But extras can come from either the Heart or Club suits.
Top losers: 2x♠ (already cashed)
Strategies for the 11 trick contract:
There are four of possible lines of play to make the 5♦ contract.

1. Run ♥Q finessing hopefully **West's ♥K.** then cashing ♥A and ruffing a **heart**. Hoping wests hearts are exactly ♥Kx or ♥Kxx. As you need 3 heart tricks to pitch 2 ♣ losers.
2. Better odds are to Play ♥Q to ♥A, then run ♥J finessing hopefully **East's ♥K.** If he does not cover, the finesse can be repeated.
3. Finesse hopefully **East's ♣Q**, then hope clubs are breaking 33 for the contract.
4. Cash **♣AK**, If the **♣Q** comes down you are OK making 4 club tricks.

Solution:

Your best shot is to combine options and try line 4 first, to see if the **♣Q** drops, then if it does not, take your best guess on who has the ♥K. Better percentage chance, is the ♥Q to ♥A and finesse East.

This **combination of chances**, cashing the top Clubs before the Heart guess is the most likely to succeed. On the actual deal, the **♣Q** drops and you do not have to find the heart, 6♦+4♣+1♥=11

The full Deal:

Challenge hand 1

West	East
♠ J8	♠ A7
♥ A	♥ K542
♦ KT8642	♦ QJ3
♣ KQ87	♣ AJ92
Vul NIL	Dlr: N

North the dealer NS are silent, what is your bidding to the best contract?

Suggested Solution
The bidding problem lies around how you manage a game forcing hand with10 cards in the minors (2 suits) opposite a strong NT opening.

If the suits are 6♣/4♦ and you are using 4-way transfers, you can transfer to the long ♣ and then bid a forcing 3♦ showing a GF 6/4.

But with 5♣/5♦ or 4♣/6♦, you need some system bidding tools or you are just guessing what is likely to be the best contract.

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

Bidding Notes	
1NT	15-17 Bal
3♦	GF 5/5 or 4/6 minors
3♥	Agrees ♣, Requests Cues
4♥	cue, no Ace in minors
4♠	cue, must also have an A in a minor else would signoff in 5c
4NT	Keycard (♣)
5♥	2+ but no Q♣
6♣	Arrived

The 3♥, agrees a club preference. The 4H is a cue (denying A of C/D), the 4S is a Cue (partner mist have at least 1 of the minor aces). Thence via Keycard to 6C

The above auction, the 3♦ bid shows usually a 55 or 46 shaped minors, game forcing (maybe slamish) for the NT hand to decide what to do.

Our agreement is for East here, to give some indication of where we are going. As the major bids (even if 5 card) are not useful, we use them to show preference.
So, over 1NT – 3♦ (GF Minors)

- 3♥ shows ♣ preference, then cue
- 3♠ shows ♦ preference, then cue
- 3NT Suggests adequate major stoppers for NT contract
- 4♣ Directly is Keycard (♣)
- 4♦ Directly is Keycard (♦)

An alternative method, suggested by Ian, (Kaplan method) where 1NT – 3♦ is GF 5/4

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

Bidding Notes	
1NT	15-18 Bal
3♦	GF 4/5 & GF
4♣	Agree ♣ requests Cues
4♥	Cue
4NT	Keycard (♣)
5♠	2+Q♣
6♣	Arrived

On the hand 6♣ can be easily made

The full hand

	North (D)	
	♠ 9543 ♥ QJ973 ♦ A5 ♣ T3	
West ♠ J8 ♥ A ♦ KT8642 ♣ KQ87		East ♠ A7 ♥ K542 ♦ QJ3 ♣ AJ92
	South ♠ KQT62 ♥ T86 ♦ 97 ♣ 654	Vul NIL Dlr: N

Editor Note:
If your auction stopped at the 3NT, South would lead the ♠K. This quickly results in the contact being set as soon as you touched the diamond suit

Play of the hand in 6♣ by East

Best lead by South?
Standout is the **♠K**

Planning in 6♣/East on **♠K** lead
Winners: 4x♣+5x♦+2x♥+1♠=12
Losers: **♦A** and **♠Q**

Plan: Need to quickly dispose of the ♠ loser in the west hand, on the ♥K, draw trumps (hopefully 3=2) and then force out the diamond tricks.

T1 Win ♠**K** lead in hand with ♠**A**
T2 Unblock hearts, ♥**2** to ♥**A**
T3 Return to hand ♣7 to ♣A, both opponents follow
T4 Cash ♥**K**, disposing of the losing ♠**J** in dummy
T5 Cash ♣**K**, everybody follows
T6 Cash ♣**Q** and drawing the last rump
T7 Forcing out the ♦**A**, then claim as you still have the ♣8 in dummy to control a major card exit, or as a reentry to dummy if the ♦**A** is ducked twice.

Bidding challenge 2

North	
West (D)	East
♠ K7652	♠ QJ843
♥ T	♥ 8
♦ A632	♦ KQT87
♣ 743	♣ K9
South	

North opens 1♥, and south competes to at least 5♥. How do you bid these cards?

Solutions

Most open players have two suited overcalls in their armoury. Here 2 alternatives are suggested

- Michaels Cue Bids
- Ghestem 2 suited overcalls

Results:

Sunday BBO Pairs (Open)				B2 on	NS Matchpoints		
Contract / Tricks / Lead				Freq	Score	MP	%
6♠X	W	9	♥A	1x	500	50	100%
4 / 5♥	N	11	♦K	16x	450	33	66%
4♥	N	10	♠Q	1x	420	16	32%
5♠X	W	9	♣5	2x	300	13	26%
5♠	W	9	♥A	3x	100	8	16%
5♠	E	10	A♣	1x	50	4	8%
6♥	N	11	♦K	2x	-50	1	2%
Played 26 Tables					Max MP = 25x2 = 50 =100%		

The computer predicted results

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	5	-	5	-	2
South	5	-	5	-	2
East	-	2	-	3	-
West	-	2	-	3	-

The full deal

	North	
West (D)	♠ A9 ♥ AJ732 ♦ J4 ♣ QT85	East
♠ K7652 ♥ T ♦ A632 ♣ 743	South	♠ QJ843 ♥ 8 ♦ KQT87 ♣ K9
	♠ T ♥ KQ9654 ♦ 95 ♣ AJ62	Vul Nil Dlr: W

Using **Michaels cue bids**, the 2♥ cue shows a 55 Spades + minor. This allows EW to push the NS pair up to the five level.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	2♥	4♥
4♠	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Bidding Notes	
1♥	Opening hand 5+♥
2♥	Micheals Cue - 5♠+5minor
4♥	To play, better would be 2♠ Cue
4♠	Not when we have 55 fit
5♥	To play

An alternate 2 suiter approach is **Ghestem**, which clearly shows everybody the exact 2 suits involved. Below, the 3♣ bid is a Ghestem takeout showing 55 ♠/♦ hand. This allows EW to sacrifice in 5♠x as West knows about the double fits between the EW hands (55 and 54), and can envisage little defence to the 5♥ contract, and the likelihood of a good save.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	3♣	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
5♠	X	All Pass	

Bidding Notes	
1♥	Opening hand 5+♥
3♣	Ghestem 55 Extremes 5♠+5♦
4♥	To play
4♠	Not when we have 55 & 54 fits
5♥	To play
5♠	Sacrefice on double fits
X	Its our hand, Hope this compensates

Play of the hand in 5♥ by North
Best Lead by East?
The ♦K or ♠Q are equally likely leads. I prefer the ♦K as forcing a likely defensive trick

Planning in 5♥/N on ♦K lead
Winners: 1♠+6♥+3/4 ♣ = 10/11 tricks
Losers: two Quick ♦ tricks
11th trick from ♣**K** finesse

Play straightforward

Play of the hand in 5♠x/West
Best lead by North?
♥A to have a look at dummy. You are unlikely to get more than I trick

Planning in 5♠x by West on ♥A lead
Winners: 4x♠+5x♦+ maybe ♣K
Losers: 1♥ + 1♣ and maybe second ♣
It looks a **good save**, with 5♥ contract losing no ♥ or ♠, and maybe just 2♦. The location of the ♣**A** is key.

T1 ♥A is led, all follow. Partner playing the ♥2 as a suit preference signal for a club switch
T2 North leads a small club (♣**5**) suggesting a club honour. Declarer tries the ♣**K**, only hope to make the contract. But the ♣**K** loses to souths ♣**A**.
T3 South returns the ♣**2** (count card), which North wins with ♣**T**.
T4 North now tries a diamond, in case south has the ♦A. But declarer wins the ♦A in hand.
T5 Declarer leads a small spade (♠**2**) to wards table ♠**Q** and North ducks ♠**9**, just in case south has ♠**K**. No luck!
T6 Declarer now claims, giving up the ♠**A**

He has made his just 9 tricks and is **-300**, but this is a good match point score as NS would have made the 5♥ contract for **-450.** This results in an EW=74% match point score on the hand, whilst NS=26%.

A message from the ABF President

ABF YOUR BRIDGE CLUB IN CLUB ONLINE PLAYING BRIDGE TOGETHER

The ABF Management Committee is currently holding monthly meeting to reconfigure and readjust our response in real time as Covid-19 restrictions are tightened in some States and eased in others. Our thoughts are with our Victorian members and their families who have recently gone back into lockdown.

The ABF Management Committee thanks the retiring Accountant Sue Nixon for her nine years of service, especially for being diligent with the record keeping and the balancing of the books.

A number of clubs returned to face-to-face bridge in June. The Management Committee discussed the continuation of ABF and club on-line bridge in the future. A meeting will be held with the National Event Coordinators, the Head of Marketing, and the Secretariat, to discuss the logistics of overseeing on-line games. Clubs, States and Territories are advised that from August 1st, it is expected that masterpoints will be issued for all on-line sessions regardless of whether these sessions are free of charge to the players.

The Management Committee accepted the recommendation from the Tournament Committee to cancel the Playoffs scheduled for November, December 2020, and January 2021. The current 2020 teams will represent Australia in 2021. If no WBF Championships are held in 2021 the rights of the current Australian Teams will terminate and not be carried forward to 2022. If this is the case, the ABF will look at ways of recognising the current Australian Teams by sending them to compete in an appropriate event.

The Management Committee also agreed in principle to the current PQP cycle ending with the Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival in October 2021, but decided to delay a decision on awarding PQPs to events where travel is restricted until we have a clearer picture of what scheduled PQP events are able to run. The resumption of national events remains uncertain and we will continue to monitor the situation closely before making a decision about the Summer Festival of Bridge in January.

To all of the Australian Bridge Community, take care, stay resilient and keep safe.

Allison Stralow
ABF President
12 July, 2020

ABF guidance on returning to bridge in clubs

The last Newsletter referenced a page that was updated and moved. The NSWBA also links readers to these pages.
https://www.abf.com.au/abf-guidance-on-returning-to-bridge-in-clubs/

We, the **North Shore Bridge Club,** remain unable to advise when we will be able to return to face to face Bridge, we will continue to keep **North Shore Bridge Club** Members updated as we progress. The most important thing is that all **North Shore Bridge Club** members and staff remain safe and heathy.

Kind regards

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At our venues:

East Lindfield Bowling Club

The Lindfield Rollers club has reopened for its bowlers, with Covid separation limits of 20 players per green max allowed.

No NSBC bridge has been scheduled

At **Club Willoughby RSL Club**, they have **extended their bar trading hours** a little on Thursdays, Friday, and Saturdays

No NSBC bridge has been scheduled