



# NSBC Newsletter



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## NSBC - BBO Tournament Schedules

Weekly Schedule of BBO Sessions					
BBO weekly Schedule of NSBC Tournaments				Max	Changes
Day	Event		Rego	Play Start	Tables
Mon	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C
	Supervised	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	
Tues	Supervised	M	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C
	Rookie (<100MP)	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C
Wed	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C
	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C
	Open	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C
Thurs	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C
	Comp Night	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C
					24B Red points
Fri	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C
Sat	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20
	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C
	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C
Sun	Open	A	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	20 C
Code M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening, C = Clocked, m = mins					
*Pre-Game Talk \$10.00 - contact Kay Moyes moyes_kay@hotmail.com					

Our latest web site club schedule can be viewed on this link:

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1231>

### Challenge Hand 1

North	
♠ AQ2	
♥ 9864	
♦ 9852	
♣ K2	
South	
♠ KT874	
♥ A75	
♦ A6	
♣ A94	

Matchpoints  
NS Vulnerable  
Dealer West

West opens with 1♥ and will bid again with 2♦ over any re-opening by NS hands.

How do you bid to your best spot

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### Challenge Hand 2

North	
♠ KT9	
♥ A964	
♦ AK75	
♣ 54	
South	
♠ AQJ753	
♥ 753	
♦ 2	
♣ 763	

Teams (Imps scoring)  
EW Vulnerable  
East is the dealer and opens 1♥

What is your auction to the best spot?

### Challenge Hand 3

North (D)	
♠ AK4	
♥ J742	
♦ A2	
♣ AQJ2	
South	
♠ QJ6	
♥ AQ53	
♦ 764	
♣ 965	

Pairs (Matchpoints)  
EW Vulnerable  
No opposition bidding

What is your auction to the best spot?



**NSBC  
President**

**David Fryda**

**Message**

Dear Members,  
I would like to update you all on the current activities being undertaken by your committee. First up though I would like to remind you who it is that is donating their personal time and effort to support this wonderful club of ours.

Vice President: David Hudson, Secretary: David Hagley, Treasurer: Les Grewcock  
Committee Members: Elana Kohn, Graham Murray, and Maryann Russett

Hopefully, all of you know at least one of us already and in “normal” times you would have the opportunity to see us at the club and would be able to speak to us there. Given that is not the case then please feel free to reach out to any of us including me. You can email me at david@frydas.com and of course, Mike Prescott, our club manager continues to be the person you should contact regarding any operational matters.

Like everyone in today’s crazy world, your current committee has its fair share of the extraordinary to deal with. One of my first tasks as President was to review with the committee the areas we should focus on. We have created several sub-committees so that we may progress a wide range of matters. I would like to provide you with some updates on some of them in this article.

**Property** – we have continued our efforts to investigate the potential to occupy space in an office building in Chatswood. Unfortunately, Council and Building regulations mean utilising commercial offices as a bridge club involves what is referred to as a “change of use” and that means a lot of red tape and potential physical changes. Leo Goorevich continues to lead the efforts in this space, and I would like to acknowledge and thank Leo for his tireless support. Hopefully, we will have some good news to share on this in the next few months.

**Transition to New Normal** – this is probably the topic that you are most interested in. We know many of you are keen to get back to face to face bridge and we know many of you are feeling uncertain about the risks of doing so. We are working hard with Mike on exploring the options here.

The health and safety of all our members and staff is our highest priority. **We will be announcing in the coming days (not weeks) the re-introduction of face to face bridge.** It will, by necessity, be different to before we closed so please be patient and read carefully the “rules” under which we will have to operate. We expect to initially offer this option at East Lindfield, and we will monitor progress closely, taking into account your feedback and continue to enhance and expand the offering in this space, assuming it is popular.

We also think online bridge will need to continue to be a part of our offering for some time to come. There are limitations with our current BBO based offering that Mike and this sub-committee are investigating. Thankfully, with BBO in place we do not have to rush as quickly as we did back in March. Once we have a way forward, we will notify all members and include as much assistance to those who need it to make the transition to a new online format. This transition will allow us to operate without the limitation of 20 tables per session. I know this has been an issue for many of you, especially those members who like to play on a Saturday afternoon.

**Member Communication** – those of you reading this article have the benefit of being up to date. We recognise though there are many members who do not receive or think to read the newsletter, do not have an online presence, or have lost their connection with our club during the pandemic. We are exploring several ways of reconnecting with those members as well as looking into ways that we can gain input from you, our members, when we are not coming together in our clubrooms. Before closing I would like to publicly thank several people. I have already recognised my fellow committee members. In my previous newsletter article, I called out the huge efforts of our team of staff led by Mike. They are all

continuing to do an amazing job under difficult circumstances to provide us all with the opportunity to continue to play bridge.

Likewise, I would like to thank Kevin and Ian and their team that works tirelessly every month to bring us this great newsletter.

And again, I would like to thank all of you for the donations you have made that has helped the club, along with the JobKeeper benefits to remain in a sound financial position.

I would like to flag that it is likely that the introduction of a new online platform will result in us re-introducing table fees. However, until that time comes can I please encourage you all to be donating to the club in recognition of the value it provides to you.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you at the bridge table again soon.

David Fryda



## NSBC Manager's Message

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Mike Prescott

## Donations keep the club going

We (NSBC) decided to continue to run "Free BBO Sessions" with ABF Masterpoints for members, with financial support being obtained by asking for donations to keep the club running.

## Links for Donations

Please continue to donate to the club as we have many costs to keep things running. Pre-Paid players can email the club, with ABF number and how much you wish to donate. Or click link below to donate.

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

Kind regards

Mike and the NSBC team 0435 528 872

Club Dashboard Statistics	Number
Tables played last 30 days on BBO	1414
Current Club Membership	1894

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## National Online Recorder Appointment

The ABF Management Committee announced the appointment of Chris Hughes as National Online Recorder. Chris will be responsible for establishing the processes for and overseeing the investigation into allegations of unethical behaviour in ABF online events.

Clubs will continue to be responsible for administering their own events.

## Coming Congress Events

Date	Cost	Congress Event Name - Entry via NSWBA Website
24-Oct	\$13 BBO pp	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club - Online Swiss Pairs (Imps) - 3 sections Open, <500 & <100 MPS
25-Oct	Free - using RealBridge	NSWBA Jacaranda Online Teams
31-Oct	\$11 BBO pp	Mudgee BC - Online Pairs
1-Nov	\$11 BBO pp	Mudgee BC - Online Swiss Pairs
7-Nov	\$13 BBO pp	Southern Highlands - Online Pairs (Match points) - 2 sections Open & >300MP
8-Nov	\$160/Team	Trumps Spring Teams (Max 14 Tables) <b>at the club!</b>
14-Nov	\$10 BBO pp	Griffith Bridge Club online Swiss Pairs
22-Nov	Realbridge	NSWBA Swiss Imp Pairs Congress
29-Nov	\$10 BBO pp	Wollstonecraft BC - Online IMP Pairs
6-Dec	\$13 BBO pp	Central Coast BC - Online IMP Pairs
12-13 Dec	RealBridge	NSWBA - Online Spring Nationals Novice Swiss Pairs
		NSWBA - Online Spring Nationals Restricted Swiss Pairs
		NSWBA - Online Spring Nationals Open Swiss Pairs - using "RealBridge"



## NSBC BBO Pairs (Imp scoring)

	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1st Session Results Thursday 17 September	Imps
1 NS	Linda King & Nick Fahrer	58.00
2 NS	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies	34.00
1 EW	Jane Beeby & Philip Beeby	33.90
2 EW	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	33.50
	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 2nd Session Results Thursday 24/September	Imp
1 NS	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	42.02
2 NS	Linda King & Nick Fahrer	38.47
1 EW	Tim Waygood & Ian MacLaren	48.16
2 EW	Tony & Louise Leibowitz	42.30
	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 3rd Session Results Thursday 1 October	Imp
1 NS	Linda King & Nick Fahrer	59.59
2 NS	Michael Bishop & Robyn Rogers	25.09
1 EW	Tim Waygood & Ian MacLaren	48.34
2 EW	Tony & Louise Leibowitz	11.26
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) Overall Winners	Total imp
1	Linda King & Nick Fahrer	156.06
2	Tim Waygood & Ian MacLaren	78.10
3	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	74.85
4	Tony & Louise Leibowitz	71.06

## NSBC BBO Swiss Pairs (Imp scoring)

pos	BBO Swiss Pairs (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 8/Oct	Imps
1	Jane & Philip Beeby	38.07
2	Ellen Borda & Madeleine Gray	33.10
3	Roger Conway & Dennis Watkins	19.97
4	Rae & Russ Cottle	10.20
	BBO Swiss Pairs (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 15/Oct	Imps
1	Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt	45.86
2	Terry Dunne & Craig Mietzke	38.52
3	Dennis Watkins & Roger Conway	22.14
4	Francis Lyons & Helen Lowry	20.45
	BBO Swiss Pairs (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1/3 Session Results Thursday 22/Oct	Imps
1	Tony & Louise Leibowitz	53.36
2	Andrew Good child & Catherine Chaffey	34.09
3	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	30.45
4	Jeanette Abrams & Linda Aubusson	29.82
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) Overall Winners	Total Imps
1	Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt	46.49
2	Terry Dunne & Craig Mietzke	40.75
3	Helen Lowry & Frances Lyons	2.77
4	Tim Waygood & Ian MacLaren	-0.45



Winners: Linda and Nick



Lorna



Helene


2<sup>nd</sup> Tim

2<sup>nd</sup> Ian


Terry



Craig



David



Alexis



Tony



Louise



Helen



Francis



Tim



Ian

## September Masterpoint Promotions

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

### From East Lindfield:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of September
Burton, David	EL	**National
Kudva, Meera	EL	Club
Van Amerongen, Ton	EL	Club

### And from Club Willoughby

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of September
Slater, Brett	CW	Regional
Furness, Verity	CW	Regional
Irvin, Douglas	CW	**Local
Normand, Arlene	CW	*Local
Pudig, Karen	CW	Local
Rutter, Shirley	CW	Local
Bennett, Sasha	CW	Local
Thompson, Sharon	CW	Club
Abrams, Jack	CW	Club
Burt, Deborah	CW	Club
Beach, Sylvie	CW	Club
Frydman, Guta	CW	Club
Kessler, Tracey	CW	Club
Pudig, Craig	CW	Graduate
Green, Helen	CW	Graduate

Most Improved NSBC players, by Masterpoint Centre analysis for 2020 to date are:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Regional	1,848
Halse, Tony	EL	Regional	986
Fendel, Michele	EL	*Local	781
Mullineux, Don	EL	*Regional	589

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Robinson, Peter	CW	*National	1,629
Siemsglue, Thomas	CW	**Local	1,508
Ampherlaw, Jo	CW	Silver Life	1,352
Beeby, Jane	CW	**Local	1,224

ABF formula for Most Improved Player = (Points This Year \* 10000) / (Total Points + 100)



## NSBC President

**David Fryda**

I would firstly like to thank those players who represented our club in the recent Interclub Pairs event. Secondly and equally important, my congratulations on **winning the event for us!**

On behalf of the Committee and the entire membership we thank you for upholding the reputation of our club as not only demonstrating our playing strength but also showing that we are strong across all levels from Novice through Open. Whilst we did not win every category it was undeniably a convincing win when the scores across all four levels were accumulated. In normal times your win would be recognised in front of our members, given the current restrictions this is not possible but please rest assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated by us all.

Kind regards **David Fryda NSBC President**

## NSBC wins the 2020 online northern suburbs interclub pairs!

NSBC won the 2020 northern suburbs interclub, which was this year played online using BBO.

Pos	Club	Total	U15	U100	U300	Open
1	<b>NSBC</b>	<b>52.0</b>	10.5	17.0	12.5	11.0
2	<b>Trumps</b>	<b>37.5</b>	0.5	5.0	14.0	18.0
3	<b>Peninsula</b>	<b>32.5</b>	10.0	6.0	9.5	7.0

We won the U15 and U100 sections, whilst running 2<sup>nd</sup> in the senior U300 and Open grades. Overall winning well from Trumps and Peninsula.

Full Results on our NSBC website: [News Item](#)  
News Item on Peninsula website: [News Item](#)

Individual pairs representing our club this year are covered in more detail in the Club news for Open and Restricted, whilst the U100 and U15 are covered in the "For our Newer players" section of the newsletter.

## Interclub Results – Open Grade Results

Our **NSBC representative** results in the Open grade at the inter-club match were

Field	Pos	Player Names		%	Points
Open	3	Mark Guthrie	Julie Guthrie	55.75%	6
	6	John Mottram	Neil Perry	53.25%	3
	7	Margaret Owen	Sunny Pang	50.55%	2
	11	Bev Peters	Lynn Baker		
	16	Ceiny Maybury	Lydia Gibbs		
				Total	11

Our best representative open pair with 56% and gaining NSBC 6 competition points:



Mark and Julie Guthrie

## Interclub Results – Restricted U300 MP

The **U300 NSBC representative** results at the inter-club match were

Field	Pos	Player Names		%	Points
U300	3	Mary Carter	Kathryn Brien	55.75%	6
	4	Owen Aubrey	John Bartrop	53.25%	5
	7=	Kit Meyers	Kerry Rymer	50.55%	1.5
	13	Mary Atkinson	Janis Grauds		
				Total	12.5

Our best representative U300 pair with 56% and gaining NSBC 6 competition points:



Mary Carter

Kathryn Brien

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## Interclub Pairs

By Mark Guthrie



The last time I played in the wonderful Interclub fist fight it was in a teams' event with Ian MacLaren and Elaine Dignan. This time it was pairs but even if they bring in an individual format, the goal will be the same – to beat other people from your own club.

The event was held on BBO which I am told is some sort of a computer thing. I have not played much bridge recently (*ever*, according to my partner) and was disappointed to find the club locked when I got there. On arriving back home Julie asked, "Why did you leave without me?" As usual I had no answer.

Luckily, the game was just starting so I sat down at my computer and knowing that Julie is a "feeling" based player it was essential that we get off to a good start. With everyone focussed on the same thing the bidding went **1NT-P-P-P**. The opening lead came down and as I was desperately trying to count to 7 something very strange happened.

→Table: The cards are playing themselves!  
tubster→Table: No you idiot, that's me. You are dummy.

If you have not tried playing on BBO you really should give it a go, it is like nothing you will ever see. If you think it is hard to find out what conventions people play in face-to-face bridge with system cards, wait until you try on BBO. It is easier to get people's credit card details than what discards they play. We have decided to join in, so we just write "standard" which is not strictly true as we play Precision but 100% of the bridge players in our house play Precision so that makes it pretty standard for us. Of course, when I say I write "Standard" I mean I actually write "std" because on BBO everyone uses abbreviates from the 90's when SMS first came along and people thought they charged by the letter like telegrams. You will get used to "glp", "typ" and Julie's favourite "las" (*lead a spade*).



Of course, the last one is a joke, why would you need to say that when your partner can see perfectly well that you have AK of spades.

The other thing about online bridge that is different from face-to-face bridge is that you cannot peek at your opponents' cards. Removing this fundamental aspect of bridge would likely drive away many excellent players from the game were it not for the changes in card play technique. As an example, how would you play this card combination:

♠ AQ984

♠ JT72

If you suspect a singleton King offside then it is right to play the Ace, otherwise you should run the Jack, which all things being equal has a 50% chance of working. In online bridge you can combine your chances by first seeing if the finesse works. If it does that is great, but if it does not you can still try to drop the singleton King.

Undo accepted

It was Matchpoint scoring and we had a steady start, by which I mean our ridiculous tops were perfectly balanced by our thoroughly deserved bottoms.

That was until I picked up this hand:

North	
♠	K8732
♥	2
♦	KQJ96
♣	A8

In third seat there were two passes around to me. Playing Precision, I could open this 1♣ as a 5-loser hand. I am never going to lose more than 2 spades, and one trick in every other suit. The problem with that is that if I open 1♣ and the opponents get frisky, it can be hard for my partner to get involved not knowing that I have the top suit. So, I opened 1♠.

The next time I looked the bidding had come back around to me and I was in 1♠ doubled. The film I was watching on TV had reached an exciting part and I had not been able to see the hesitations. My left-hand opponent had doubled, and their partner had left it in, but had it been a quick double and a slow leave, or torturous delays from both? I could not be sure.

Had my partner made a half-bid? Had she bid 2♣ and asked for an undo and I had missed it?

I could ask for a review of the bidding, but I doubted it would have the same tempo. Normally I would pop downstairs and ask Julie what had happened, but unfortunately, she had gone out to the shops and a rather expensive black-market robot had taken her place.

I decided to pass.

1♠ doubled is not game but with a certain 8 tricks it could still be a good score.

Here is the full hand:

<div><div>15</div><div>D</div></div>	<div>N Me5</div> <div>♠K8732</div> <div>♥2</div> <div>♦KQJ96</div> <div>♣A8</div>	
<div>W</div> <div>♠J109654</div> <div>♥965</div> <div>♦85</div> <div>♣73</div>	<div>W N E S</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>Pass 1♠ Dbl Pass</div> <div>Pass Pass</div>	<div>E3</div> <div>♠AQ</div> <div>♥AKJ1073</div> <div>♦A107</div> <div>♣105</div>
	<div>S Her/Robot8</div> <div>♠Q84</div> <div>♦432</div> <div>♣KQJ9642</div>	<div>1♠x North</div> <div>00</div>

I got the spades wrong and did not take a single trump trick. One off for -200 and another bottom.

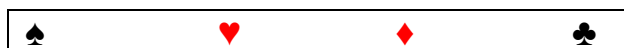
I did not speak to the robot for the next three hands. Twice I passed a forcing bid and once I doubled a contract, I was sure was making. Punishing a partner that just grins at you is not nearly as rewarding.

By the time Julie got home we were back on track. I was mentally exhausted and let her play both screens for the rest of the session so I could watch the end of my film.

In the afternoon session we did our best to beat as many of our friends as possible, happily giving away top boards to players at other clubs, but it was no use. Despite everything we did when the counting was complete North Shore had won!

The Under 15, 100 and 300 masterpoints pairs excelled and got us home, another great endorsement for our teaching programs and our ability to keep players playing and developing their skills.

It is a great event, and I would encourage everyone at all levels to get involved in the next one. Usually in bridge the best players take the glory and the rest of us merely contribute to the prize fund, but in the Interclub format everyone does their bit for the club, well, maybe not me, but everyone else does.



## Disclaimer

In case anyone has their sarcasm setting down at zero, the North Shore Bridge Club does not condone or encourage cheating in online bridge. You will need to do all your own cheating without any help from us.

In fact, we cannot wait to get back to face-to-face bridge so we can once again hear that all too familiar phrase "Before I pass, how many clubs did you say this was again? Two. Thank you. Your lead partner!"

## BBO Open Session Results

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T		Late September Open Winners	Score
22-Sep	Open 10am	16	1	Denise Kavnat & Judy Perl	66%
			2	Felix Shteyman & Eric Campbell	65%
	Open 1:30 pm	18	NS	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	66%
			EW	De Mitty & Robert Case	66%
23-Sep	Open 10am	15	1	Kay & Pat O'Connor	61%
			2	Janet Crocker & June Straw	60%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	70%
			EW	Sandra Milner & Jeanette Reitzer	61%
	Open 7pm	18	NS	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	65%
			EW	Hymie Osie & David Osie	69%
24-Sep	Open 10am	14	1	Ian Bailey & Janet Crocker	66%
			2	Catherine Else & Jenny Barnes	65%
	Open 1:30 pm	16	NS	Neil Perry & John Mottram	64%
			EW	Esther Lee & Peter Robinson	67%
25-Sep	Open 10am	14	1	Jeanette Reitzer & Julia Connor	65%
			2	David Smee & Derek Maltz	62%
	Open 1:30 pm	16	NS	Penny Cockbill & Judy Vessey	61%
			EW	Pat & Kay O'Connor	58%
26-Sep	Open 10am	6	1	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	62%
			2	Sharlene Gnesin & Jenny Narunsky	58%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Penny Cockbill & Gillian Richmond	58%
			EW	Rachael & Maurice Loomes	63%
27-Sep	Open 1pm	12	NS	Tina & David Osie	61%
			EW	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	58%
	Open 10am	12	1	Esther Lee & Jan Wilson	67%
			2	Kit Meyers & Fiona Fawcett	63%
28-Sep	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Virginia Cohen & Winston Horne	68%
			EW	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	64%
29-Sep	Open 10am	16	1	Elli Urbach & Frank Budai	62%
			2	Ron Speiser & George Bilski	61%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Liz Fanos & George Finikiotis	64%
			EW	Ron Speiser & Bernard Edelstein	65%
30-Sep	Open 10am	16	1	Ron Speiser & Jenny Rose	69%
			2	Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	63%
	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	64%
			EW	Alexis Ngan & David Smee	62%
	Open 7pm	17	NS	Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	72%
			EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	60%

## September BBO Open Monthly winners

Pos	September Open Winners	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Ron Speiser	Grand Master	16	6.43
2	Tim Mountjoy	Life Master	27	6.36
3	Patrica Lacey	Grand Master	21	5.51
4	Elli Urbach	Silver Grand	10	5.49
5=	Eva Shand	Bronze Life	18	5.26
5=	Les Varadi	Silver Grand	18	5.26
7	Kevin Davies	Silver Grand	16	4.83



1st: Ron Speiser



2nd Tim Mountjoy



Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Early October Open Winners	Score
1-Oct	Open 10am	14	1 Pauline Potts & Shane Harrison	66%
		2	Julianne Rocks & Kevin Davies	61%
2-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	17	NS Linda Aubusson & Jeanette Abrams	66%
		EW	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	51%
3-Oct	Open 10am	16	1 Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	70%
		2	Joe Barda & Barry Shine	61%
4-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	13	NS Peter & Marika Lorsch	62%
		EW	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	68%
5-Oct	Open 10am	5	1 Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios	64%
		2	Sharlene Gnesin & Jenny Narunsky	62%
6-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Leo Goorevich & Fiona Lavery	58%
		EW	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	62%
7-Oct	Open 1pm	12	NS Judy Marks & Adam Rutkowski	59%
		EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	62%
8-Oct	Open 10am	12	1 Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	69%
		2	Michael Zabeti & Mehdi Sanayi	61%
9-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	14	NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi	68%
		EW	Mannie & Lorna Ichilcik	61%
10-Oct	Open 10am	10	1 Lorraine Schaap & John Mottram	59%
		2	Marilyn Grass & Barbara Madeley	59%
11-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	19	NS Hymie Osie & Eric Campbell	65%
		EW	John Jongkind & Ian Lincoln	63%
12-Oct	Open 10am	16	1 Judy Scholfield & Rod Binsted	63%
		2	Esther Lee & Jan Wilson	63%
13-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	17	NS Judy Osie & Peter Jeffery	71%
		EW	Mary Carter & Kathryn Brien	62%
14-Oct	Open 7pm	15	NS Jenny Schnitzer & Robyn Rogers	66%
		EW	Hymie Osie & David Osie	59%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Early-Mid October Open Winners	Score
8-Oct	Open 10am	10	1 Pauline Potts & Shane Harrison	59%
		2	Esther Lee & Peter Robinson	58%
9-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	62%
		EW	Alexis Ngan & Bijan Assaee	66%
10-Oct	Open 10am	14	1 Judy Osie & Elli Urbach	73%
		2	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	66%
11-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	14	NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	57%
		EW	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	64%
12-Oct	Open 10am	7	1 Sharlene Gnesin & Jenny Narunsky	64%
		2	Ariene & Ashley Bach	64%
13-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Jim Bean & Richard Phillips	60%
		EW	Rachael & Maurice Loomes	65%
14-Oct	Open 1pm	15	NS Judy Swaab & Robyn Noach	63%
		EW	Ruth Tobin & Steven Bock	67%
15-Oct	Open 10am	13	1 Hymie Osie & David Osie	62%
		2	John Mottram & Jenny Narunsky	60%
16-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	17	NS David Owen & Jim Stewart	63%
		EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	62%
17-Oct	Open 10am	14	1 Lorraine Schaap & John Mottram	63%
		2	Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	62%
18-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	18	NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	60%
		EW	Bijan Assaee & Dominic Kwok	63%
19-Oct	Open 10am	15	1 Helene Pitt & Lorna Ichilcik	64%
		2	Ariene & Ashley Bach	62%
20-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Bijan Assaee & Alexis Ngan	62%
		EW	Ian Plummer & Frank Budai	59%
21-Oct	Open 7pm	11	NS Anne Bates & John Mottram	63%
		EW	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	69%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Mid October Open Winners	Score
15-Oct	Open 10am	9	1= Trica Matheson & Juddy Twigg	64%
		1=	Judy Swaab & Paul Lavings	64%
16-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	17	NS Neil Perry & John Mottram	61%
		EW	John Brownie & Heather Lane	62%
17-Oct	Open 10am	13	1 Joe Barda & Barry Shine	64%
		2	Denzil & Sarah Seldon	58%
18-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	14	NS Tony & Louise Leibowitz	68%
		EW	Tony & Roslyn Howes	66%
19-Oct	Open 10am	4	1 Jean B Williams & Yolander Schneider	63%
		2	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	58%
20-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Nicky Strasser & George Bilsky	62%
		EW	Lester & Lynn Kalmin	68%
21-Oct	Open 1pm	14	NS Pamela Potter & Lois Chambers	61%
		EW	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	63%
22-Oct	Open 10am	15	1 Barbara Temple & Thomas Fischer	63%
		2	Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	61%
23-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Angie Boulton & Alicia Mercer	67%
		EW	Bob Lygo & David Burton	64%
24-Oct	Open 10am	18	1 Brian Assaee & Dominic Kwok	66%
		2	Brian Soutter & Adam Rutkowski	65%
25-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Mischa Solar & Helen Lowry	67%
		EW	Bruce & Joyce Edwards	69%
26-Oct	Open 10am	13	1 Adrienne Sacks & Rene Sharp	62%
		2	Sandra Milner & Robyn Noach	60%
27-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Prue & Thomas Siemsglue	64%
		EW	Hymie Osie & David Osie	64%
28-Oct	Open 7pm	14	NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi	66%
		EW	Kevin Davies & Steven Bock	73%

Date	NSBC BBO Event Name	T	Late October Open Winners	Score
22-Oct	Open 10am	11	1 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	78%
		2	Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	60%
23-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	15	NS Tim Mountjoy & Richard Phillips	68%
		EW	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	62%
24-Oct	Open 10am	15	1 Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	67%
		2	Ariene & Ashley Bach	65%
25-Oct	Open 1:30 pm	12	NS Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	63%
		EW	Russell Drake & Giles Drake	60%

## BBO October Current Open Monthly leaders

Pos	October Open Leaders (23 Oct)	MP Rank	Sess	MP's
1	Tony Burke	Grand	15	4.40
2	John Mottram	Silver Grand	21	4.32
3	Tim Mountjoy	Life	18	3.91
4	Andrew Markovics	Silver Grand	10	3.60
5=	Arlene Dalley	National	16	3.41
5=	Ashley Bach	Silver Grand	16	3.41
7	Ian Plummer	Grand	28	2.93

Note: Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards during the month in open sessions.

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## BBO Combined Rookie/Restricted Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie & Restricted Combined late September Winners	Score
24-Sep	W 10am Rookie & Restricted	2	1=	Therese Duggan & Ginny Kuffer	71%
			1=	Glenys Nice & Catherine Versi	71%
25-Sep	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	NS	Judy Chapple & Noni Glew	62%
			EW	Brian Emanuel & Deborah Burt	60%
26-Sep	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	13	NS	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	73%
			EW	Rod Kitchen & Len Quilter	62%
27-Sep	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	7	NS	Margaret Parker & Lorna Davies	61%
			EW	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	59%
30-Sep	W 10am Rookie & Restricted	3	1	Felix & Marina Shteyman	70%
			2	Geraldine Newbegin & David Boyle	51%

## September Combined BBO Monthly winners

Pos	September Winners Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < **National	MP Rank	Ses	master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Regional	15	2.69
2=	Don Mullineux	*Regional	11	1.66
2=	Mary Harrington	*Regional	11	1.66
4	Fiona Russell	State	9	1.64
5	Tien Chey	Regional	11	1.49
6	Yeung Cheung	Regional	12	1.14
7	Lorna Davies	Club	8	1.12



Winner: Felix



=2<sup>nd</sup> Don and Mary

## October Combined BBO Monthly winners

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie & Restricted Combined Early October Winners	Score
1-Oct	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	9	1	Felix Shteyman & Lorna Davies	70%
			2	Penny & John Boyd	59%
2-Oct	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	9	1	Felix Shteyman & Tien Chey	65%
			2	Margaret Easton & Carol Colhoun	59%
3-Oct	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	6	1	Sylvia Enklaar & Denise Reilly	70%
			2	Felix Shteyman & Tien Chey	60%
5-Oct	M Rookie & Restricted 2pm	4	1	Cynthia Playfair & Robin Low	64%
			2	Elizabeth Platt & Glenys Nice	54%
7-Oct	W 10am Rookie & Restricted	4	1	Alice Wood & Elana Kohn	66%
			2	Karen Doecke & Jane Loveday	56%
8-Oct	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	1	Anne Maree Gleeson & Meera Kudva	66%
			2	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	61%
9-Oct	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	1	Mary Ann & Douglas Irvin	62%
			2	Margaret Easton & Carol Colhoun	60%
10-Oct	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	5	1	Yvonne Rawack & Michelle Levy	66%
			2	Norman Graeve & James McDonell	63%
12-Oct	M Rookie & Restricted 2pm	3	1	Cathy & Keith Fryirs	56%
			2	Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	55%

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie & Restricted Combined Mid October Winners	Score
15-Oct	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	NS	Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	77%
			EW	Brian Emanuel & Deborah Burt	62%
16-Oct	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	15	1	David & Anne Craig	63%
			2	Carol Colhoun & Margaret Easton	58%
17-Oct	S Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	1	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	65%
			2	Maeve Doyle & Stuart Schon	62%
19-Oct	M Rookie & Restricted 2pm	3	1	Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	55%
			2	Sylvie Beach & Norma Lopata	54%
22-Oct	T Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	1	Joe Shofer & Ross Yates	67%
			2	Sharon Thompson & David Boyle	65%
23-Oct	F Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	1	Cynthia Playfair & Robin Low	64%
			2	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	63%

## BBO October Current Combined Monthly Leaders

Pos	October Leaders Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < **National (to 23/Oct)	MP Rank	Ses	Pts
1	Don Mullineux	*Regional	9	1.50
2	Mary Harrington	*Regional	9	1.50
3	Tien Chey	Regional	8	1.42
4	Felix Shteyman	**Local	5	1.15
5=	Carol Colhoun	Local	4	0.93
5=	Margaret Easton	*Regional	4	0.93
7	Cynthia Playfair	nil	2	0.84

Note a): Combined Monthly award is for players <300 MP i.e. < \*\*National Rank

Note b): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards during the month in combined sessions.



## How to dispose of a loser

By Pat O'Connor

The bidding was:

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ 765	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ A73				1♠
♦ 32	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
♣ Q8765	All Pass			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ KQJT98	1♠	5+S Opening		
♥ K54	2♠	3S 5-9		
♦ KQJ	4♠	To play		
♣ 4				

West leads the ♠J, which everyone ducks, and continues with the ♠T

How will you make this contract?

### Analysis

You have four losers, one in each suit, and not enough entries to dummy to set up the club suit.

How can you dispose of a loser?

Full Deal:

West	North	East
♠ A43	♠ 765	♠ 2
♥ 986	♥ A73	♥ QJT2
♦ AT54	♦ 32	♦ 9876
♣ JT9	♣ Q8765	♣ AK32
4♠/S Lead ♠J		
	South (D)	
	♠ KQJT98	
	♥ K54	
	♦ KQJ	
	♣ 4	
		Vul Nil Dir: S

You are in luck because West did not lead trumps, but you still have four losers. The three outstanding aces will take tricks, so you need to eliminate the heart loser.

The only source of salvation is the diamond suit. You may be able to discard a small heart in dummy on a good diamond from your hand, and later ruff a small heart from your hand with one of dummy's trumps.

Ruff the second trick but do not fall into the trap of leading trumps straight away. If you do, West will take the ♠A, lead another trump and then a third trump when in with the ♦A, leaving none in dummy.

Lead the ♦K immediately. West will probably win, cash the ♠A and lead another spade in order to decrease dummy's ruffing power. Win the ♠K and play the ♦Q and then the ♦J discarding a heart from dummy on the ♦J. Then you can play the ♥A and ♥K and ruff a heart with the remaining spade in dummy.

When you have done all that work, you will only have high trumps in your hand. You will have lost a spade, a diamond and a club making your contract.

### Key Point

**Discard a loser in dummy on a winner in your hand.**



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## Our Newer Player Team

			
Kay	Liz	Kim	Sue
			
Jenny	Sandra	Alan	June

## For our Supervised players

We have 2 x BBO sessions a week; Monday evenings at 7pm and Tuesday mornings at 10:30. We play 5 x 3-board rounds, and the games take about 2 hours. We aim to have a supervisor available at each table, to provide help as required. Written feedback is sent out later in the week.

## BBO Supervised Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Late August Supervised Winners	Score
22-Sep	T Supervised 10:30am	5	Neil Edwards & Marina Shteyman	65%
28-Sep	M Supervised 7pm	3	Judy Gleeson & Lousie James	68%
29-Sep	T Supervised 10:30am	5	Jacinta Lidbetter & Debbie Seidler	72%
Date	NSBC Event	T	October Supervised Winners	Score
5-Oct	M Supervised 7pm	3	Jacqui Lowe & Diana Moore	53%
6-Oct	T Supervised 10:30am	4	Debbie Seidler & Jacinta Lidbetter	74%
12-Oct	M Supervised 7pm	4	Des Cohen & Hilton Rosenthal	60%
13-Oct	T Supervised 10:30am	4	Marina Shteyman & Sandra da Silva	68%
19-Oct	M Supervised 7pm	3	Monica Cheps & Di Lipman	75%
20-Oct	T Supervised 10:30am	3	Robyn Boniface & Phillipa Milne	68%

## For our Rookie players

There are daytime games for Rookie players every day from Monday to Saturday, plus an evening game on Tuesdays. Refer to the following table for details.

We have pregame talks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Kim Neale and Liz Wilkinson, and full lessons with Jessica Brake and Anita Curtis Wednesday to Friday. Charges for talks and lessons are either debited to your Prepaid account or paid directly through the website.

Weekly Rookie Schedule Sessions						
BBO weekly Schedule of NSBC Tournaments					Max	Changes
Day	Event	Rego	Play Start	Tables		
Mon	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	Combined
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	
	Supervised	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM		
Tues	Supervised	M	8:30 AM	10:30 AM		
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Rookie (<100MP)	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Wed	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	Combined
	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	Pre-Game talk
	Supervised	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM		
Thurs	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
Fri	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
Sat	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	Combined
Code M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening, C = Clocks, m = mins						
*Pre-Game Talk \$10.00 - contact Kay Moyes moyes_kay@hotmail.com						



Adapted from a **Phillip Alder** article  
**"Defending with Honour"**  
 from the ACBL Bridge Feed website

## Defensive Card play 101

North	Standard Bidding			
	West	North	East	South (D)
♠ K732				1♠
♥ T6				
♦ KT62	2♣	2♠	Pass	4♠
♣ 863	All Pass			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AQJ985	1♠	Opening 5+♠		
♥ K9	2♣	Overcall 5+♠		
♦ AQJ	2♠	Min support with 3+♠		
♣ T7	4♠	To Play		

Partner Leads the ♣A	North	East
	♠ K732	♠ 6
	♥ T6	♥ QJ742
	♦ KT62	♦ 8754
	♣ 863	♣ QJ2

West leads the ♣A. How should you (East) as third hand signal?

In last month's newsletter, we looked at third hand (the partner of the opening leader) playing the lower of two touching honours when he might win the trick. On say a ♣4 lead by partner the third hand normally should play the ♣J when holding ♠QJ2

But what happens when third hand cannot win the trick, because someone has already played a higher card than his best?

Then third hand does the opposite and plays the top of his touching cards. In the above example, third hand must play the ♠Q. This shows the queen and the jack. (In another deal, it might also be a singleton ♠Q, but I do not remember the last time I saw that.)

Why is this so important? Look at the full deal:

North		East	
♠ K732	♥ T6	♠ 6	♥ QJ742
♦ KT62	♣ 863	♦ 8754	♣ QJ2
South (D)		Vul Nill	
♠ AQJ985	♥ K9	Dlr: South	
♦ AQJ	♣ T7		
♣ AK954	♠ T4		
♥ A853	♦ 93		
4♠/S	Lead A♣		

The only way to defeat the 4♠ contract is for West to find the switch to a low club at trick two, putting East on lead for the lethal shift to the ♥Q. The defenders can take two clubs and two hearts. On any other defence, South has 10 winners: six spades and four diamonds.

Note that it cannot cost East to play the ♠Q at trick one. If alternatively, he plays the ♠2, West will think that is discouraging. He will never find the low-club continuation.

(Yes, this assumes West has not led the unsupported ♠A. If East finds that West has done that, East should get a new partner before the next trick!)

Here is another example:

North		Standard Bidding			
		West	North	East	South (D)
♠ 8754	♥ KQJ9				1♠
♦ 98	♣ 732	2♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
		All Pass			
South (D)		Bidding Notes			
♠ AKQJT2	♥ A	1♠	Opening 5+♠		
♦ QT76	♣ 54	2♦	Overcall 5+♦		
		2♠	Min support with 3+♠		
		4♠	To Play		

You hold:

East	
♠ 63	♥ T7632
♦ 5	♣ KQJT9

Your Partner (West) leads the ♦A. The ♦8 is played from dummy, you play your singleton ♦5, and declarer contributes the ♦7.

West continues with the ♦K. What should East do?

When you discard, you cannot win the trick. So, the same rule applies: Signal with the top of touching honours. Here, East should discard the ♠K!

Note that all the honours held here ♠KQJT9 are equally powerful. Do not be shy – get that king onto the table.

This will steer partner in the right direction when this proves to be the full deal:

North		East	
♠ 8754	♥ KQJ9	♠ 63	♥ T7632
♦ 98	♣ 732	♦ 5	♣ KQJT9
South (D)		Vul Nill	
♠ AKQJT2	♥ A	Dlr: South	
♦ QT76	♣ 54		
♣ A86	♠ 9		
♥ 854	♦ AKJ432		
4♠/S	Lead ♦A		

The danger is that West will play a third diamond, hoping East can overruff the dummy. To deflect West towards the winning play, East must discard that ♠K.

Now it should not be beyond West to continue with the ace and another club, giving the defenders the first four tricks.

Notice finally that if West does start with three rounds of diamonds, declarer makes the contract. He ruffs the third diamond with dummy's ♠7, draws trumps and runs the hearts. He ends up with an overtrick.



**Anita**



**Jessica**

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

**Build on the Basics** with **Jessica Brake** 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 and Thursdays at 10am for approximately 1 hour each session on Zoom/BBO.

Dates	Jessica Brake "Build on Basics" - Lesson Topics Wed 10am AND Thurs 10am	
Wed Oct 28	<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Pre-empts</b>
Thur Oct 29		
Wed Nov 4	<b>Week 13</b>	<b>Dumping Losers</b>
Thur Nov 5		
Wed Nov 11	<b>Week 14</b>	<b>Overcalls</b>
Thur Nov 12		
Wed Nov 18	<b>Week 15</b>	<b>Takeout Doubles 1</b>
Thur Nov 19		
Wed Nov 25	<b>Week 16</b>	<b>Takeout Doubles 2</b>
Thur Nov 26		

**Develop Your Skills (DYS)** with **Anita Curtis** 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 <b>Develop your skills - Lesson Topic</b>
Thur Oct 29	<b>Forcing or not?</b> Improve your bidding by understanding what is forcing and what isn't.
Thur Nov 5	<b>How do I play this suit?</b> Look at common suit combinations and how declarer should play
Thur Nov 12	<b>Where is this auction going?</b> Focus on advancer's options in the bidding
Thur Nov 19	<b>Unblocking in defence</b> – an essential part of defence
Thur Nov 26	<b>Hand Analysis 2</b>
Thur Dec 3	<b>Cross ruffing</b> – a great declarer play technique

**Broaden Your Game/Intermediate** with **Anita Curtis** 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 <b>Broaden your game/Intermediate - Lesson Topic</b>
Fri Oct 30	<b>Plan the Play</b> How do you recognise what techniques are needed to make your contract?
Fri Nov 6	<b>Gentle Hand Analysis 13</b> for players moving towards intermediate level to consolidate skills and learn new techniques.
Fri Nov 13	<b>Cue bidding</b> – a tool to get to slam
Fri Nov 20	<b>Gentle Hand Analysis 23</b> for intermediate players & above to improve all skills.
Fri Nov 27	<b>How do you get this contract down?</b> Test your defensive skills
Fri Dec 4	<b>Gentle Hand Analysis 14</b> for players moving towards intermediate level to consolidate skills and learn new techniques





## Inter-club Results (continued)

The Under-15 and Under-100 masterpoints pairs **excelled and got us home**, another great endorsement for our teaching programs and our ability to keep players playing and developing their skills.

### Interclub Results –U100 MP Grade

Field	Pos	Player Names		%	Points
U100	1	Russell Drake	Giles Drake	61.67%	7
	3	Felix Shteyman	Tien Chey	56.21%	5
	5	Michael Bishop	Robyn Rogers	52.69%	3
	6	Liz Morell	Sasha Bennett	51.36%	2
		Total			17

Our best representative U100 pair with 62% and gaining NSBC competition 7 points, and special mention, **winning the U100 masterpoints group**, are our East Lindfield partnership



Russell and Giles Drake

### Interclub Results –U15 MP Grades

Field	Pos	Player Names		%	Points
U15	2	Frances Leadbeter	Jackie Coles	58.00%	5
	4=	Stephanie Gay	Carol Wakelin	54.50%	2.5
	4=	Marget Parker	Lorna Davies	54.50%	2.5
	6=	John Mitchell	Leo Vilensky	54.25%	0.5
	9	Phillip Howes	Deborah Burt		
	10	Bruce Davis	Sharon Davis		
		Total			10.5

Our best representative U15 pair with 58% and gaining NSBC 5 competition points:



Francis Leadbeter

Jackie Coles

## The Interclub Metro Pairs event

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, our club carried away the trophy this year, thanks in no small part to the players in the Under 15 and

Under 100 master points categories. Our players all rose to the occasion, here is some typical feedback from them:

From **John J:**

Thanks for the opportunity to play in yesterday's Metro North Interclub Pairs U15. As 4th reserve I never expected to play, but it was an enjoyable experience, and we did not embarrass ourselves. Having never previously played together Leo and I were able to slot in a practice session in Saturday's Rookie so by the time we sat down to play on Sunday we had managed to agree on a set of basic conventions.

At 10am on Sunday the idea of playing forty boards over six hours was a daunting prospect but once the cards were dealt and the adrenaline kicked in, the time passed quickly. I don't know if it was just us but with the exception of the first round when Leo's BBO connection got stuck and had to be reset by logoff/on, we seemed to finish our sets of four boards with plenty of time to nip off and make a cup of coffee. 😊

Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation and smooth running of the day and I am delighted that NSBC did well.

From **Deb B:**

One of the surprising and positive side effects of the Corona virus restrictions is how it is enabled some deepening of relationships through online bridge.

Mother and son partnership, Deborah Burt and Phil Howes, would never have been able to pair up for the Met North Interclub Pairs comp if online competitions were not possible.

Phil lives in San Francisco and has only recently taken up bridge with his mother's strong encouragement. "Getting better at bridge is one of my top three bucket list items" said Deborah." Once I realised I might be able to encourage my SF son to learn and play bridge occasionally I began a campaign. He has a mathematical bent and a prodigious memory, unlike his mother, so I suspected he'd be a natural. Luckily, it worked. Phil joined Club Willoughby a month ago, and despite only two

months playing experience, a seven hour time zone difference (Phil began play at 5pm Saturday as opposed to 10am Sunday) and a young family to help with, Phil managed to stay on the ball..... unlike his mother who admitted to some occasional concentration lapses.

This is Phil, in San Francisco, with his helper on the day:



## BBO Rookie Only Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie Only late September Winners	Score
22-Sep	Rookie 2pm	14	NS	Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	64%
			EW	Felix Shteyman & Robyn Walker	68%
	Rookie 7pm	8	NS	Yvonne Rawack & Michelle Levy	65%
			EW	Julie Halliday & Jo Ampherlaw	59%
23-Sep	W Rookie 2pm	19	NS	Annie Perkes & Anthea Jenkins	60%
			EW	Geraldine Newbegin & Norman Graeve	69%
28-Sep	M Rookie 2pm	20	NS	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	66%
			EW	Harry Haberin & Jo Ampherlaw	70%
29-Sep	Rookie 2pm	12	NS	Brian Emanuel & Jo Ampherlaw	73%
			EW	Doug Leigh & Catherine McReady	60%
	Rookie 7pm	8	NS	Jackie Coles & Frances Leadbeter	65%
			EW	Tien Chey & Felix Shteyman	64%
30-Sep	W Rookie 2pm	20	NS	Pam Bender & Margaret Easton	61%
			EW	Verity Furness & Joan Francis	71%

## September Rookie BBO Monthly Winners

Pos	Winner SEP Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Regional	23	4.53
2	Jo Ampherlaw	**Local	17	3.04
3	Tien Chey	Regional	20	2.99
4	Sue Gordon	Regional	24	2.45
5	Yeung Cheung	Regional	26	2.16
6	Brian Emanuel	Local	13	1.98
7	Vera Cranston	Regional	11	1.90

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie Only Early-Mid October Winners	Score
5-Oct	M Rookie 2pm	14	NS	Felix Shteyman & Deborah Burt	63%
			EW	Dee Zachert & Helen Douglas	66%
6-Oct	Rookie 2pm	13	NS	Peter Cassin & Margaret Parker	62%
			EW	Don Chisholm & Chris Lewis	60%
	Rookie 7pm	6	NS	Jacqui Sesel & Karen Isman	64%
			EW	Maeve Doyle & Stuart Schon	64%
7-Oct	W Rookie 2pm	18	NS	Pam Ranney & Geof West	64%
			EW	Sheila Goodman & Sue Gordon	65%
12-Oct	M Rookie 2pm	18	NS	Anne & David Craig	65%
			EW	Robyn Rogers & John Jameson	62%
13-Oct	Rookie 2pm	13	NS	Ashleigh & Bob Gallagher	65%
			EW	Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	69%
	Rookie 7pm	7	NS	Neil Edwards & Marina Shteyman	58%
			EW	Jack & Leesa Abrams	69%
14-Oct	W Rookie 2pm	20	NS	Tien Chey & Vera Cranston	62%
			EW	Jane Anne Garling & Jan Hilton	65%
19-Oct	M Rookie 2pm	18	NS	Craig & Karen Pudig	63%
			EW	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	70%
20-Oct	Rookie 2pm	14	NS	Don Chisholm & Chris Lewis	68%
			EW	Judy Bursle & Saras Brooks	69%
	Rookie 7pm	7	NS	Leesa & Jack Abrams	69%
			EW	Julie Halliday & Jo Ampherlaw	64%
21-Oct	W Rookie 2pm	20	NS	Vicky Jorgensen & Cheryl Harvey	59%
			EW	Rose Braude & Trica Higgins	66%

## BBO October Current Rookie Monthly leaders

Pos	Leader (OCT 23) Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	**Local	12	2.46
2	Tien Chey	Regional	12	2.18
3	Lorna Davies	Club	8	1.22
4	Anne Craig	Nil	8	1.18
5	David Craig	Nil	8	1.18
6	Sue Gordon	Regional	19	1.07
7	Dee Zachert	*Local	5	1.05

Note a): Rookie Monthly award is for players <100 MP i.e. <\*Regional Rank

Note b): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards during the month for Rookie only sessions.

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### The Six Point Rule

Adapted from an **Andrew Robson** article from his ARBC website

The reason why you must always respond to partner's One-of-a-Suit Opener with a six+ point hand is that partner can have 19 points.

19 + 6 = 25: a possible game. Well for 3NT, 4♠ and 4♥ anyway.

But 5♣/5♦ require nearer 28, 29 and should generally be avoided.

However, if the opponent sitting on your right bids, you are no longer forced to bid with a poor six-seven-odd points, for partner now has another bid available. Try these three hands:

**Column 2:** Partner opens 1♥ What would you do if the first opponent passes?

**Column 3:** However, say your opponent overcalls 1♠, the auction going 1♥ from partner, 1♠ on your right. Does that change things?

**You bet they are different!** When West bids, the pressure is taken off you, as partner now has another bid. Your 1NT bid remains as nominally 6-9, although in practice nearer nine than six, but you are expressing the opinion that you want to play 1NT. It is not some nebulous catch-all bid any longer.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Your Hand	1♥ -P- ??	1♥- (1♠) -??
<b>Hand A</b> ♠ J742 ♥ 74 ♦ A952 ♣ J52	<b>Respond 1♠</b> , showing four+ spades and six+ points.  Note: If you do not bid 1 spade, then any spade suit fit will be lost.	<b>Pass.</b> If you bid 1NT, you are saying you wish to play that contract. Do you really want to do that with this barren six-count? I do not really think so.  But if partner reopens with a X, you can bid 1NT with this poor stopper

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Your Hand	1♥ -P- ??	1♥- (1♠) -??
<b>Hand B</b> ♠ 973 ♥ K2 ♦ J7432 ♣ K52	<b>Respond 1NT</b> , the " <b>Catch-all One Notrump</b> ", showing 6-9 points in a hand that cannot bid anything else i.e. not four spades and not the strength to respond in a new suit at the two-level	<b>Pass.</b> To bid 1NT after an overcall guarantees a stopper in the overcalled suit. You do not have the vestige of a spade stopper
<b>Hand C</b> ♠ 432 ♥ 7 ♦ KJ7432 ♣ Q73	<b>Respond 1NT.</b> This does not show a desire to play in 1NT (as you see) merely a hand that must bid (6+ pts) with no other bid.	<b>Pass.</b> Not 1NT as you have no spade stopper, nor a real desire to play in 1NT. And not 2♦ as you fail the Rule of 14 (see ** below).

Use the Rule of 14, to respond in a new suit at the two-level, when your points added to the number of cards in your long suit reaches 14.

**Editor's note:** The Rule of 14 will be new to most of you. It means that with just a 4-card suit you need 10 HCPs to respond at the 2-level, but with a 5-card suit you can drop to 9 HCPs etc. Discuss with your partner and give it a go!

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## To "Save" or "Not to Save"

This hand (board 5) was played on BBO, in the NSBC Open 1:30 session on 5/Sep. The scoring method was pairs or **match points**.

North (D)	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ T54	West	North (D)	East	South
♥ K6		Pass	3♣	3♠
♦ AK752	4♣	4♣	Pass	Pass
♣ JT9	Pass or 5♣	(X 5 ♣)		
Bidding Notes				
South	Pass	north close to 1♦ opening (rebid 2♦)		
♠ KQJ932	3♣	normal Pre-empt (some may try 4♣)		
♥ QJ4	3♠	No defence, Show suit		
♦ T643	4♣	Partner may be rubbish this Vul		
♣ -	4♣	3♣ support & 11 hcp		
	Pass or 5♣	Pass or bid 5C only if you think 4S making		
	(X 5 ♣)	Good defensive values		

### The Bidding:

North choose to initially pass on his good 11hcp (many would not), and East then opened a pre-emptive 3♣. South competed with 3♠, West bid 4♣ and North 4♣.

9 West players here chose to pass 4♣, as they held 2 clear defensive aces and hoped to put the contract down. This decision is critical as 4♣ can be easily made by NS, and 5♣X is a good match point save.

### The full hand

5/Sep B5	North (D)	
West	♠ T54	East
♠ A6	♥ K6	♠ 87
♥ A9873	♦ AK752	♥ T52
♦ J98	♣ JT9	♦ Q
♣ Q52		♣ AK87643
	South	
4♠/S	♠ KQJ932	Vul NS
Lead ♠Q / ♠2	♥ QJ4	Dir: N
	♦ T643	
	♣ -	

Editor EW note: If your pre-empt agreements are sound, (i.e. headed by 2 honours, a 3NT try may succeed in stopping NS from bidding 4♠ and is a top score. 7♣+2Aces=9 tricks)

Alternatively, bid an immediate 5♣, which may not get doubled.

## The play in 4♠ by South on West's ♠2 lead

### Preliminary Analysis by South

Winners: 5x♠+2x♥+2x♦=9 Tricks

Top Losers: ♠A, ♥A

Strategy for 10 tricks

- Setup the long diamonds for extra tricks

### Play of the hand

- T1 West leads ♠2, ♠9, ♠K, which you ruff with the small trump ♠2
- T2 You (Declarer) play the ♠K to start to get the outstanding trumps out. West wins ♠A, ♠4, ♠7
- T3 West continues with the Clubs to try and reduce South trumps, ♠Q, ♠T, ♠3, you as declarer ruff ♠3.
- T4 You do not need the short trumps in dummy, so you draw all outstanding trumps ♠Q, ♠6, ♠5, ♠8
- T5-7 Declarer now sets up the diamond suit by playing ♦AK2 losing the third diamond to West's ♦J
- T8 You as declarer can now claim your 10-trick contract

You just lost the ♠A, ♥A and ♦J for your 4♠ contract scoring **+620**. This is a shared top board with 8 others in match points for a NS=78% board score. (EW getting a shared bottom EW=22% score).

### Full results: [Link to Pianola](#)

BBO NSBC Open 5/Sep B5				Score		Matchpoints		Percentages	
Contract Details				Frequ	NS	EW	NS	EW	NS
4♠	S	10	Q♣	9x	620		28	8	78%
5♣X	E	9	K♠	2x	300		17	19	47%
3♠	S	10	A♥	1x	170		14	22	39%
4♦	N	10	A♠	1x	130		12	24	33%
5♣X	E	10	3♦	1x	100		8	28	22%
5♣	E	9	K♠	2x	100		8	28	22%
5♠	S	10	2♣	2x		100	3	33	8%
3NT	W	10	5♦	1x		430	0	36	0%
19 Tables				Max MPs = 18x2 = 36 = 100%					

### Computer predictions:

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

Seven West players had chosen to make a non-vulnerable save. They judged the 2 aces as tricks, but as he held ♠Qxx opposite partners likely 7 clubs, they were unlikely to defeat 4♠. So, decided that 5♣ non-vulnerable save would be better.

- 3 ended up in 5♣X
- 2 ended up in 5♣ undoubled
- 2 NS were pushed to 5♠ (undoubled)

Editor: I would bid 5♣ as West, but if it bounces NS to 5♠, I would likely X, playing now for a top board.

Hand repeated:

5/Sep B5	North (D)	
	♠ T54	
West	♥ K6	East
♠ A6	♦ AK752	♠ 87
♥ A9873	♣ JT9	♥ T52
♦ J98		♦ Q
♣ Q52	South	♣ AK87643
	♠ KQJ932	
5♣X/E	♥ QJ4	Vul NS
Lead ♠K	♦ T643	Dir: N
	♣ -	

The play in 5♣X by East on South's ♠K lead

### Preliminary Analysis by East

Winners: 1♠+1♥+7x♣= 9 Tricks

Losers: ♦A, 2 deep ♥, 1 deep ♠

Likely 2 off (-300) unless NS make a mistake, but 4♠ looks like a make (-620).

Strategies for maximising tricks

- Win first Spade lead, draw all outstanding trumps, and then throw them back in with the spade loser. Maybe they will find an error: e.g. Spade ruff sluff or try and cash AK diamonds too quickly.

East Play in 5♣X on ♠K lead by South

- T1 South leads SK, You East as declarer win in dummy with the ♠A, North dropping a count card ♠4 (odd number partner), you ♠7.
- T234 You draw North's 3 outstanding trumps with the ♣AKQ. The south void is good news a 4♠ will make! South pitches 3

small spades, no obvious red card signal

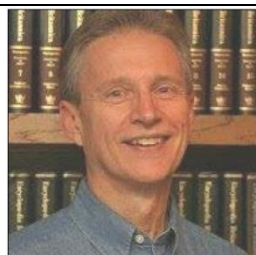
- T5 You exit with your spade loser ♠8 which South wins ♠J, Dummy ♠6 and north ♠5. This is good technique.
- T6 South finds the ♦6 switch (high no like), dummy the ♦8, North the ♦K and you drop the ♦Q. It is crunch time for the defence.
- T7 The ♥K is a killing switch, the ♦A is the losing option (sets up ♦J for a heart discard). But North chooses to exit the safe third spade. Dummy had no trumps so no ruff/discard problem. North exits ♠T, which you ruff in hand. ♣4, south ♣Q and ♥3 from dummy.
- T8 You are heading towards a -2 result (but this is OK). Your best bet now is to cash a couple of high trumps and apply a bit of pressure on NS. Hoping they will crash their heart honours. So, you cash ♣6, south ♦3, dummy ♥7, north ♦2
- T9 You cash another high club ♣7, south ♦4, dummy the ♥8, North ♦5
- T10 You lead a small heart ♥5 towards dummy's ♥A9, ♦J9. South here inserts the ♥J (ensuring a ♥ trick) which you cover with the ♥A, whilst North plays ♥6.
- T11 Then you exit the heart ♥9 back towards your hand, North winning the ♥K, you the ♥2, and South ♥4
- T12 North cashes the ♦K, which is safe as there is no longer an entry in Dummy left.

You are 2 down but an improved match point score. You made 7♣+1♠+1♥=9 tricks for -300 bridge score.

This is worth EW=53% in match points conversion, an improvement from the 4♠ contract where EW only scored 22%  
If 5♣ was not doubled, even better EW=78%.  
And the NS bounced into 5♠ (going down) gave EW=92%

You played the hand well, giving the opponents the maximum chances to make a mistake.

## Challenge hand 1 Solution



Brent Manley

Brett Manley was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. These 3 challenge articles were adapted from 3 articles by Brent "Revealing Auction", "Take Care" And "Preserve" from the ACBL bridge feed website.

## "Revealing Auction"

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
	West (D)	North	East	South
♠ AQ2	1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
♥ 9864	2♦	2♥	Pass	4♠
♦ 9852	All Pass			
♣ K2	Bidding Notes			
South	1♥	5+H, Opening hand		
♠ KT874	1♠	5+s (10-15)		
♥ A75	2♦	4+D, Second suit		
♦ A6	2♥	Cue raise in Spades		
♣ A94	4♠	Game Bid		

## Suggested Bidding

The dealer (West) opened the bidding with 1♥, Pass, Pass runs around to you (South). You choose to just bid a 1♠ overcall (under bidding on strength), as opposed to a possible 1NT bid (because your aces will not make too many tricks).

West bids again, a non-vulnerable 2♦ second suit, but then partner awakens and cue bids 2♥ (cue – good raise in spades, showing a good spade raise based on values, expect about 10 hcp), so you quickly settle for a 4♠ game contract.

West leads the ♥K.

## Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4-5x♠+1♥+1♦+2x♣ = 8-9 tricks

Losers: no tops, but deep 2x♥, 1♦

Strategies to make 10 tricks:

- Ruff the 3<sup>rd</sup> club in dummy with the short trumps. May need to be careful as West is likely short in black cards and has shown at least 5/4 or 5/5 in red cards.
- Also, East is likely to have longer spades, maybe even 4

- T1 West leads the ♥K, you win with your ♥A in-hand, dummy ♥4, East playing the ♥3, a known singleton as West has promised 5 hearts with his opening bid
- T2 You then lead a low spade ♠4 to dummy's ♠A, both opponents following ♠6, ♠3, respectively. At least not a 0-5 split

## Solution

How will you continue? There was no way to make the game if West had three trumps (and thus only one club) So, you must decide whether West had begun with one or two trumps.

If West has 2 trumps, the winning play would be to cash the ♠Q (drawing trumps) and then organize a club ruff.

However, as there were originally eight clubs outstanding to five trumps and, even allowing for the ♠J has not fallen singleton, the odds were firmly in favour of placing West with his most likely original distribution of 1-5-5-2. I.e. one trump only and East with 4 trumps.

- T3 So, Declarer decided to cash the ♣K, all following (♣3, ♣4, ♣7)
- T4 Then returned to hand with a club ♣2 to his ♣A, East ♣5 and happy to see west not ruffing and following with the ♣Q.
- T5 You then lead your 3<sup>rd</sup> club ♣9 and as West discarded a ♦3 (encouraging), you ruffed low with the ♠2, East playing ♣6. Your guess on West having a 1552 distribution is looking right. But this also means that East has ♠J9xx in trumps!
- T6 You then played the ♦2 to the ♦A both EW following with ♦7, ♦T
- T7 Declarer then exited his losing diamond ♦6, West winning the trick with the ♦J and East playing the ♦2 (count = doubleton)
- T89 West now cashes his two top hearts ♥QJ, Dummy ♥68, as West pitched 2 small clubs ♠8T. which you followed in-hand with the ♥57.



- T10 West then led the next top heart ♥T, Dummy played ♥9, as East pitched another club ♣J, you ruffed the heart in hand with the ♠7.
- T11 You now play a low spade ♠8 West playing ♦, to dummy's high trump ♠Q, and West playing ♠5
- T12+ The forced diamond lead from dummy left East with no winning play from his ♠J9: You would make the last two tricks with your ♠KT.

Declarer's play was clearly best as it was 7:5 chance that West would more likely hold a singleton versus a doubleton trump. Sometimes showing your second suit gives a good declarer clues on how to best play the hand.

The full deal:

North		East	
♠ AQ2	♥ 9864	♠ J953	♥ 3
♦ 9852	♣ K2	♦ 74	♣ JT8653
South		Vul EW	
♠ KT874	♥ A75	Dir: N	
♦ A6	♣ A94		
♠ 6	♥ KQJT2		
♦ KQJT3	♣ Q7	4♠/S	
Lead ♥K			



## Solution Challenge Hand 2

"Take Care"

North		Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ KT9		West	North	East (D)	South
♥ A964				1♥	2♠
♦ AK75		Pass	4♠	All Pass	
♣ 54		Bidding Notes			
South		1♥	5+♥ Opening hand		
♠ AQJ753		2♠	6+♠, <Opening		
♥ 753		4♠	To play		
♦ 2					
♣ 763					

### Suggested Bidding:

You are in a team's match, imp scoring. East opens 1♥ vulnerable, you (South) bid a weak 2♣ jump bid (showing 6 spades and little defence). Then your partner places the contract into a 4♣ game.

It the same bidding at the other team table.

Against 4♣ games, both Wests' start with a lead of the ♥2, an obvious singleton. How will you justify your partner's confidence in your card play?

### Preliminary Analysis

Winners:  $6x♠ + 1♥ + 2x♦ = 9$  tricks

Losers: 2♥ after the lead and two clubs

Strategies for 10 tricks

- Ruff 4 red cards in the south hand, whilst drawing trumps with North's short trumps (dummy reversal)
- Ruff 3<sup>rd</sup> club in the short trump hand

### Your Solution

You decide the ruffing of a club in the short trump hand looks the best chance to make the contract. So:

- T1 On Wests ♥2 lead, you rose with the ♥A, and East played ♥8, you the ♥3
- T2-3 You as declarer then cashed the ♦AK of diamonds, declarer discarding ♦2 and a losing heart ♥5 from hand. West playing ♦49 and East ♦36.
- T4 Declarer then advanced a small club from dummy ♣4, and. East won with the ♣Q, as you followed ♣3 and West encouraging ♣9.
- T5 East then cashed the ♥K, ♥7, West ♣2, and dummy ♥6.

- T6 East then continued with another high heart ♥Q and Declarer ruffed high ♠J in hand, whilst West threw the ♦J and dummy followed ♥6.
- T7 Declarer exited another small club from hand (♣6) and West ♣9, Dummy ♣5 East winning the club exit with the ♣A
- T8 East again played another high heart ♥J and declarer again ruffed high ♠Q, West ♣T, Dummy ♥9.
- T9 Declarer then ruffed his 3rd club ♣7 in dummy with the ♠9. West ♣J, East ♦8
- T10 Then cashed the ♠K, all following with the ♠4, ♠3 and ♠2
- T11 Then cashed the ♠T, on which East discarded a diamond ♦T, ♠5 and West ♠6.
- T12 Dummy was left with two low diamonds. Declarer had the ♠A7 remaining. Declarer ruffed a diamond with the ♠7 but West overruffed with the ♠8 for the fourth setting defensive trick!

**You are one off.**

When your teammates came back to score up in the teams' match:

Your Declarer play 4♠/S ♥2 -50  
 Their Defence 4♠/S ♥2 -420  
 Net result **10 IMP loss -470**

"That was unlucky" you offered by way of excuse for making only nine tricks. "Luck had nothing to do with the result," said your unsympathetic teammate.

The full deal:

North		East (D)	
♠ KT9		♠ 4	
♥ A964		♥ KQJT8	
♦ AK75		♦ QT863	
♣ 54		♣ AQ	
South		Vul EW	
♠ AQJ753		Dir: E	
♥ 753			
♦ 2			
♣ 763			
West			
♠ 862			
♥ 2			
♦ J94			
♣ KJT982			
4♠/S			
Lead ♥2			

All the expert declarer had done was to take more care, plan and time the hand properly. He had ruffed a diamond early at trick four, rather than play a club straight away! So, when you play a club next, the defenders are helpless. If they follow the same defensive plan of high hearts for a trump promotion to West hand, you are a trick ahead in the play.

- T1 You Win ♥A in Dummy
- T2-3 Cash ♦AK, pitching a losing heart from hand
- T4 Ruff a diamond ♦5 low in hand ♠3
- T5 Duck a Club ♣3, and East wins ♣Q
- T6 East cashes his ♥K winner
- T7 Ruff East's ♥Q high with ♠J
- T8 Duck a second club, and East wins ♣A
- T9 Ruff East's ♥J High with the ♠Q
- T10 Ruff hands' losing club ♣7 in dummy ♠9
- T11 Cash the ♠K
- T12 Cash the ♠T
- T13 Now you will have only one diamond left in dummy and the winning ♠A in hand.

This declarer made his contract with six trumps, the heart ace, two diamonds and a club ruff.

All he did that was different was to playout the hand in his headfirst. Thus, envisioning the problem at Trick-12. The solution was to ruff a diamond early (at Trick-4), then follow the same plan looking for a club ruff in the short trump hand for contract!

Difference in points from your score	IMPs
0 - 20	0
20-40	1
50-80	2
90-120	3
130-160	4
170-210	5
220-260	6
270-310	7
320-360	8
370-420	9
430-490	10
500-590	11
600-740	12
750-890	13
900-1090	14
1100-1290	15
1300-1490	16
1500-1740	17
1750-1990	18
2000-2240	19
2250-2490	20
2500-2990	21
3000-3490	22
3500-3990	23
4000+	24

## Challenge Hand 3 Solution

## “Preserve”

North (D)	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AK4	West	North (D)	East	South
♥ J742		1♣	Pass	1♥
♦ A2	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
♣ AQJ2				
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ QJ6	1♣	2+♣ Prepared Club		
♥ AQ53	1♥	4+♥, 6+hcp		
♦ 764	4♥	4+♥, 18-19 Hcp		
♣ 965				

## Suggested Bidding

Partner (North) opens the bidding with a prepared 1♣ bid (+2 clubs Opening hand), and you (South) respond 1♥ (showing 4+♥, and 6+hcp). Partner leaps to 4♥, (showing an 18-19 hcp with 4 hearts). You pass as slam is unlikely.

West starts with the lead of the ♦Q against your 4♥ game.

## Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners:  $3x♠+2x♥+1♦+1♣ = 7$

Top Losers: none, Likely 1♥, 1♦ and maybe ♣K

Strategies for 10 tricks

- Should make an extra 3<sup>rd</sup> heart
- Club finesse if onside for extra club trick

T1 West leads the ♦Q against your game. So, you win in dummy with the ♦A

T2 Declarer now starts on hearts and plays a small heart ♥2 from dummy, but East discards a small diamond ♦5. A bad **5-0 trump break!**

How will you get to 10 tricks now on this deal?

## Revised Analysis

West did exceptionally well in the auction by not doubling the final contract and pre-alerting declarer. Despite the bad news regarding trumps, you should not give up. Eventually you saw that you would have a good chance to make your 4♥ contract if we could just take six tricks in the black suits, without West ruffing in.

## Solution

T2 Declarer now starts on hearts and plays a small heart ♥2 from dummy, but East discards a small diamond ♦5. A bad **5-0 trump break!** You win ♥A, West ♥6

T3 So, you as declarer switched plans and started on clubs and led a low ♣5 to the ♣8 and ♣J which holds, West playing the ♣3

T4 Next you returned to hand with a small spade ♠4 to his the ♠Q, both EW following with ♠2 and the ♠3.

T5 You continue by leading a second club ♣6, ♣T, ♣Q winning, East playing ♣4.

T6 You then cashed the ♣A, felling West's now singleton ♣K and East playing ♣7

Note: A tricky West may just drop his losing ♣K early at trick 5 under your ♣A, but you would then still try and cash ♣Q to keep to your plan.

T7 You then cashed the first high spade ♠A with both EW following with ♠7 and the ♠5

T8 You then cashed the second high spade ♠K. When West finally followed, declarer was almost home with **8 tricks** already in the bank.

You saw that leading a trump or a club at this point would not succeed for the extra 2 tricks required, so you called for dummy's last diamond ♦2 as an exit, which gave the defenders no successful countermove. If West wins the trick, he would have had to lead a trumps, allowing you to make the ♥Q and ♥J separately for your ninth and 10th tricks.

T9 At the table, on your ♦2 exit, East rose with the ♦K (winning), your ♦6, and West played ♦J. West has now only four trumps left in his hand

T10 East then played another high diamond ♦T. But you just followed ♦7 and West ruffed low ♥8 and dummy won with the ♥J which was your **ninth trick!**

T11 You then exited from dummy with the 13<sup>th</sup> club ♣2, East played ♦8, and you ruffed low ♥3, which West over ruffed with the ♥9.

T12 West was now end played! He still has the ♥KT but had to lead first, and you



You had made 6 black cards (**♠AKQ** and **♣AQJ** via finesses), the **♦A**, and 3 trumps (**♥AQJ** separately) for 10 tricks and your 4♥ contract.

		North (D)			
		♠ AK4			
West		♥ J742		East	
♠ 973		♦ A2		♠ T852	
♥ KT986		♣ AQJ2		♥ -	
♦ QJ				♦ KT9853	
♣ KT8		South		♣ 743	
4♥/S Lead ♦Q		♠ QJ6		Vul EW Dir: N	
		♥ AQ53			
		♦ 764			
		♣ 965			

<b>BBO Congress Results</b>				
<b>Central Coast Leagues club online Pairs (Sep 26)</b>			<b>Vps</b>	<b>W-D-L</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Jan Clarke &amp; Di Coats</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5-1-1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Robyn O'Hara &amp; Margaret Regan</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6-0-1</b>	
<b>Illawarra Bridge Association Open Swiss Online Pairs (Sep 27)</b>			<b>VPS</b>	<b>W-D-L</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Elliot Kaplan &amp; Nigel Rosendorff</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>5-0-1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Nick Hughes &amp; Nicoleta Giura</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5-0-1</b>	
<b>Illawarra Bridge Association Swiss Restr Online Pairs (Sep 27)</b>			<b>VPS</b>	<b>W-D-L</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Pat Berry &amp; Stephen Smith</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5-0-1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>John &amp; Val Hodson</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4-1-1</b>	
<b>Wollstonecraft Bridge Club - BBO Pairs (4 Oct)</b>			<b>%</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Sean Mullamphy &amp; Tony Bond</b>	<b>62%</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Lorraine Schaap &amp; John Mottram</b>	<b>60%</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Helen Lowry &amp; Linda Aubusson</b>	<b>56%</b>		
<b>Sydney Bridge Centre - online OPEN Swiss Pairs (5 Oct)</b>			<b>Vps</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Hugh Grosvenor &amp; Tania Lloyd</b>	<b>72.06</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Jeanette Abrams &amp; Colin Clifford</b>	<b>63.48</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Patrick Jiang &amp; Hui Li</b>	<b>58.77</b>		
<b>Sydney Bridge Centre - online Restricted Swiss Pairs (5 Oct)</b>			<b>VPS</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Kit Meyers &amp; Kerry Rymer</b>	<b>52.34</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Vicky &amp; Ken Cahill</b>	<b>50.42</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Noleen Cregan &amp; Suzanne Cole</b>	<b>47.16</b>		
<b>Sydney Bridge Centre - online Novice Swiss Pairs (5 Oct)</b>			<b>VPS</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Rav Spurr &amp; Paul Molloy</b>	<b>75.2</b>		

Pennant Hills - Online Open Swiss Pairs (11 Oct)		VPS	W-D-L
1	David Boga & Rosa Pang	99	5-0-1
2	Andrew Markovics & Anthony Bourke	56	5-0-1
3	Peter Gill & George Fleischer	46	4-0-2
4	Philip Beeby & Helen Lowry	42	4-0-2
5	Jane Beeby & Catherine Chaffey	27	3-2-1
Pennant Hills - Online Restricted Swiss Pairs (11 Oct)		VPS	
1	Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany	119	
2	Peter Muller & Eddie Garkut	20	

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