



# NSBC Newsletter



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## NSBC – New BBO Tournament Schedules

BBO weekly Schedule of NSBC Tournaments				Max	Changes
Day	Event	Registration	Play Start	Table	<20 Tables
Mon	Open	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	New
	Restricted	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	Times
	Open	1.00 PM	1.30 PM	20	Times
	Rookie	1.00 PM	2:00 PM	20	Times
	Supervised	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20	New
Tues	Supervised	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	20	Times
	Open	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	New
	Open	1.00 PM	1.30 PM	20	Times
	Rookie	1.00 PM	2:00 PM	20	Times
	Rookie Evening	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20	
Wed	Restricted	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	Times
	Open	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	New
	Open	1.00 PM	1.30 PM	20	Limited
	Rookie	1.00 PM	2:00 PM	20	Times
	Open Evening	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20	
Thurs	Open	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	New
	Open	1.00 PM	1.30 PM	20	Limited
	Rookie	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	20	Times
	Comp Night	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20	Limited
Fri	Restricted	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	Times
	Open	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	New
	Open	1.00 PM	1.30 PM	20	Limited
	Rookie	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	20	
Sat	Open	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	20	New
	Open	1.00 PM	1.30 PM	20	Limited
	Rookie	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20	Cancelled
Sun	Open - RED Pts	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	20	27 Boards

### More sessions changes forced by BBO overloading

From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, event sizes will be restricted to **20 tables** (40 Pairs). A major restructure of NSBC BBO events is shown in the above table.

### Changes to the NSBC BBO tournaments taking place from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to BBO changing our restrictions we are making many changes commencing July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been limited in all sessions to 40 pairs so 20 tables. It will be 1st in 1st served.

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### NSBC Open Sessions

Open sessions from July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have two Open sessions everyday Monday to Saturday.

- Morning sessions at 10.00am  
Registration opening at 8.00am with a limit 40 pairs 20 tables.
- Afternoon session will be at 1.30pm  
Registration opening at 1.00pm with a limit 40 pairs 20 tables.
- Sunday We will continue Red Point Sunday at 1.00pm but once again limit 40 Paris 20 tables 1st in 1st served.
- Wednesday Evening No change except limit to 40 pairs 20 tables 1st in 1st served registration from 5.00pm for 7.00pm start.
- Thursday Evening Special Events.  
These will also be limited to 40 pairs 20 tables so get your entry in at 5.00pm for the 7.00pm start.

I ask any players playing in the morning Open sessions to give others a chance to play in the afternoon session. Please look at 1.20pm if we are not full then please join in. But please, if your registered to play, make sure you are logged in early for the session start, as it not fair on pairs that have missed out on registration.

## NSBC Restricted Sessions

Please note the restricted sessions will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10.00am, with registration starting from 8.00am. You should have no trouble getting into these sessions with the limit 40 pairs 20 tables.

Please note all Restricted players need to email your BBO username to Sue Crompton [suecrompton40@gmail.com](mailto:suecrompton40@gmail.com) or call her 0416 290 867. Sue with user-name "Suzy1430" will be your host for Restricted tournaments from 1st July. Please get your usernames to Sue over the next week so on July 1st we are all ready to go.

## NSBC Rookie Sessions

All Rookie sessions will remain the same except registration will not open to 1.00pm for your 2.00pm game but we are limited to 40 pairs 20 tables so get in early once we are full that is it. Please note Saturday Rookie has been cancelled. Tuesday evening Rookie session will be the same as before.

## NSBC Supervised Sessions

- Supervised session will continue but will now start at 10.30am instead of 11.00am so players can attend Kim's talk at 12.45pm.
- A New Supervised session** is planned for Monday evenings, Registration starting at 5:00pm for a 7:00pm start.

There is nothing I can do on any of these matters and we are working extremely hard to continue to bring you **NSBC online**.

We now have 25 sessions online on BBO and this is a lot of work.



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.

## Challenge hand 1

<b>North</b> ♠ Q62 ♥ A86 ♦ AQ976 ♣ AK	<b>Matchpoints:</b> Dealer East NS Vulnerable
<b>South</b> ♠ AK85 ♥ J9 ♦ KJT5 ♣ 532	EW Silent. Suggest your actions to your best NS spot?

## Challenge hand 2

West	NV	East	NV
♠ 9 6 5		♠ A K 2	
♥ A 3 2		♥ K Q 10 8 4	
♦ 9 2		♦ A 10 5 3	
♣ A 9 4 3 2		♣ 7	

Matchpoints, All nil Vul, Dealer N  
 Bid your way to your best contract in 3 scenarios:

- South Cue bids your 1♥ showing 5♠+5minor (Michaels Cue bid)
- North Open 3♣ pre-emptive (6+ ♣)
- NS silent

## Congratulations



**Ian Langford-Brown**

**Appointed Member of the Order of Australia**

Congratulations to NSBC member Ian Langford-Brown on appointment as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Ian has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia "for significant service to youth through Scouts, and to the community of the North Shore"



### NSBC President's Message

Greetings members of the North Shore Bridge Club. This letter is an update of significant developments since my earlier article of several weeks ago.

We have continued to operate as a 'virtual' bridge club, and other clubs have modelled themselves on what we have achieved. As I wrote previously, the achievements can be attributed to the dedication of Mike Prescott, our Manager. Besides the daily BBO game, there are also on-line teaching and supervised sessions. Whereas the BBO sessions are 'free', we can charge for the lessons and supervision. I would like to thank Nick Fahrer for his contribution to setting up the BBO sessions; these are now run by Mike and our team of directors. Improvements have been made during this time by club members, so the results are now available via our normal Pianola system, with members actual names rather than BBO Usernames.

A major success is the state of our finances. As you know, we set out in March with the intention of supporting our staff financially. So far this has been achieved with the club breaking even or showing a small profit. For this to occur, we have received income largely from 3 sources.

1. Donations from members have been very generous, and we encourage members to keep this up.
2. We received a substantial contribution from Job keeper.
3. We earn income from teaching and supervision.

The smooth running of the 'virtual' bridge operation has now given us more time to deal with other major issues.

We are not yet able to return to operating as a normal bridge club.

Club Willoughby has reopened 3 days per week and will continue to operate within the guidelines of government regulations. To date that would mean that even if we could return to the bridge rooms, we would have to spread out, which would not be a practical solution. Those who are members of Club Willoughby will continue to receive their updates via email – these emails should not be confused with Bridge Club emails. We will continue to coordinate with Club Willoughby, as we have been doing with Lindfield Rollers.

Next there is the holding of the AGM. Without this pandemic, we were legally bound to hold the AGM before the end of June. We first dealt with the Office of Fair Trading, which advised that under the circumstances we could delay the meeting beyond that date, maybe even to combine it with next year's AGM. At that stage it was deemed that we could not hold an 'electronic' meeting, since our Constitution had no such provision. But recent legislation, both federal and state, suggests that this need no longer apply. We can now hold the AGM part physically and part electronically. Such a meeting needs to be carefully planned, to ensure that no member is disenfranchised. We will keep members informed on the progress of such plans. My thanks go to David Hagley for undertaking much of the investigative work, and to our honorary solicitor, Michael Giugni, for providing legal opinion at no cost to the club.

Lastly there is the question of future premises. This has taken a back seat in recent times, although prior to the Club closure we had looked at several potential locations to add to our present venues. We had planned to have a presentation/discussion prior to the AGM, but this has obviously been impossible. The many variables to be considered have been suitability, ambience, price (we have basically discounted the possibility of purchase, so we are talking about a long term lease, similar to our current lease at CW and our licence at EL), proximity to public transport, proximity to car parking.

To be borne in mind is that the concept of unlimited (free) parking is a thing of the past, wherever we go, and our final decision will be determined by how well all the variables are best satisfied.

Since my previous article we have stepped up our search. My thanks go to Leo Goorevich who, besides looking after the club website, has spent some considerable time investigating possible locations and undertaking negotiating with the various owners/agents. At this stage we appear to have one very suitable location, which satisfies all the criteria. There are still the various processes (e.g. Council approval) to deal with, but this is now top priority. There are also one of two alternative options available. Again, we will keep members informed of progress.

Finally, my thanks go to Les Grewcock and Kit Meyers for their dedication in dealing with the club finances during this difficult time.

Regards

John Mottram NSBC President

### Club AGM

During the covid-19 shutdowns the club committee have been meeting using Zoom. The Club AGM will tentatively be held on **Saturday 15th August** at a venue yet to be decided. Voting will be done both online as well as personally at the meeting. The time also yet to be confirmed.



### NSBC Manager's Message

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**sessions, are joining in the fun.** I would like to thank all members for their great support in moving to NSBC online.

If you have not yet joined in NSBC tournaments on BBO, it is not too late. Set yourself up a BBO account using the link below, then email your real name and BBO username to me and I will set you up on the NSBC play list, simple.

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/>

We also now have fantastic bridge lessons online with Anita Curtis and Jessica Brake. These run every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you know anyone who would wish to join in, please contact me.

In addition, we are running Pre-Game talks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 12:45 for our newer players. If you would like to join in just let me know and I will get you involved and connected to Kay. It is just that easy.

We are now running a Red Point game every Sunday with 9 x 3 board rounds, just like sessions at the club. Registration is from 11.00am, with the game starting at 1pm sharp. The new BBO 20 Table limit applies.

On BBO, waiting due to extending boards from time to time you may have to wait in last couple of rounds. We have set this up, so all pairs get to play all boards. On BBO if you played clocked even if you are playing the last board of the round and the clock hits zero the board would be averaged, So I am trying to avoid clocked sessions, please try to stick to time and then tables will move at the end of each round and cut down on waiting time. Please be patient, I understand waiting is frustrating, but this is the best way for our tournament sessions to run.

BBO is proving a fantastic success for North Shore Bridge Club members. On busy days, between **70 and 80 tables, in multiple**



## Keeping the NSBC running

Keeping our club running in these trying times still has many costs, we are incredibly grateful for all donations to date. We do continue to ask for donations, so your club is able to continue to bring, to your home, the game we all love. Donations can be made using the link below, or Pre-Paid players can contact the club on my email address or contact number advising your name, ABF number and how much you would like to donate.

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

A big thank you from Mike, all the NSBC team and the NSBC Committee

***A big thank you to the NSBC staff and committee, especially Michael Prescott and Nick Fahrer, for setting up this great program for NSBC members of all standards on BBO. –***

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## Vale Toni Sharp



Toni was a long-time member of NSBC, achieved a Silver Grand Master rank. She played whenever she could, daytime and night-time duplicates as well as congresses all over the country. Toni died peacefully in her sleep, just before her 80th birthday.

## 2020 Club Championship 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.

Month	Ref.	NSBC 2020 Club Championship Event	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-qualifier - Club Willoughby	2x
Apr-May	5	Danish Swiss Pairs - on BBO. NEW CC EVENT	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. At the end of June, the leaders table is:

After 5 events		
Rank	Player Name	Total
1=	David Weston	20
1=	Kevin Davies	20
1=	Leo Goorevich	20
4=	George Finikiotis	14
4=	Hymie Osie	14
6	Sunny Pang	12
7	Margaret Owen	11

Link to [Full CC Results](#) to date

## NSBC BBO Swiss Teams (May/June)

	BBO Swiss Teams 1/3 Session Results	W-D-L	
1	Rocks	2-0-0	
2	Mietzke	2-0-0	
3	Karnani	2-0-0	
	BBO Swiss Teams 2/3 Session Results	W-D-L	
1	King	2-0-0	
2	Furness	2-0-0	
3	Burton	2-0-0	
	BBO Swiss Teams 3/3 Session Results	W-D-L	
1	Dreyer	2-0-0	
2	King	2-0-0	
3	Lavery	1-1-0	
Final Rank	BBO Swiss Teams Overall Winners	W-D-L	VPs
1	Linda King & Nick Faher, David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	5-0-1	92.2
2	Frank & Lee Dreyer, Dominic Kwok & Frank Budai	4-0-2	77.4
3	Fiona Lavery & Neil Perry, Peter Bendelstein & Peter Liphay	3-3-0	76.2
4	Kevin Davies & George Finikiotis, Leo Goorevich & Elli Urbach	3-0-3	67.3

The Winners:



Michael &amp; David



Linda &amp; Nick

## The Runners Up



Frank &amp; Lee



Frank &amp; Dominic

2020 Grand National Open Teams Final  
**Cancelled**

Due to the CV-19 pandemic the ABF Management Committee regrets to advise it has taken the decision to cancel the GNOT final at Tweed Heads for 2020.

## State Veterans Online Pairs

Players who have turned 70 on or before December 31, 2020 are invited to play in the **NSW State Veterans Online Pairs Championship** to be held on Bridge Base Online on 24-26 July 2020. All players must also be Registered Users on Bridge Base Online (BBO). Entries via the NSWBA website.

## NSBC BBO Swiss Pairs (June)

On Thursday evenings in June, a Red Pointed competition, a 3-week Imp scoring Swiss Pairs. You can play in any single session but must play all 3 for consideration in the outright results. This is scored like teams it is total Imps.

	BBO Swiss Pairs 1/3 Session Results	W-D-L	IMPS
1	Michael Cartmell & David Fryda	4-0-0	101
2	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	3-0-1	41
3	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	4-0-0	38
	BBO Swiss Pairs 2/3 Session Results	W-D-L	IMPS
1	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	3-0-1	62
2	Ellen Borda & Madeleine Gray	4-0-0	50
3	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacy	3-0-1	45
	BBO Swiss Pairs 3/3 Session Results	W-D-L	IMPS
1	Tim Waygood & Ian MacLaren	4-0-0	43
2	Judy & Hymie Osie	4-0-0	37
3	Julie & Mark Guthrie	3-0-1	31
Final Rank	BBO Swiss Pairs Overall Winners	IMPS	
1	Michael Cartmell & David Fryda	125.0	
2	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	96.6	
3	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	79.7	
4	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	59.7	



Winners: Michael & David



Second: Eva & Les



Third: Thomas & Prue

## May BBO Monthly winners

OPEN	Open Winners (May)	Pts
1	Eva Shand	128
2	Les Varadi	128
3	Alicia Mercer	73
4	Tim Mountjoy	70



Eva & Les

Pos	May Restricted	Pts
1=	Don Mullineux	79
1=	Mary Harrington	79
3=	Janice Olevson	51
3=	Michele Fendel	51



Don & Mary

Pos	Winner MAY Rookie	Pts
1	Sue Gordon	72
2	Jack Abrams	69
3=	Julie Arnheim	68
3=	Margaret Warnes	68



Sue Gordon



Jack Abrams



## Masterpoint Promotions

Due to lock down and limited masterpoint files processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre by the end of May, there have been limited promotions in Masterpoint ranks.

### From East Lindfield:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of May
Bender, Pamela	EL	Regional

### And from Club Willoughby:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of May
Chilov, Nicholas	SBC	Bronze Life
Robinson, Peter	CW	*National
Reid, Louise	CW	**Local
Siemsgluess, Thomas	CW	*Local
Summerhayes, Russell	CW	*Local
Douglas, Helen	CW	*Local
Normand, Arlene	CW	Local
Cappie-Wood, Loretta	CW	Local
Gallagher, Ashleigh	CW	Local
Garling, Jane Anne	CW	Club
Skor, Peter	CW	Club
Kessler, Tracey	CW	Graduate
Leigh, Douglas	CW	Graduate
McReady, Catherine	CW	Graduate

## BBO Open Session Results

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	late May Open Winners	Score
24-May	S Open 1pm	28	Line Davidson & Sam York	66%
25-May	M Open 1pm	39	Martin Brown & Gail McKenzie	71%
26-May	T Open 1pm	31	Martin Brown & Gail McKenzie	65%
27-May	W Open 1pm	30	Lynn Kalmin & Judy Osie	69%
	Open 7:00 pm	18	Margaret Foster & Liz Fanos	65%
28-May	T Open 1pm	32	Jeanette Abrams & Freda Banner	64%
29-May	F Open 1pm	31	Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes	67%
30-May	S Open 1pm	30	Judy Marks & Adam Rutkowski	67%
31-May	S Open 1pm	24	Susan Feeney & Kathrybn Stewart	66%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Early June Open Winners	Score
1-Jun	M Open 1pm	36	Peter Fitzmaurice & Neil Williams	67%
2-Jun	T Open 1pm	38	George Bilski & Ron Speiser	66%
3-Jun	W Open 1pm	35	Fiona Lavery & Peter Bendelstein	67%
	Open 7:00 pm	17	Dennis Wan & BBO Sub	64%
4-Jun	T Open 1pm	32	Janie Russ & Judy Twigg	68%
5-Jun	F Open 1pm	29	Margaret Foster & Colin Clifford	65%
6-Jun	S Open 1pm	31	Judy Osie & David Osie	72%
7-Jun	S Open 1pm	25	Nigel Rosendorff & Tony Bourke	67%
8-Jun	M Open 1pm	36	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	69%
9-Jun	T Open 1pm	32	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies	70%
10-Jun	W Open 1pm	38	Nigel Rosendorff & Tony Bourke	75%
	Open 7:00 pm	18	George Finikiotis & Leo Goorevich	68%
11-Jun	T Open 1pm	32	George Finikiotis & Liz Fanos	68%
12-Jun	F Open 1pm	30	Brett Slater & Tony Halse	69%
13-Jun	S Open 1pm	29	Rachael Loomes & Maurice Loomes	67%
14-Jun	S Open 1pm	24	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	70%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Early June Open Winners	Score
15-Jun	M Open 1pm	35	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	71%
16-Jun	T Open 1pm	31	Rachael Loomes & Maurice Loomes	62%
17-Jun	W Open 1pm	30	Mary Atkinson & Janis Grauds	71%
	Open 7:00 pm	20	Cathy Woodward & Ron Woodward	63%
18-Jun	T Open 1pm	29	Colin Thomas & Marlaire Gahan	67%
19-Jun	F Open 1pm	28	Rob Holgate & Neil Williams	66%
20-Jun	S Open 1pm	29	Lauren Ehrlich & Michelle Rubin	63%
21-Jun	S Open 1pm	26	Helen Lowry & Linda Aubusson	62%
22-Jun	M Open 1pm	35	Rachael Loomes & Maurice Loomes	71%
23-Jun	T Open 1pm	31	Elaine Dignan & Ian MacLaren	68%
24-Jun	W Open 1pm	26	Judy Osie & Lynn Kalmin	75%
	Open 7:00 pm			
25-Jun	T Open 1pm			
26-Jun	F Open 1pm			
27-Jun	S Open 1pm			

## BBO Restricted Session Results

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Late May Restricted Winners	Score
25-May	M Restricted 1:15	10	Elizabeth Platt & Glenys Nice	64%
27-May	W Restricted 1:15	7	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	64%
29-May	F Restricted 1:15	8	Patrica Bond & Noela Murphy	66%
Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Early June Restricted Winners	Score
1-Jun	M Restricted 1:15	8	Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	78%
3-Jun	W Restricted 1:15	9	Michele Fendel & Janice Olevson	73%
5-Jun	F Restricted 1:15	6	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	68%
8-Jun	M Restricted 1:15	7	Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	60%
10-Jun	W Restricted 1:15	8	Mary Saunders & Lynn Holdsworth	64%
12-Jun	F Restricted 1:15	11	Kwi Tan & Sigrid Smee	65%
15-Jun	M Restricted 1:15	9	Tien Chey & Sub	70%
17-Jun	W Restricted 1:15	9	Liz Way & Bob Way	67%
19-Jun	F Restricted 1:15	7	Lindsay Kirschberg & Ross Yates	61%
22-Jun	M Restricted 1:15	8	Kerry Barling & Karen Doecke	66%
24-Jun	W Restricted 1:15	6	Jane Loveday & Karen Doecke	63%
26-Jun	F Restricted 1:15			



## BBO Rookie Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie Late May Winners	Score
25-May	M Rookie 2pm	20	Felix Shteyman & Marina Shteyman	74%
26-May	T Rookie 2pm	18	Sue Rutkowski & Judy Winning	70%
	Rookie 7:00 pm	5	Michael Price & Lyn Kantor	75%
27-May	W Rookie 2pm	17	John Boyd & Michael Mahoney	70%
28-May	T Rookie 2pm	9	Jennifer Corrigan & Rose Braude	65%
29-May	F Rookie 2pm	11	Peter Brown & Lynnette Brown	64%
30-May	S Rookie 2pm	6	Graeme Hilder & Deborah Hilder	61%

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie June Winners	Score
1-Jun	M Rookie 2pm	18	Jackie Taylor & Paula Loth	69%
2-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	12	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	74%
	Rookie 7:00 pm	6	Jack Abrams & Leesa Abrams	71%
3-Jun	W Rookie 2pm	18	Catherine Young & Carol Wakelin	63%
4-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	13	Robyne Fleming & Sue Gordon	70%
5-Jun	F Rookie 2pm	7	Mary Ann Irvin & Douglas Irvin	69%
6-Jun	S Rookie 2pm	6	Tricia Higgins & Renuka Patel	60%
8-Jun	M Rookie 2pm	15	Lyn Quilter & Len Quilter	66%
9-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	14	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	73%
	Rookie 7:00 pm	5	Jack Abrams & Leesa Abrams	65%
10-Jun	W Rookie 2pm	16	Sharon Sher & Kerry Wilson	60%
11-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	12	Cathy Fryirs & Keith Fryirs	64%
12-Jun	F Rookie 2pm	7	Jane Temby & Nicola Burge	59%
13-Jun	S Rookie 2pm	5	Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	58%

## BBO Supervised Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Late May Supervised Winners	Score
26-May	T Supervised 11am	7	Vicky Jorgensen & Sue Crompton	59%
Date	NSBC Event	T	June Supervised Winners	Score
2-Jun	T Supervised 11am	5	Marina Shteyman & Sandra Da Silva	61%
9-Jun	T Supervised 11am	4	Richard Burnell & Robert Lagaida	68%
16-Jun	T Supervised 11am	4	Pippa Gower & Jill Johnston	69%
23-Jun	T Supervised 11am	4	Jacqui Lowe & Lynn King	67%
30-Jun	T Supervised 11am			

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16-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	16	Leo Vilensky & Ilia Vilensky	66%
	Rookie 7:00 pm	6	Marina Shteyman & Felix Shteyman	76%
17-Jun	W Rookie 2pm	15	Guta Frydman & Russell Summerhayes	67%
18-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	7	Robyne Fleming & Sue Gordon	69%
19-Jun	F Rookie 2pm	7	Graeme Hilder & Deborah Hilder	67%
22-Jun	M Rookie 2pm	20	Harry Haberlin & Jo Ampherlaw	65%
23-Jun	T Rookie 2pm	12	Judy Chapple & Noni Glew	64%
	Rookie 7:00 pm	5	Geoff Wilson & Meera Kudva	69%
24-Jun	W Rookie 2pm	17	Judy Chapple & Noni Glew	70%
25-Jun	T Rookie 2pm			
26-Jun	F Rookie 2pm			

## BBO JUNE Monthly leaders

The monthly competition is progressing, the leaders up to 25/June are:

Pos	Leaders June Open	Pts
1	Eva Shand	82
2	Les Varadi	82
3	Tony Burke	80
4	John Mottram	79
5	Kevin Davies	63

Pos	Leader June Restricted	Pts
1	Elizabeth Platt	61
2	Don Mullineux	52
3	Mary Harrington	52
4	Ross Yates	44
5	Margaret Easton	42

Pos	Leader JUNE Rookie	Pts
1	Sue Gordon	74
2	Deborah Hilder	70
3	Graeme Hilder	70
4	Noni Glew	60
5=	Anne Craig	57
5=	David Craig	57



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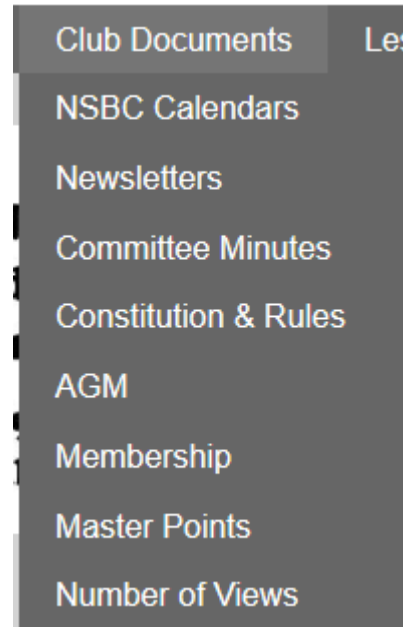
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## Timing the Hand

By Pat O'Connor

North (D)	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ A6	West	North (D)	East	South
♥ 8754		1♣	Pass	1♠
♦ J96	Pass	1NT	Pass	4♠
♣ AK76	All Pass			
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ KQJT93	1♣	Bal 4♠ flat, 12 Hcp		
♥ AK2	1♠	Normal 4+♠ 6+Hcp		
♦ 732	1NT	Min hand flat 12-14		
♣ 9	4♠	Normal Game bid		

4S/S	North (D)	East
West	♠ A6	♠ 852
♠ 74	♥ 8754	♥ T
♥ QJ963	♦ J96	♦ K8
♦ AQT54	♣ AK76	♣ QJT8432
♣ 5	South	
Lead ♣5	♠ KQJT93	
	♥ AK2	
	♦ 732	
	♣ 9	

Entries to dummy are scarce so you need to choose the right time to take the discard on the ♣K. The temptation is to do it immediately, since the lead is in dummy when you win the ♠A.

However, if you do that, West will ruff, and you will still have three more losers.

You cannot draw all the opponents' trumps before you take the discard on the ♣K because you need at least three rounds of spades to do that. If you play more than two spades, you will not have an entry to dummy to cash the ♣K, but for maximum safety you should take two rounds to eliminate as many enemy trumps as possible.

So, lead a small spade to the ♠K in your hand then a small one from your hand to the ♠A in dummy. Both opponents follow, so there is only one trump at large. Now discard either a heart or a diamond on the ♠K. Fortunately, West has no more trumps and cannot ruff in. Now return to your hand by ruffing a club and draw the last trump.

It was unlucky that the clubs were split 7-1, but safe play saved the day.

## Key Point

Draw trumps at the optimal time

North opens 1♣ and you respond 1♠. North rebids 1NT, showing a balanced hand with 12 – 14 HCP. With your solid six-card spade suit, you have no hesitation in jumping to game.

West leads the ♣5. You win with the ♠A in dummy.

What is your plan?

## Analysis

You have a loser in hearts and probably three losers in diamonds, so you need to eliminate one. You note that a loser can be discarded on the ♠K.

How will you proceed?





## Start small, and keep counting

By **JOAN BUTTS**,  
BRISBANE



## Introduction to the count

If you really want to improve your declarer play, aim to "count" hands.

It is a fact of life that you cannot move to the next skill level until you do this. The bad news is...it is NOT easy. It requires a lot of concentration. But the good news is that practice makes perfect and these tips will help.

## What do we mean by "counting"?

It is knowing the distribution of the opponent's hand/s by mentally remembering the cards they play to each trick, and therefore working out the defenders' shapes.

If you start trying to count a hand and then you forget or lose the count, leave it, and start again on the next hand. Do not be frustrated and give up, because the more you try the easier it will become. As declarer, the most important things to consider are:

- 1) Always count the trump suit. As soon as dummy goes down, make a special note of how many trumps your side has. Say you have six and dummy has three. That is nine. Keep that information stored away, but then focus mainly on how many trumps are missing and how they will be distributed. If you have nine, four are in the opponents' hands, and you usually hope they will split 2-2, but more likely 3-1, and hopefully not 4-0. As you play trumps, watch to see how the four trumps fall in the opponents' hands.
- 2) Some suits are more important than others. It is hard work to count every suit. With experience you will recognise when dummy comes down which suits you need to count, the trump suit always, as already mentioned, and often your other long suit.

- 3) Remembering the bidding will give you clues in counting.

Let us say West opened a pre-emptive 3H. They are likely to hold seven of them. Subtract from thirteen the number of hearts you see in your hand and dummy. Then you know how many hearts East has. And Hold That Thought!

- 4) The best way to get a count is when an opponent shows out in a suit. Make a mental note of how many their partner has or had. And Hold that Thought!
- 5) Counting will help you make the right play at the right time.

Try to play the "easy" suits first, to get a count on the "difficult" suits.

If you have kept a count as the hand has progressed, it will often help you know how to play an important suit at the end.

The real trouble with counting is that sometimes we FORGET as we go along, and the more tricks that are played the harder it is to remember the distributions. Our minds tend to focus on how to play suit combinations etc., and we are sometimes surprised at the cards the defenders play, and we lose the thread of the count. But practice makes perfect, so please keep trying on every hand. Success will be guaranteed, and you will feel great satisfaction!

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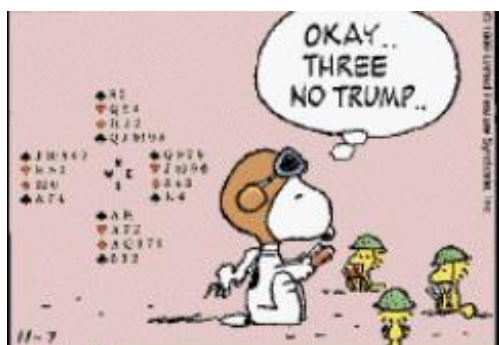


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Thur July 2	
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Wed Jul 15	<b>Hand Analysis 3</b>
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Mike Lawrence

*Mike Lawrence is well known as a bridge player (World Champion), author, and teacher*

Hands are adapted from the ACBL Bridge feed website

## Responding to a takeout double

First a bit of theory on responding to a takeout **X** with both 4 card majors: Covered Rule 1 & Rule 2 in the June bulletin.

**Rule one:** If your partner doubles a minor and you have two four-card majors, bid 1♠ if you have a good enough hand to volunteer another bid. 5-7hcp

**Rule two:** If your partner doubles a minor and you have two four-card majors, bid 1♥ if your hand is so bad that you do not want any more bidding.

**Rule three:** Do not bid 1NT unless you have some extra values. Else, bid your best 3 cards major.

**Rule four:** A cue bid says you have one of two kinds of hands.

(1) You have both majors and invitational or better values.

(2) You have one major and enough points for game.

You are south, Partner makes a takeout double of the opponents 1♦ opening bid. Look at these hands & decide on what you would bid, then review the suggested answer.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	South
1♦	X	Pass	??

South
♠ T873
♥ K3
♦ QJ73
♣ Q83

Bid 1♠.

Apply rule 1. Even with a good diamond stopper, playing in spades rates to be better in the long run.

It is almost never right to bid notrump when you have a four-card major.

South
♠ 872
♥ QJ8
♦ QJ83
♣ Q83

Bid 1NT.

Apply rule 3. If you had a terrible hand with a diamond stopper you would try to avoid this bid.

Sometimes it is hard to avoid bidding 1NT. If you did not have the ♥QJ & ♣Q, you would apply rule 2, & bid 1♥ on 3 card support (hate bidding 1NT).

South
♠ 872
♥ T98
♦ QJ83
♣ 983

Bid 1♥

Apply rule 3. Here bidding 1NT is asking for trouble if you do not have the points to back it up.

South
♠ AQ87
♥ T763
♦ 6
♣ KT84

Bid 2♦.

Apply rule four (1): On this hand you expect your partner to bid a major and you will raise to three of that major.

If you had a few more points, you would raise to game.

South
♠ AKQ8
♥ 76
♦ 873
♣ AQJ3

Bid 2♦

Apply Rule four (2)

You intend to bid spades next, and you intend to reach a game.

It might be spades or it might be notrump. Rarely you will find a game in clubs. This would be unexpected. Partner is likely to bid 2♥. If he does, you will bid 2♠, which is forcing to game



after your Cue. Note that your 2♠ bid here does not promise more than four spades, but an invitational hand.

If you had only invitational values with a single long spade suit, you would have responded 2♠ initially.

South	
♠ 74	
♥ KQ874	
♦ AJ3	
♣ K83	

Bid 2♦

Apply Rule three (2)  
You intend to bid hearts twice. When you cue bid and then bid a major suit, you promise game values.

The reason for bidding 2♦ and not 4♥ is that you want your partner to know you have a big hand. Occasionally, your side can bid to a slam.



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## Take All Your Chances

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ J764	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ 765	Pass	Pass	1♣	5♦
♦ T7	Bidding Notes			
♣ T965	1♣	Opening hand 3+♣		
South	5♦	Practical bid!		
♠ 82				
♥ AQJ2				
♦ AKQJ942				
♣ -				

East opens 1♣ in third seat and you overcall 5♦. There must be a better way to bid this hand, but you cannot figure out what it is. Everybody passes and West leads the ♠K. You do not receive much of a dummy, but hang in there, think positively and plan the play to win.

How does playing a **9% contract** grab you? That is what your chances are. You must lose two spades tricks, so you cannot afford to lose

a heart trick. It is time to use your imagination and place the opponents' cards exactly as you need them and then play for that layout. It is called a positive assumption. It is also called "thinking big" and "needing a miracle." How would you place the opponents' cards to make 5♦?

A good start would be to assume that East has ♥Kxx (18%), the only lie of the suit that does not produce a loser. As you must make 4 hearts! Even so, you would need to take two heart finesses, so you need to get to dummy twice for entries. Well, wish upon another star. Wish that West has the ♦8 so you can lead a diamond to the ♦7 to gain a second dummy entry. And do not forget to ruff the opening lead with the ♦9 (or a high honour). You want to make sure you keep two little diamonds to get to dummy's entries. Assuming West has the ♦8.

Because finesses work only 50% of the time, you are now playing a 9% contract. As sad as this is, it is still better than playing a zero percent contract. When you are in a desperation contract, envision a winning layout and go for it! Play to make! Miracles do happen.

- T1 ♠K lead – ruff high ♦9
- T2 ♦2 to the ♦7 (finesse ♦8) Works
- T3 ♥5 to ♥J (finesse ♥K) Works!
- T4 ♦4 to ♦T
- T5 ♥6 to ♥Q (finesse ♥K again)
- T6 Cash ♥A & all follow & ♥K falls
- T7 Claim 4x♦ trumps + the ♥x2 makes 11 tricks

Well played! You made your 5♦ contract.

The full deal:

		North		
		♠ J764		
West (D)		♥ 765	East	
♠ KT53		♦ T7	♠ AQ9	
♥ 983		♣ T965	♥ KT4	
♦ 86			♦ 53	
♣ KQJ3			♣ A8742	
		South		
		♠ 82		
		♥ AQJ2		
		♦ AKQJ942		
		♣ -		
5D/S Lead ♠K			Vul EW Dir: W	

## How would you defend these hands?

### Q1) You are sitting East, the bidding goes

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♣
2♣	X	3♣	4♣
All pass			
Bidding Notes			
1♣	Opening 5+ ♣		
2♣	Overcall 5+ C		
X	Neg X, at least 44 in D/H		
3♣	Support, 2♣ Cue would show better hand		
4♣	To Play		

Partners Lead: ♦Q.

West	North	You
	♠ 86	♠ T3
	♥ KJ652	♥ 943
	♦ K642	♦ A753
Lead ♦Q	♣ J8	♣ K765

West ♦Q wins the first trick (you follow with an encouraging ♦7 and South with the ♦8). Then partner switches to the ♣2 to your ♣K, which holds the trick. **What is going on?**

### Q2) The bidding has gone:

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♣
3♦	X	4♦	Pass
Pass	X	Pass	4♥
Bidding Notes			
1♣	Normal Opening 2+♣		
3♦	Pre-emptive		
X	Takeout X (majors)		
4♦	Extending Pre-empt		
Pass	Min Partner		
X	Takeout X		
4♥	To Play		

You are east, Partner leads ♦K. How do you think you can beat this 4♥ Contract?

West	North	You
	♠ KT97	♠ A643
	♥ 7432	♥ J5
	♦ 8	♦ A72
Lead ♦K	♣ AKJT	♣ Q842

### Q1 – Solution:

Why did partner switch to a club under leading his ace (he has six of them, so South has just a singleton)? There is only one explanation: he led the stiff ♦Q! Otherwise, he would have no reason not to continue with the diamond jack or the club ace followed by a club.

Thus, you must

- First **cash your ♦A** (you cannot get in again)
- Then give West his ♦ ruff

And congratulate South who played very well when he did not cover with the diamond king on the first trick!

Full Deal	North	East
	♠ 86	♠ T3
West	♥ KJ652	♥ 943
♠ J9	♦ K642	♦ A753
♥ QT87	♣ J8	♣ K765
♦ Q		
♣ AQT932		
	South (D)	
	♠ AKQ7542	
	♥ A	
	♦ JT98	
	♣ 4	

### Q2 – Solution

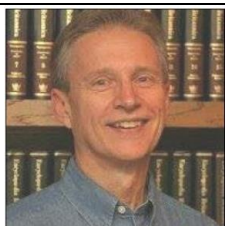
Your partner is known to have:

- seven diamonds, likely three hearts. (they seem in a 4/4 heart fit)
- So why did he not lead his black singleton? Because said singleton is a void! Maybe in spades? No, then South would have five of them. It must therefore be in clubs:

- **overtake the ♦K with the ♦A**
- **and play back the ♣8** (or even better the ♣Q), a suit preference for spades.

After his ruff, West will play back a spade to your ace and you will give him a second ruff in clubs.

Full Deal	North	East
	♠ KT97	♠ A643
West	♥ 7432	♥ J5
♠ 852	♦ 8	♦ A72
♥ 986	♣ AKJT	♣ Q842
♦ KQT9654		
♣ -		
	South (D)	
	♠ QJ	
Lead ♦K	♥ AKQT	
	♦ J3	
	♣ 97653	



Brent Manley

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Adapted from a **Brent Manly** article in Bridge feed

## Stay Alert

You are sitting south & the bidding progresses

North (D)		Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
		West	North (D)	East	South
♠ T92			1♥	Pass	1♠
♥ AK953		Pass	2♠	Pass	4NT
♦ 63		Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
♣ AJ2		All Pass			
South		Bidding Notes			
♠ AQJ83		1♥	Normal 5H, 12 Hcp		
♥ 2		1♠	Normal 4+♠		
♦ AKQ		2♠	Min hand ♠ support		
♣ K753		4NT	Keycard (♠)		
		5♥	2 keycards, no ♠Q (♠A + ♥A)		
		6♠	To play		

Partner's response (5♥) to your Roman Key Card Blackwood bid of 4NT showed two key cards (aces and the trump king) without the ♠Q. When dummy hits, you can see you are in a good contract. West starts with the ♦J.

You plan initially to win in hand, cross to dummy with a heart and run the ♠T, which holds.

T1 ♦J to your ♦A  
T2 ♥2 to the ♥A  
T3 ♠T running (your ♠3) winning with both opponents following.  
How do you proceed from there?

## Solution

After the ♠T held, declarer continued with the ♠2 from dummy, East following suit with the ♠6. But declarer was not tempted to finesse for a second time, for that would rely on the king of

trumps being on his right, still only a **50% chance**.

Instead, he rose with the ♠A because he saw that he could guarantee the contract if the trumps were 3-2 (**a better 68% chance**) and that he would have quite promising residual chances if East did have four trumps to the king.

T4 ♠A - After West followed for a second time in trumps, declarer cashed the ♠A  
T5 Cashed the ♦K  
T6 Cashed ♦Q, discarding the ♠2 from dummy.  
T7 Crossed to dummy with a ♠3 to the ♠A  
T8 Cashed ♥K, discarding the ♠5 from hand  
T9 Crossed to hand via ♣J to ♣K  
T10 Ruffed his remaining ♠7 with dummy's last spade (♠9).  
T11+ South still had ♠QJ8 and would only lose 1 trick to the ♠K

## Note

The initial duck of the ♠T (done smoothly) is an exceptionally good play by West. If declarer took that second trump finesse, he would have resulted in a defeated contract. That is because West would have won the trick with the ♠K and returned his last ♠7 trump clearing dummy of trumps.

Declarer would then have been reduced to relying on the failing ♠Q finesse for his contract.

The full deal:

6S/S	North (D)		
West	♠ T92		East
♠ K75	♥ AK953		♠ 64
♥ J8764	♦ 63		♥ QT
♦ JT8	♣ AJ2		♦ 97542
♣ 86			♣ QT94
Lead ♦J	South		Vul N/S
	♠ AQJ83		
	♥ 2		
	♦ AKQ		
	♣ K753		





Eddie Kantar

### Timing of the play to maximise your chances

Adapted from an **Eddie Kantar** article in Bridge feed.

### Declarer in a 6♣ slam contract

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AJ654	West	North	East	S (D)
♥ AQ				1♣
♦ 32	Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
♣ J832	Pass	6♣	All Pass	
	Bidding Notes			
South (D)	1♣	Not quite a GF, long suit		
♠ K32	1♠	4+ ♠ 6+ hcp		
♥ 8	3♣	Big Club hand (4 loser)		
♦ A95	6♣	Practical bid		
♣ AKQT95				

After you (South) open 1♣ and jump to 3♣ after partner's 1♠ response, partner leaps to 6♣. West leads the ♦Q. Clubs are 2-1. How do you plan to the play the 6♣ contract?

### Analysis:

Top Winners: 2x♠+1♥+1♦+6x♣ = 11

Losers: 1♦ & maybe a ♥ or ♠ loser

You have two suits with finesse possibilities to play around with, spades and hearts, but be reminded, if the opponents get in, they will cash an extra diamond and you will go down.

If the **heart finesse works**, you can discard a spade on the ♥A, probably set up the spades for two diamond discards and chalk up an overtrick. If spades cannot be established for two discards, you will concede a diamond and ruff your remaining diamond. Easy enough if the heart finesse works, what if does not. They cash a diamond and down you go and maybe the spade finesse was right all along!

If the **spade finesse works**, and the suit breaks 3-2, you have 13 tricks; and if the suit breaks 4-1, you can concede a diamond, ruff a diamond and make your slam without worrying about who has the ♥K. But if the spade finesse loses, they take a diamond and down you go.

So which finesse should you take? Neither just yet, it was a trick question.

### Solution

You can increase your chances dramatically by playing the ♠AK to see if the queen drops singleton or doubleton (about 33% chance). If it does drop your home

If it does not, take the heart finesse. This must be better than guessing which finesse to take. Besides, testing spades keeps you alive for the heart finesse. Your chance of making this hand by first playing the ♠AK and then taking the heart finesse, if necessary, is a bit more than 65%, better than a taking a spade finesse after cashing the king first (50%).

For the technically minded

You win = ♠Q Drops% + (No Drop% x ♥K%)

Winning % = 33% + (0.74% x 50%) = **65%**

**Tip:** When you can't afford to give up the lead and you have two finesse suits, one missing a queen, the other a king, and if you pick the right one you will make your contract, don't just try either one! Play the ace-king of the suit missing the queen, and if the queen does not drop, try a finesse in the suit missing the king. Incidentally, if the contract were 7♣, you should play the same way.

North		
West	♠ AJ654	East
♠ 87	♥ AQ	♠ QT9
♥ K9632	♦ 32	♥ JT754
♦ QJ87	♣ J832	♦ KT64
♣ 64		♣ 7
	South (D)	
	♠ K32	
6♣/S	♥ 8	
Lead ♦Q	♦ A95	
	♣ AKQT95	
		Vul nil
		Dir: S

### Winning card Play:

- T1 Win ♦A
  - T2-3 Cash ♠AK - Draw outstanding trumps
  - T4-5 Cash ♠A, ♠K to see if ♠Q drops, both follow.
  - T6 Finesse ♥K (wins)
  - T7 Cash ♥A, Discard ♠3 from South hand
  - T8 Ruff ♠ high (♠Q) as the ♠Q falls
  - T9 Small ♣5 back to Table
  - T10-11 Cash ♠J6 discarding your losing 2x♦
  - T12-13 Winning last 2 trumps (♠JT) in hand
- Making 13 tricks!



Larry Cohen

## Aggressive IMPS bidding

## Good rewards for good play technique

Adapted from a Larry Cohen article in Bridge feed.

North		Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ 876		West	North	East	South (D)
♥ K974					1♠
♦ A763		Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
♣ 74		Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
		All Pass			
South (D)		Bidding Notes			
♠ A9542		1♠	good shape, 15+ Hcp		
♥ QT3		2♠	Limited support (3♠, 6-9 hcp)		
♦ 2		3♥	Game try - need help in hearts		
♣ AKQ6		4♥	I'm good, & have 4♥		
		4♠	To play in our 5-3 ♠ fit		

## Bidding:

Both vulnerable, South dealt and picked up:

♠A9542, ♥Q103, ♦2, ♣AKQ6

South's 1♠ opening was raised to 2♠.

Vulnerable at IMPs, you need to be extremely aggressive with game bidding. A game try feels about right. South bid 3♥ "help suit" and North raised to 4♥, (just in case there was a 4-4 fit there). South correctly went back to the known eight-card fit by bidding 4♠. West lead the ♣J:

## Analysis:

How do you assess your chances?

Winners: 1♠+1♥+1♦+3x♣ + (♦ & 1♣ Ruffs)

Direct Losers: A♥ + 2x♠ losers

- You need spades to be 3-2
- You must also find the ♥J.
- You need to ruff a little club with the short trumps

Play started at one table:

- Declarer won the ♠A,
- Cashed ♠K
- And tried an immediate club ruff in dummy.

Do you like this start?

This was careless management of the black suits. If, for example, one opponent started with 2-2 in the black suits, the player with two trumps could ruff high (or overruff dummy) on the third club. Now, the other opponent would still have two natural trump tricks. Even worse, the player who ruffed high might be able to cross in hearts for another club play. How can declarer avoid this?

At trick two, he should play a low trump from both hands. He can win any return and then bang down the ♠A, happy if they are indeed 3-2. Then he can safely ruff a low club in dummy. If an opponent overruffs, it is with the outstanding high trump. Then declarer turns his attention to the ♥J. Who should he play for it? How?

For one thing, it might depend if the ♦A is still in dummy. For another, it depends on how the black suits behave. I would play for the person who has the fewest black cards to have the ♥J. He is likely to have more hearts, and therefore more likely to hold a certain card in the suit. A look at the full deal reveals more:

North		East	
♠ 876		♠ KJ	
♥ K974		♥ J865	
♦ A763		♦ KJ954	
♣ 74		♣ 53	
South (D)		Vul All	
♠ A9542		Dir: S	
♥ QT3			
♦ 2			
♣ AKQ6			

The first declarer went down two tricks. He prematurely tried to ruff a club in dummy. East overruffed, crossed to his partner's ♥A and scored his ♠K ruffing another club. West still had two natural trump tricks. Declarer lost the ♥A and **four(!)** trump tricks.

Play at another table with proper declarer technique:

- T1 Declarer wins the club lead with ♠A  
T2 Declarer ducks a spade from both hands (♠2 ♠6), East winning ♠J  
T3 East likely exits a club, Declarer winning the ♠K  
T4 Declarer now lays down the ♠A with gratifying results with spades breaking 2-3 as declarer requires  
T5 Now, he ruffs his small club in dummy, discovering that West started with five clubs. East could or did not over ruff.  
T7 Because East is known to have more "missing" red cards than West, declarer will likely play East for the ♥J by finessing the ♥T and make his contract for a well-earned plus 620.

## BBO Hand Different Bidding styles

<b>1</b>	♠ K1076	Dir: N
	♥ K9	Vul: None
	♦ K1063	
	♣ A65	
♠ AJ94	♠ Q8532	
♥ 53	♥ AQJ76	
♦ Q87542	♦	
♣ 2	♣ 874	
13	♠ 10842	♠ ♠ ♥ ♠ NT
7 9	♥ AJ9	N 4 1 - - 3
11	♣ KQJ1093	S 4 1 - - 3
		E - - 1 3 -
		W - - 1 3 -

This hand was played in the NSBC Open BBO session, with many differing results.

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

East just overcalled 1♠, South bid a forcing 2♣, West just bid 2♣ in support, allowing North to show his stoppers with 2NT. This was raised to a 3NT game.

For NS=460 (97%) on the ♠3 lead

West	North (D)	East	South
	1♦	2♦	3♣
3♣	3NT	All Pass	

Here East overcalled 2♦ (Michaels takeout showing 5/5 Majors), again south forcing with 3♣, West bid 3♣, and North had room to bid 3NT.

Again (NS=460, 97% on ♠3 lead)

West	North (D)	East	South
	1♦	2♦	X
3♣	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Here East overcalled 2♦ (showing 5/5 Majors), South X (presumably to show ♦ support). West jumped to 3♣ (weaker than Cue raise), North passed! and East continued the pre-empt to 4♣. North did not X NS=+50 (50% score)

West	North (D)	East	South
	1♦	2♦	3♣
3♣	Pass?	Pass	4♣

Here East overcalled 2♦ (showing 5/5 Majors), south bid a forcing 3C, West competed to 3♣, North passed! and South bid 4C which was passed out.

NS scored = +130 for 67% of match points.

West	North (D)	East	South
	1♦	X	2♣
2♣	3♣	3♣	5♣

Here East X to show majors (4/4), then forcing 2♣ by South, 2♣ competing by West, instead of 2NT, north showed ♣ support. East competed to 3♣ & South tried a 5♣ with his S void.

NS score =-50 for a poor 32% board.

Moral: **Support your partner to your Max, else you will get talked out of your games.**



**Mark Guthrie****BBO Alert****By Mark Guthrie**

Mark, a club member, is the ABF Technology consultant.

I know most of you are going to hate this article, it is really aimed at the small number of you who will love it. In order to separate the wheat from the chaff, I will use a magic word...

## TECHNOLOGY

Right, that got rid of them pretty quickly, let us begin.

### Point 1 – BBO Alerts by Magic

Imagine in these strange times that by reading this article three wonderful things could happen. Firstly, when playing on BBO, as if by magic (that magic of course being technology), BBO did all your alerting for you! Now I know that alerting on BBO is akin to indicating on a freeway, it's a lot of effort and gives your enemies information that they could use against you, but we all like to pretend we are trying to be good people and if the system does it for you then it isn't really any effort at all.

### Point 2 – Real System Notes

The second thing that could happen is that you could finally develop those system notes you have always wanted to have with your partner. Not, of course, because you need them, but to assist your poor partner who seems to believe on Mondays that you play Simple Stayman and Thursdays Extended Stayman. Or perhaps they are different people? We will have a solution for that too later.

### Point 3 – Become a Geek

Thirdly, we all need mental challenges to keep us lively and alert. I'm not giving you points 1 and 2 for free, you will have to work for them,

but not only will you have stretched your grey matter to the point of breaking (yuk!), but you can be the smart one in your partnerships who shows the other one how to do it too. Like that annoying person who can solve a crossword puzzle by inventing words you have never heard of for the collective noun for octopus' suckers.

So, how is this all going to happen?

## BBO Alert.

BBO Alert is a very clever piece of software developed by Stanislaw Mazur that does exactly what I described above. It automatically alerts your bids in BBO.

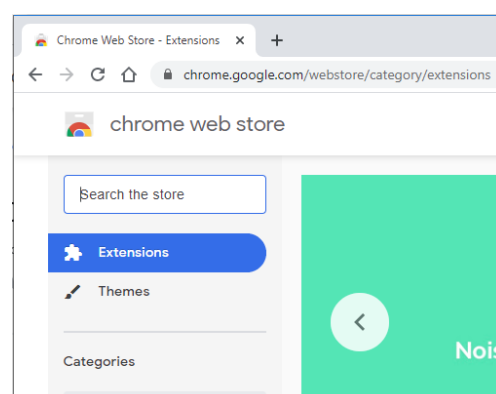
### Installation

Righty-ho let us get started. There are two ways to install this, you can follow these instructions, or you can send them to someone under 30. I do not care which you do as long as you do not try option 3. I am not doing it for you, so do not ask.

I will show you how to set it up in the Chrome web browser, it also works in Firefox. Sorry, it does not work in any others, but you can use as many browsers as you like so to go ahead and install Chrome or Firefox if you have not got them already.

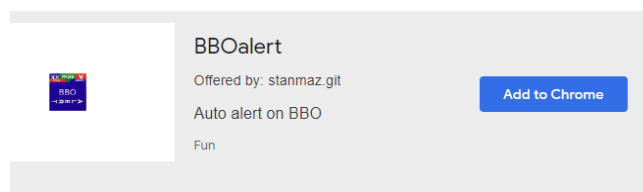
In Chrome type this in the address bar and hit Enter:

[chrome.google.com/webstore](https://chrome.google.com/webstore)



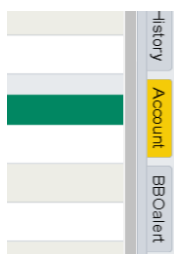


Now, if you think the next step is going to be typing "BBOAlert" into the little box that says, "Search the store", you would be correct.



Then click on **Add to Chrome** and you are done with the installation. That was not too hard!

Now in order to use it we need to go to BBO. Just login as normal.



On the right-hand side there is now a new tab "BBOAlert". This has a button at the top that says "Import", but before you press it you need to do some more work. Open a text editor (or create a new email, anywhere you can type into is fine). Enter this:

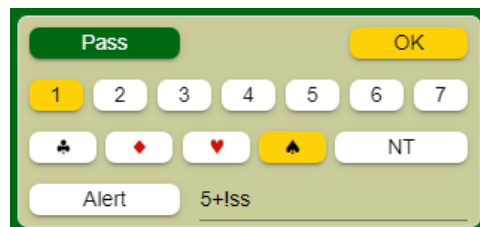
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BBOalert
,1C,3+!cs
,1D,3+!ds
,1H,5+!hs
,1S,5+!ss
1C--,1N,6-9 no 4 card Major
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Now to see what it does, select all the prepared text and copy it to the clipboard. Now go to BBO and hit that Import button again (I say again because I reckon most of you hit it the first time, I mentioned it and got an error). If it works, you will now see this:

**BBOAlert 3.1 : 7 records imported**

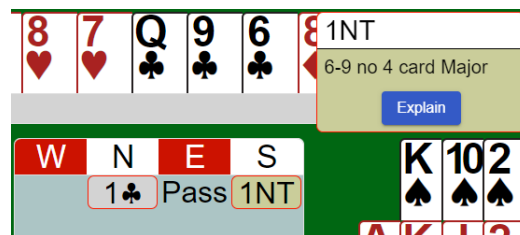
It is recommended to begin with that you go to **Account->Settings** and set Confirm bids on, at least to begin with.

Now let us start a game on BBO and see what happens. Either play with some robots or start a teaching table, up to you.



By magic it has pre-filled the alert box with the text we wrote in our text file. (On BBO !s will print the spade symbol ♠.)

Now try 1♣ pass 1NT:



Well that is the easy bit over I am afraid. The hard part is now learning the format for the file and working with your partners to build up a file with your system in it, but that is what we promised at the start of this article. You will also need multiple files if you play with different partners, but a lot of it will be the same.

## Next Steps

**Sharing your file with partner** – share it over email or drop box or one drive or whatever you like, you will want to have the same file though.

**Learning the format** – It is quite easy. You'll want to look at Stan's documentation for this which is at:

<https://github.com/stanmaz/BBOAlert> or join his Facebook group by searching for BBOAlert on Facebook. There are also lots of example files on there too. It has also got an option to learn the system as you play but I have run out of room.

**Good Luck Geeks!**

# Challenge hand 1

<b>North</b> ♠ Q62 ♥ A86 ♦ AQ976 ♣ AK	<b>Matchpoints:</b> Dealer East NS Vulnerable
<b>South</b> ♠ AK85 ♥ J9 ♦ KJT5 ♣ 532	East Passes. Suggest your auction to your best NS spot?

December

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EL Mon 1.00pm Dup Open

The full Deal

<b>North</b> ♠ Q 6 2 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 ♣ A K	<b>West</b> ♠ J 9 7 4 3 ♥ 7 5 4 2 ♦ ♣ Q 10 9 8	<b>East</b> ♠ 10 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ 8 4 3 2 ♣ J 7 6 4	<b>South</b> ♠ A K 8 5 ♥ J 9 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ 5 3 2
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## Suggested solution

The solution presented requires two bidding tools to be in use by the NS partnership.

- Inverted Minors (1♦ – 2♦ is **forcing** to 3♦)
- Keycard (Minorwood or 4NT) can be used in Agreed suits

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















Bidding Notes	
1♦	Normal Opening
2♦	Forcing ♦ raise (No Majors)
2♣	♣ Control (implies ♥ weakness)
4♦	Minorwood Keycard (♦)
4NT	2 Keycards No ♦Q (♦K +♠A)
5♣	Any outside Kings?
5♠	♠K
6♦	To play - have ♥ weakness
6NT	MP, To play - Hope ♥ A is enough

South opens 1♦, and North with 19HCP & 5♦ is already thinking about slam. Uses Inverted minors which sets ♦ as trumps, then after south cues 2♣ (implying a heart weakness), uses Keycard. Finds out about 2+no ♦Q; asks for Kings (1 in Spades). Now the decision!

We have only 1♥ stopper (with xxx or Qx partner would have bid 2NT rather than cue 2♣). It is Matchpoints & 6NT will score better than 6♦.

- 6♦ – Looking for a Ruff control on weak ♥
  - 6NT – Looking for a top MP Score
- I would opt for 6♦

Full results on the board: [Pianola Link](#)

B2 EL 23/Dec				Freque	NS Matchpoints		
Contract/Tricks/Lead					Score	MP	%
6 	S	12	2 	2x	1370	25	96%
3NT	N	12	6 	1	690	22	85%
3NT	N	11	K 	2x	660	19	73%
2NT	N	13	7 	1	270	16	62%
6 	S	11	7 	3x	-100	9	35%
7 	S	12	8 	1	-100	9	35%
6NT	N	11	K 	2x	-100	9	35%
4 	S	8	7 	1	-200	1	4%
7 	S	11	8 	1	-200	1	4%
Played 14 Tables				Max MP = 13x2 = 26 = 100%			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	1	6	1	4	5
South	1	6	1	4	5
East	-	-	-	-	-
West	-	-	-	-	-

Top score is 6♦ (95%)  
Any positive score is OK  
7 going off in 6♦, 7♦(?) & 6NT

## Play of the Hand in 6♦ by South

### Best lead by West?

The hand is poor, but partner may have a ♦ trick. If you want an aggressive lead - ♠T looks attractive. But have no reason to take risks, so either ♠7 or ♥5 (both high do not return). I would try the ♥5

### Planning in 6♦ by South on ♥5 lead

The hand looks good.

Winners: 3x♠+1♥+5♦+2♣=11      **1 short**

Losers: none off the top

Strategy: Ruff a ♥ in the short trump hand

Then 3♠+1♥+5♦+2♣+1♥ ruff=12

Must lose a ♥, the ♥5 lead looks rubbish or long ♥ in West. So, I would win ♥A and then immediately duck the losing ♥. I will be in full control, as if a third ♥ is lead, I can ruff high in hand (the short trump hand) then draw trumps & claim

Note same ♥ ruff strategy on ♣ or ♠ opening lead applies.

### Card by Card – 6♦/S (♥5 lead)

Leader	Card by Card				6♦ by South	CNT
T1 W	♥5	♥A	♥T	♥9	East encourages ♥	1-0
T2 N	♥6	♥Q	♥J	♥2	East wins	1-1
T3 E	♥K	♦K	♥4	♥8	East tries to cash ♥ ruff high	2-1
T4 S	♦J	♠7	♦6	♦2	South draws trumps (4-0!)	3-1
T5 S	♦T	♠2	♦7	♦3	South draws trumps	4-1
T6 S	♦5	♠8	♦A	♦4	South draws trumps	5-1
T6 N	♦Q	♦8	♠2	H7	South draws trumps	6-1
South	1 can Claim 12 tricks 3♠+2♠+1♦=6 + 6 already won					12-1
NS = 1370 scores equal top 95% of NS matchpoints (EW=5%)						

### System Note: Inverted Minor Tool

The direct raise of a minor is **inverted** with the two level being strong (forcing at least to the 3 level, and no 4-card Major suit) whilst a direct 3 level bid is weak. 1♦-2♦-?

Pass Not allowed – may need a new partner

2♥ Stopper in ♥, weakness in ♠ or ♣

2♠ Stopper in ♠, but weak in ♥

2N 12-14 Bal, Stops in both Majors and 4333

3♣ Natural 5/4 in minors

3♦ Natural 5+♦, min

Note: if Opponents bid over 1♦, then Inverted tool is OFF

## Bidding challenge 2

West	NV	East	NV
♠ 9 6 5		♠ A K 2	
♥ A 3 2		♥ K Q 10 8 4	
♦ 9 2		♦ A 10 5 3	
♣ A 9 4 3 2		♣ 7	

Matchpoints, All nil Vul, Dealer N

Bid your way to your best contract in 3 scenarios:

- South Cue bids your 1♥ showing 5♠+5minor (Michaels Cue bid)
- North Open 3♣ pre-emptive (6+ ♣)
- NS silent

## Bidding Challenge Solutions

South Cues 2♥ (Michaels Cue 5/5 ♠+minor) interference bid.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♥	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♥	All pass
Bidding Notes			
1♥	Normal for 5♥, 16 unbal		
2♥	Aggressive Michaels 5♠+5m		
2♠	Cue ♠ - Good raise to 3♥		
Pass	N: Looks like ♠/♦ not bidding		
4♥	Game Bid		

Partner cues the opponents implied spade bid, showing a good ♥ raise & we are quickly into a 4♥ contract.

North opens a pre-emptive 3♣

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
Bidding Notes			
3♣	Aggressive Non Vul Pre-emp		
3♥	Strong overcall!		
4♥	Game bid, Partner has short		

EW are quickly into a 4♥ contract.

NS are silent throughout the action

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All pass
Bidding Notes			
1♥	Normal for 5♥, 16 unbal		
2♥	3 card Support 5-9		
4♥	Normal Game bid		

Partner supports my 1♥ opening, and I raise quickly to 4♥ with my 16hcp & a ♠ shortage.

All roads lead to Rome & we now in 4♥/East

North		West		East		South		HCPs	
D	NV	NV		NV		NV			
♠ 10 4		♠ 9 6 5		♠ A K 2		♠ Q J 8 7 3		7	
♥ J 7 5		♥ A 3 2		♥ K Q 10 8 4		♥ 9 6		8	16
♦ Q 6		♦ 9 2		♦ A 10 5 3		♦ K J 8 7 4		9	
♣ K J 10 8 6 5		♣ A 9 4 3 2		♣ 7		♣ Q			

Computer predictions:

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	-	-	-	-
South	-	-	-	-	-
East	2	1	4	2	3
West	2	1	4	2	3

Results on the board

February 08 EL Sat 1.00pm Dup-Open

B17 EL Open 8/Feb			Freque	EW Matchpoints		
Contract/Tricks/Lead				Score	MP	%
4♥	E	8 Q♣	4x	-100	3	7%
4♥	E	9 Q♣	13x	-50	21	46%
3♥	E	8 7♦	1x	-50	21	46%
3♥	E	9 Q♣	2x	140	37	80%
4♦	N	5 A♥	1x	250	40	87%
4♥	E	10 Q♣	2x	420	43	93%
4♠ X	N	7 7♣	1x	500	46	100%
Played 24 Tables			Max MP = 23x2 = 46 = 100%			

EW need a positive score to win some MP  
19/24 East declarers are in 4♥, but only 2 made their contract! A difficult board with shape around the table.

### Play of the hand in 4♥ / East

Best Lead by south?

If partner opened 3♣, clearly ♠Q  
But the singleton is attractive on other bidding sequences. You do have 2 trumps!

### Planning 4♥/east on ♠Q lead

If north or south bid, you know there is shape around the table

Winners: 5x♥ + 2x♠ + 1♦ + 1♣ = 9 + ruff a ♦?

Losers: 1♠, 1♦.

If you know south has 5♠+5 (likely ♦), and he leads a ♣ & most likely has 2 trumps. North has 3 and will likely over ruff your ♦ losers.

If North opened 3♣, the ♠Q is surely a singleton

Card by Card				4♥ by East	CNT
T1 S	♣ Q	♣ A	♣ 8 ♣ 7	Win ♣ in dummy	1-0
East	Need to ruff at least 1 ♦ in Dummy to make 4♥				
	if you know North has 6 ♣ or South has 5 ♠ /5 minor (♦)				
T2 W	♦ 9	♦ Q	♦ A ♦ 4	North covers, Win ♥ A in hand	2-0
T3 E	♦ 3	♦ 7	♦ 2 ♦ 6	East ducks a ♦ - S Wins	2-1
T4 N	♦ 8	♠ 5	♥ 5 ♦ 5	S tries for an over ruff, Dummy drop+ loser	2-2
T5 N	♣ K	♥ T	♠ 3 ♣ 3	Tries ♥ J finesse & wins ♥ T	3-2
T6 E	♦ T	♦ J	♥ A ♣ 6	Dummy ruffs High	4-2
T7 W	♥ 2	♥ 7	♥ K ♣ 6	Draw Trumps	5-2
T8 W	♥ Q	♥ 9	♥ 3 ♥ J	Draw Trumps	6-2
Claim 10 tricks, have 6 tricks + East hand has 2 high ♥ + ♠ AK winners					10-3





ABF President,  
Allison Stralow

### **ABF guidance on returning to bridge in clubs**



We are all missing our face to face bridge, but the health and safety of all players and officials must be the number one priority. Please be patient and stay safe.

**Allison Stralow, ABF President,**  
31 May 2020

The ABF has prepared two documents to assist clubs as they prepare to return to bridge in clubs.

The first paper titled '2020 June 1 ABF to Clubs' provides some information for clubs to consider as they contemplate a return to bridge at the table.

The second paper titled '2020 bridge in the COVID19 era' provides a summation of the currently known information about CV-19, together with some useful web links and other data.

The ABF thanks Dr Andrew Slutzkin for his detailed work in preparing these two documents.

Click on these two linked documents

[» 2020 June 1 ABF to clubs COVID19](#)

[» 2020 bridge in the COVID19 era](#)

### **Clubs returning to face to face bridge**

The ABF as the national administrative body of bridge in Australia does not have any authority regarding the running of bridge clubs, we can only issue advice and make recommendations. It is up to each club to determine when they reopen, based on the Federal and local restrictions on activities, the sharing of equipment and social distancing rules.

Many States and Territories are asking clubs to complete and display a Covid Safety Plan as it explains the steps a club will implement to protect the health and safety of its members.

Clubs can read all the relevant information on their government website in preparation for reopening when the time is right.

#### **New South Wales**

[www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules)

Clubs are also reminded that if they do not follow Federal, State or Local laws they will not be covered by the ABF Insurance. As distributed to all State and Territory organisations, TBIB Insurance has stated:

*"Any advice given or intimated by the ABF that is contrary to Federal, State or Local laws will not be covered. Furthermore, I have read the comprehensive discussion paper prepared by Dr Andrew Slutzkin. The recommendations made are very precise and effective."*

## Club Willoughby – Reopening for limited business

Club Willoughby will be re-opening on **Thursday 11th June**. With restrictions still in place, things will look and feel a little different but rest assured the staff at Club Willoughby have been working hard to ensure the health and safety of our members and guests and staff when we open our doors.

### Only Limited Trading Hours:

Thursday: 12 noon - 7pm

Friday: 12 noon - 7pm

Saturday: 12 noon - 6pm

### What to Expect When You Arrive:

In line with current NSW social distancing guidelines, we have implemented seating limitations, extra cleaning and new health and safety procedures, such as:

- Limited seating for a **maximum of 50 patrons**
- COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Temperature checks will be conducted upon entry
- Sanitising stations placed throughout at entrance/exit and bar areas, as well as regular Sanitising procedures for surfaces in seated bar, gaming, and reception areas
- COVID-19 Risk Register will require all patrons to provide contact details and time of arrival (including members)
- Bar and gaming services will be available without the purchase of food
- Food and bar snacks will be available for purchase, however, the normal bistro will not be operating
- No standing will be permitted and 1.5 metre social distancing will be monitored
- Signage will be placed to notify maximum number of people permitted in certain areas

If you are feeling unwell, or do not pass the temperature check, we ask that you stay at home until you feel better and come back when you can. Club Willoughby will reserve

the right to deny entry showing symptoms of COVID-19.

### Club Activities & Entertainment:

At this stage, bar, gaming, and food will be the only facilities provided until further restrictions are eased.

The Management Team at Club Willoughby

## East Lindfield Still Closed

The Lindfield Rollers are in the hands of Bowls N S W who have allowed roll ups with restrictions. No Social or Club competitions are allowed, and the clubhouse currently remains closed to members and guests. We are hopeful of a favourable outcome in the next few weeks.

Social distancing will be a hill to climb!

Garth Aston our EL Relationship Manager

Editor:

Bowls NSW has subsequently opened bowling clubs for limited social & competitive bowls games from 15/June. See Mike comment below about our Bridge Club sessions which apply also to our East Lindfield venue.

Please note anyone who received the emailed message from Club Willoughby, this is for members of Club Willoughby.

### Not the North Shore Bridge Club.

We have no idea when we will return at this stage, we will let you know on updates as we progress. The most important thing is to keep all members and staff safe and healthy.

Kind regards

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