

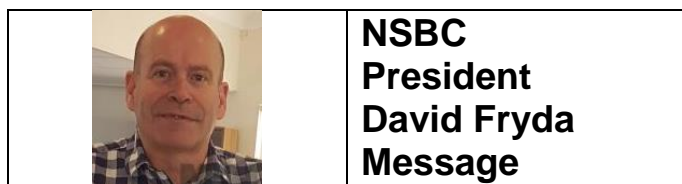


# NSBC Newsletter



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**NSBC  
President  
David Fryda  
Message**

2020 continues to test us all and how we play bridge in these trying times continues to evolve as the situation around us changes.

I know that this has been an incredibly difficult year but we are very proud of the way NSBC has been able to respond to provide a regular bridge game for many of our members.

Moreover, if you have not already had a chance, could I ask you to take some time out to have a look at some of the fabulous things that are happening at NSBC right now.

In particular, we are in the process of introducing 'RealBridge' -- an online platform with video which as its name suggests gives a much more 'real bridge' feel.

Just as importantly, we are working very hard to make this as easy to access as possible and I am reliably informed by some of my technology phobic colleagues on the committee that we are succeeding. So please give it a try.

## Face to Face Bridge

We have re-introduced face to face bridge at East Lindfield on a Thursday. We are currently limited to ten tables per session. The afternoon session has been popular but the morning session has been undersubscribed. I recognise that Thursdays may not suit everyone and that some of you would prefer to play at Willoughby. For several reasons we are not in a position to reopen Willoughby. I suspect some of you may be thinking about East Lindfield as it was before COVID. Please think about it as NSBC and it is only ten minutes up the road, after all! I can also assure you we are stringently following the COVID rules.

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## Online Bridge

As per the above, the club is in the process of changing online bridge sessions from BBO to RealBridge. There are several improvements for us in running bridge sessions on RealBridge. The vast majority of players who have tried RealBridge have agreed with us that it is a better experience than BBO. That said, a handful of members have pushed back on the change. We are doing our best to make the transition as seamless as possible.

## Payment Model

At the most recent committee meeting we decided two things with regard to online playing fees:

1. We will not start charging for RealBridge sessions until 30 November by which time we expect to have the software bedded down and any technical glitches should be addressed.
2. We will review the financial forecast for the club for 2021 taking into account the known changes to government allowances and determine what to charge per player per session from 30 November onwards.

## 2021 Membership Fees

The committee this week also decided to change the membership fees for 2021. Despite there being no change to the fees we pay to other bodies per member (ABF & NSWBA capitation fees and GST), we have decided to reduce the 2021 membership fee from \$70 to \$50 for all members who renew by the end of February. We hope that those players who have been inactive for most of 2020 will be encouraged by this discount to renew their membership.

If you are on the pre-pay system the reduced membership fee will automatically be applied. For everyone else, you will have the opportunity to renew at the lower rate if you do so by the end of February. Anyone who does not renew by then who wants to re-join the club after February will incur the standard fee of \$70. New members joining in December, January or February will also enjoy the discounted rate. Please remember that from 30 November, if you wish to play any of the NSBC online bridge sessions you will need to not only be an NSBC member you will also need to be registered in the club's pre-pay system.

## Premises

We are still pursuing several options with regard to finding premises to move to from Willoughby given the redevelopment of that site. Unfortunately, the Help Street Chatswood option proved not to be viable. My thanks again to Leo Goorevich for his relentless efforts in helping us to identify and pursue several options.

In closing, as I have said previously, with such a diverse membership and staff cohort, the committee recognises that our decisions will not be agreed with by everyone. Your views are important to us and we are about to issue a survey to all members seeking feedback on a broad range of topics. Please take the time to complete the survey when it comes out so we can make fully informed decisions on your behalf.

Regards David



Mike Prescott

## NSBC Manager's Message

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## "RealBridge" Club Trial

The link for access to our RealBridge sessions is via our website.

Use the link below and on Saturday you will see it says click here for link. Click on it then and you will be taken to the RealBridge login screen. Please enter your full name with a space, for example: Mike Prescott. In the ID box, enter your ABF number taking care to enter it correctly. If the password is not already pre-filled in, please enter

nsbcbbridge

You can test your login from now via the schedule page link:

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

Alternatively, you can enter via our Website

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

The website has a link to the Schedule page for RealBridge access and the East Lindfield F2F sessions via the booking system.

You can bring up the schedule page by clicking on "**these times**". See image below.

### BBO/RB Schedule

Our BBO, RealBridge and F2F Sessions are scheduled for **these times** over the week

### Next Major Events

EL Face 2 Face 10.00am  
 Thu, 26 Nov 20, 10:00  
 Members Only

EL Face 2 Face 1.15pm  
 Thu, 26 Nov 20, 13:15

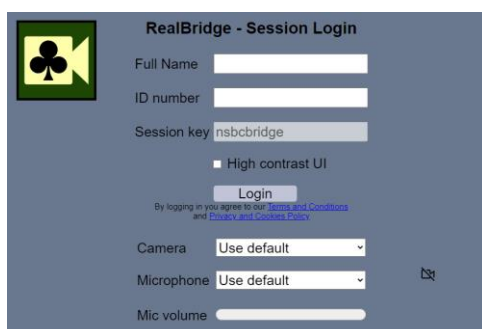
*Click on above event name to view brochure and entries-so-far. Also to register for event.*

An example image of the current full schedule is on the last page of the Newsletter.

Here is a photo of the link for the Saturday trial game imbedded in the schedule.

Sat	BBO	Open
	RB	<a href="#">Open &lt;click here for link&gt;</a>
	BBO	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)

You click this link and the RealBridge login will appear



RealBridge - Session Login

Full Name

ID number

Session key

☐ High contrast UI

Login

By logging in you agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy and Cookie Policy](#)

Camera

Microphone

Mic volume

You need to establish your seat in the session about **10 mins before the scheduled start**. No logging into BBO 2 hours before! No restrictions on Table numbers. If you want to play you can.

Find your partner, who may be sitting at a table and sit at that table Click on the opposite seat.

Or just sit (click a seat) at a free Table and wait for your partner

Kevin Davies		NSBC Open Sat 1.30pm	
Sit N	Sit E	Sit N	Sit E
Sit W <b>1</b> R7	Sit S	Sit W <b>2</b> R7	Sit S
Sit N	Sit E	Sit N	Sit E
Sit W <b>3</b> R7	Sit S	Sit W <b>4</b> R7	Sit S
Sit N	Sit E	Sit N	Sit E
Sit W <b>5</b> R7	Sit S	Sit W <b>6</b> R7	Sit S

RealBridge Screen shot



As more sessions are moved to RealBridge, the appropriate links on the session table will be activated.

We are moving **most sessions** to RealBridge in the coming weeks, and the club will be covering the running costs until 30th November. All sessions will be FREE until (and including) Sunday 29 November. Please continue to make donations until then.

From 30 November we will revert to a **"pay to play" model**. The amount to be charged per session will be communicated prior to 30th November.

To play club games online from 30th November, all players will be required to be on the North Shore Bridge Club **Pre-Paid system**.

If you are not already registered please use the link below, go to the Prepaid section and make a Top-Up payment and we will set you up.

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

## November 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>

# Challenge Hand 1

North (D)	
♠ T8	
♥ AKT972	
♦ 8	
♣ AJT7	
South	
♠ Q54	
♥ 3	
♦ AKQJ6	
♣ Q654	

**Pairs (Matchpoints)**  
Dealer North  
Vul: Nil

East will overcall 1♠ and bid 2♠ again if room.

What is your action to get to the best NS Contract?

# Challenge Hand 2

North	
♠ J6543	
♥ JT2	
♦ T62	
♣ 75	
South (D)	
♠ KQ2	
♥ AQ4	
♦ J75	
♣ AKJ3	

**Teams (IMPs / VPs)**  
Dealer South  
Vul: Nil

What is your action to get to the best NS Contract?

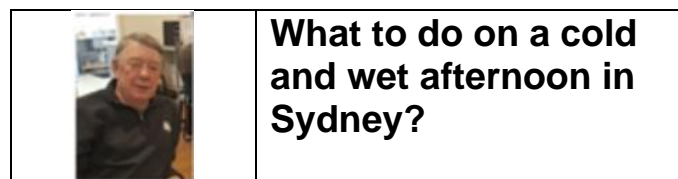
# Challenge Hand 3

North	
♠ AQ6	
♥ Q6	
♦ KT9853	
♣ Q6	
South	
♠ KJT	
♥ A874	
♦ 72	
♣ AJT3	

**Pairs (Matchpoints)**  
Dealer West  
Vul: All

West opens the bidding with 1♥, then remains silent

What is your action to get to the best NS Contract?



## What to do on a cold and wet afternoon in Sydney?

Come to our Bridge Club at East Lindfield and join the fun - **YES**, we are back playing Face-to -Face at last.

“Real Bridge” is coming, is great and is on-line, but this was Real Cards, Real Partners and Real People, and really good!

On the very wet and miserable afternoon Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November our great club played the first face to face Bridge game in months. There were all the safety precautions you would hope for, including special large tables for social distancing, heaps of masks, lots of sanitiser, etc. It was all as we expected nothing difficult, inconvenient or time consuming.



This Historic Event was formally opened by our President Mr. David Fryda who welcomed everyone with some opening remarks, wished us all well, thanked Manager Mike for his work during the COVID-19 chaos, thanked us all for coming and asked for feedback.

He then proceeded, in tandem with Club Secretary David Hagley, to give the rest of the field a bit of a hiding and ended with a winning margin of over 6%, all done with a smile.

5-Nov	T	Open 1:00 pm F2F EL Trial	10	NS	David Hagley & David Fryda	63%
				EW	Joyce & Bruce Edwards	65%





Joyce &amp; Bruce

We were well, and of course cheerfully, directed by Sue Crompton who returned from her online directing where we have regularly 'seen' her as the tireless Suzy1430. Thanks Sue.

To play and speak to people again was great, some with masks, some without, some smiling, some even upset by their partners' lead! As Confucius the famous Chinese philosopher said p.c. (pre COVID-19) "if you like my lead partner, just smile". Well, smiling is back at the North Shore Bridge Club.

The immediate results of Thursday's trial are that we were able to run a safe, fun, game, face to face, with no problems. This is great and our Club will be running more face to face games from here. I have already booked in for next Thursday, so why don't you come and join us soon. For future games just book in on the NSBC website as we did before the lock down.

Well done everyone and STAY SAFE.

**Ian MacLaren.**

## Sydney Spring Nationals Online Pairs 2020

12-13 December 2020 using RealBridge

### Events

1. Open Swiss Matchpoint Pairs
2. Restricted Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (<300 MP as at 30 June, 2020)
3. Novice Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (<100 MP as at 30 June 2020)

Format of the events is Matchpoints but converted to Victory points for each match. Swiss draw for next round. You play (10 x 10 board matches) over the 2 full days.

### Saturday 12th December and Sunday 13th December

- 10.00am 2 x 10 board matches
- 12.30pm Lunch break
- 1.15pm 3 x 10 board matches

Cost- All events \$A90.00 per pair

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## NSBC BBO Pairs (Imp scoring)

BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 1st Session Results Thursday 29 October		
1 NS	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	27.40
2 NS	Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt	25.90
1 EW	Kevin Davies & George Finikiotis	39.02
2 EW	Tony & Joanna Breuer	27.85
BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 2nd Session Results Thursday 5/November		
1 NS	Kevin Davies & George Finikiotis	44.92
2 NS	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	44.33
1 EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patrica Lacey	61.17
2 EW	Alex Ngan & David Sme	14.33
BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) (20T limit) 3rd Session Results Thursday 12/Nov		
1 NS	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	20.71
2 NS	John Mottram & Helen Christie	15.14
1 EW	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	56.57
2 EW	Helen Lowry & Frances Lyons	33.43
Final Rank	BBO Pairs Movement (IMP scoring) Overall Winners	Total imp
1	Prue & Thomas Siemsgluess	128.30
2	Kevin Davies & George Finikiotis	65.37
3	Helen Lowry & Frances Lyons	56.39
4	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	33.47
5	Sunny Pang & Margaret Owen	33.30



Winners: Thomas & Prue



Kevin

George

Helen

Frances



Ming

Wenjie

Sunny

Margaret

## NSBC Red Point Pairs

pos	BBO Red Point Pairs (20T limit) Thursday 19/Nov	%
NS 1	Ming Xie & Wenjie Liu	63%
NS 2	Julian Abel & Colin Clifford	57%
EW 1	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies	60%
EW 2	Frank Budai & Dominic Kwok	59%



Ming



Wenjie



George



Kevin

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## Club Membership Dashboard

Our joint club membership has topped the 1900 mark for the first time! Note: Our NSBC Willoughby is the largest bridge club in Australia, not including our East Lindfield venue

Club Dashboard Statistics	Last M	This M
Tables played last 30 days - BBO or RB or F2F (EL)	1494	1420
Current Club Membership	1876	1901

## October Masterpoint Promotions

Due to lock down and limited masterpoint files processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre by the **end of October**, 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 October
Ferster, Sara	EL	Club
Boyle, David	EL	Club

### And from Club Willoughby

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of October
Guthrie, Julie	CW	Gold Life
Fawcett, Fiona	CW	National
Carter, Mary	CW	*State
Bishop, Michael	CW	State
Siemsglue, Thomas	CW	State

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

### Club Willoughby Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Siemsglue, Thomas	CW	State	1,800
Robinson, Peter	CW	*National	1,673
Ampherlaw, Jo	CW	**Local	1,378
Beeby, Jane	CW	Silver Life	1,282
Van Weeren, Hans	CW	Silver Life	1,186
Liu, Wenjie	CW	State	1,156
Gordon, Sue	CW	Regional	1,122
Chey, Tien	CW	Regional	1,088
Mountjoy, Tim	CW	Life	1,086
Shand, Eva	K&Q	Bronze Life	1,058
Doecke, Karen	CW	*Local	1,056

### East Lindfield Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Regional	2,026
Halse, Tony	EL	Regional	996
Fendel, Michele	EL	*Local	781
Mullineux, Don	EL	*Regional	589
Osborne, Brian	EL	State	586
Harrington, Mary	EL	*Regional	571
Bartrop, John	EL	*Regional	558
Walker, Robyn	EL	Local	534
Wilkinson, Ron	Turra	*Regional	532
Aubrey, Owen	EL	Regional	530
Kneprath, Marg	EL	*Regional	529

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

ABF MASTER RANKINGS					
Rank	Minimum Requirements				NSBC Rank Sess
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold	
Graduate	2	2			R o o k i e
Club	5	5			
Local	15	15			
*Local	25	25			
**Local	35	35			
Regional	50	50			R e s t r i c t e d
*Regional	100	100			
State	50	25	25		
*State	100	50	50		
National	150	75	75		
*National	200	100	100		O p e n
**National	300	150	150		
Life	300	120	180	30	
Bronze Life	400	160	240	40	
Silver Life	500	200	300	50	
Gold Life	750	300	450	75	
Grand	1000	300	700	200	

## Open Session late October Results

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Late October Open Winners	Score
24-Oct	S BBO Open 10am	6	1 Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios	62%
		2	Jack & Leesa Abrams	59%
		NS	Judy Swaab & Shane Harrison	61%
25-Oct	S BBO Open 1:30 pm	20	EW Kathryn Brien & Michael Bishop	57%
		NS	Eva Shand & Les Varadi	63%
		EW	Prue & Thomas Siemsglue	67%
26-Oct	M BBO Open 10am	14	1 David Smee & Ed Truscott	65%
		2	Colin Clifford & Jeanette Abrams	64%
		NS	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	61%
27-Oct	T BBO Open 1:30 pm	20	EW Malcolm Martin & Natalie Chupin	63%
		1	Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	61%
		2	Ron Speiser & George Bilski	60%
28-Oct	W BBO Open 10am	19	NS Tracey Kessler & Laren Ehrlich	61%
		1	EW Prue & Thomas Siemsglue	74%
		2=	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	65%
29-Oct	W BBO Open 1:30 pm	18	2= Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	64%
		2=	Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	64%
		NS	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	71%
30-Oct	F BBO Open 10am	20	EW Barbara Temple & Mary Atkinson	60%
		14	NS Patrica Armstrong & Noreen Armstrong	66%
		EW	Ram Purushothaman & Raja Rajagopal	65%
31-Oct	S BBO Open 1:30 pm	13	1 Pauline Potts & Shane Harrison	70%
		2	Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	63%
		NS	Michele Fendel & Janice Olevson	66%
31-Oct	S BBO Open 10am	20	EW Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	63%
		16	1 Barry Shine & Joe Barda	63%
		2	Sandra Belcher & Joe Camilleri	61%
31-Oct	S BBO Open 1:30 pm	11	NS Brian Osbourne & Felix Shteyman	62%
		EW	Joe Barda & Giza Fletcher	65%
		6	1 John Brownie & Lorraine Schaap	69%
31-Oct	S BBO Open 10am	2	Lily Richman & Michael Whibley	58%
		NS	Judy Osie & David Osie	66%
		EW	Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach	63%



## October BBO Open Monthly winners

Pos	October Open Winners	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Tim Mountjoy	Life	27	5.41
2	Tony Burke	Grand	20	5.15
3	John Mottram	Silver Grand	28	5.00
4	Arlene Dalley	National	22	4.60
5	Ashley Bach	Silver Grand	21	4.53
6=	Lily Richman	Regional	18	4.41
6=	Michael Whibley	Grand	18	4.41



Tim Mountjoy



Tony Burke



John Mottram

## November Open Session Results

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Early November Open Winners	Score
1-Nov	S BBO BBO Open 1pm	16	NS Prue & Thomas Siemsglueess EW Eva Shand & Les Varadi	61% 65%
2-Nov	M BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	14 20	1 Ron Speiser & Joe Barda 2 Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach NS Kay & Pat O'Connor EW Lesley & Kevin Murray	65% 59% 63% 61%
3-Nov	T BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	15 13	1 Jenny Narunsky & Lauren Ehrlich 2 Linden Raymond & Tony Burke NS Ernie Wan & Phaik Yao EW Bruce & Joyce Edwards	62% 59% 63% 64%
4-Nov	W BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm BBO Open 7pm	16 18 14	1 Ron Speiser & Jenny Rose 2 Adrienne Sacks & Rene Sharp NS Hymie Osie & David Osie EW Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey NS Francis Garrick & Christine Vinson EW Michael Cartmell & David Fryda	64% 62% 59% 64% 64% 64%
5-Nov	T BBO Open 10am Open 1:00 pm F2F EL Trial BBO Open 1:30 pm	16 10 14	1 Shelley Watson & Robyn Noach 2 Judy Twigg & Alicia Mercer NS David Hagley & David Fryda EW Joyce & Bruce Edwards NS Margie Hullah & Nancye Brownie EW Bella Swartzberg & Hymie Osie	62% 62% 63% 65% 59% 64%
6-Nov	F BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	17 12	1 Monica Ginsberg & Donald Cartwright 2 Chris Gaskell & Mary Carter NS Robin Devries & Allen Pike EW Fiona Lavery & Steven Bock	67% 65% 58% 62%

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Mid November Open Winners	Score
7-Nov	S BBO Open 10am RB Trial Open 1:30 pm	6 17	1 Lorraine Schaap & John Brownie 2 Julia Connor & Jeanette Reitzer 1 Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey 2 Jenny Barnes & Catherine Else	67% 55% 77% 66%
8-Nov	S BBO Open 1pm	11	NS Elaine Dignan & Ian MacLaren EW Kit Meyers & Fiona Fawcett	57% 61%
9-Nov	M BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	14 19	1 Tessa Rohald & Louise Leibowitz 2 Colin Clifford & Jeanette Abrams NS Roslyn & Tony Howes EW Jenny Narunsky & John Mottram	63% 63% 62% 62%
10-Nov	T BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	13 15	1 Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach 2 Linden Raymond & Tony Burke NS Brett Slater & Tony Halse EW Ron Speiser & Bernard Edelstein	63% 61% 64% 66%
11-Nov	W BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm BBO Open 7pm	15 15 13	1 Denise Kavnat & Judy Perl 2 Pauline Potts & Liam Milne NS Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan EW George Bilski & Jennifer Rothwell NS Roger Conway & Dennis Watkins EW Jane & Philip Beeby	69% 67% 60% 61% 59% 67%
12-Nov	T Open 9:30 am F2F EL Trial BBO Open 10am Open 1:00 am F2F EL Trial BBO Open 1:30 pm	5 11 9 12	NS Judy Bardone & Shirley Soh EW Liz Sharratt & Barbara Richards 1= Julianne Rocks & Kevin Davies 1= Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach NS Judy Shaw & Carolyn Green EW Anne Symons & Sallie Quarles NS Vera Rowland & Louise Leibowitz EW Giza Fletcher & Sandra Miller	63% 63% 65% 65% 63% 58% 63% 58%

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Mid November Open Winners	Score
13-Nov	F BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	14 10	1 Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach 2 Lily Richman & Michael Whibley NS Elliott Kaplan & Mannie Ichilcik EW Kay & Pat O'Connor	64% 64% 66% 67%
14-Nov	S BBO Open 10am RB Trial Open 1:30 pm	5 19	1 Lily Richman & Michael Whibley 2 Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi EW Tony & Roslyn Howes	66% 62% 69% 61%
15-Nov	S BBO Open 1pm	12	NS Lois Chambers & Pamela Potter EW Christine Hanley & Graig Mietzke	62% 59%
16-Nov	M BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	12 20	1 Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach 2 Henrietta Hohnen & John Mottram NS Mischa Solar & Angie Boulton EW Peter Fitzmaurice & Neil Williams	69% 65% 64% 66%
17-Nov	T BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	17 15	1 Margaret Foster & Jeanette Abrams 2 Liz Efinger & Vivian Schenker NS Tim Mountjoy & Richard Phillips EW Ron Speiser & Bernard Edelstein	64% 63% 59% 64%
18-Nov	W BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm BBO Open 7pm	16 18 14	1 Ron Speiser & Jenny Rose 2 Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach NS Helen Lowry & Linda Aubusson EW George Bilski & Jennifer Rothwell NS Ram Purushothaman & Raja Rajagopal EW Chris Sundstrom & Elli Urbach	62% 62% 64% 68% 61% 68%
19-Nov	T Open 10:00 am F2F EL Trial BBO Open 10am Open 1:15 am F2F EL Trial BBO Open 1:30 pm	4x 13 10 14	1 Judy Bardone & Shirley Soh 2 Penny Allen & Judy Cassell NS Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer EW Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach NS Marlaine Gahan & Colin Thomas EW Liz Quittner & Mischa Solar NS Marika Lorsch & Janice Harris EW Julianne Rocks & Kevin Davies	67% 60% 64% 61% 57% 64% 56% 62%

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Mid November Open Winners	Score
20-Nov	F BBO Open 10am BBO Open 1:30 pm	16 14	1 Vera Rowland & Elise Kotkin 2 Lorna Ichilcik & Lynn Kalmim NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey EW Marlaine Gahan & Kathryn Brien	63% 60% 71% 65%
21-Nov	S BBO Open 10am RB Trial Open 1:30 pm	4 21	1 Sharlene Gnesin & Jenny Narunsky 2 Fran Campbell & Maria Remedios NS Eva Shand & Les Varadi EW Alicia Mercer & Mischa Solar	64% 56% 64% 59%
22-Nov	S BBO Open 1pm	8	NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey EW Margaret Foster & Colin Clifford	60% 56%



### BBO November Current Open Monthly leaders

Pos	To November (DD) Open Leaders	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1=	Arlene Dalley	National	17	5.92
1=	Ashley Bach	Silver Grand	16	5.92
3	Ron Speiser	Grand	11	3.6
4	Tim Mountjoy	Life	14	2.47
5	Hymie Osie	Silver Life	19	2.45
6	John Mottram	Silver Grand	19	2.33
7=	Lily Richman	Regional	16	2.27
7=	Michael Whibley	Grand	16	2.27
7=	Eva Shand	Bronze Life	10	2.27
7=	Les Varadi	Silver Grand	10	2.27

Note a): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards during the month in the Open Sessions

### ABF Online Teams

#### Qualifying

November 28-29 Format: 8 x 12-board Swiss  
Match times: (AEDT) 12 noon, 1.30 pm, 3.30pm, 5.00pm  
Top eight teams qualify to the Finals Series Non-qualifiers may contest the Consolation Swiss Pairs  
Entry fee: **\$220 per team**

#### Finals Series

December 5:

Quarter-Finals – 2 x 12-board stanzas

Semi-Finals – 2 x 12-board stanzas

December 6:

Final – 4 x 12-board stanzas

#### Consolation Swiss Pairs

December 5: 6 x 8-board matches

Only open to players who contested the Qualifying – substitute players or new entrants not permitted  
No additional fees for the second weekend. Will be played on [RealBridge](https://www.realbridge.com)

### BBO Restricted (<300MP) Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie & Restricted Combined late October Winners	Score
24-Oct	S BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	NS Liz Shevlane & Mary Collins	61%
			EW Felix Shteyman & Tien Chey	58%
26-Oct	M BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	3	NS Owen Aubrey & John Bartrop	62%
			EW Pauline Beckton & Jane Loveday	58%
29-Oct	W BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	1 Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	69%
			2 Felix Shteyman & Lorna Davies	61%
30-Oct	F BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	1 Anne Bannister & Tricia Higgins	69%
			2 Phillip Howes & Deborah Burt	61%
31-Oct	S BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	9	NS Anne Cooper & Fiona Russell	71%
			EW Sylvia Enklaar & Denise Reilly	59%

### October Restricted BBO Monthly winners

Pos	October Winners Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < "National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Tien Chey	Regional	11	1.97
2	Felix Shteyman	**Local	8	1.89
3	Fiona Russell	State	7	1.85
4=	Don Mullineux	*Regional	12	1.62
4=	Mary Harrington	*Regional	12	1.62
6	Sue Morgan	Local	4	1.16
7	Denise Reilly	Club	13	1.11



Winner: Tien Chey



2nd: Felix Shteyman



3rd Fiona Russell



4= Don and Mary

## November Restricted BBO Monthly winners

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie & Restricted Combined Early November Winners	Score
5-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	14	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	64%
			2	Denise Reilly & Sylvia Enklaar	62%
6-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	12	1	Brian Emanuel & David Boyle	65%
			2	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	63%
7-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	1	Anne Cooper & Fiona Russell	65%
			2	Lynne Kerry & Janet Rigby	60%
12-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	11	1	Rhonda Small & Sharon Davis	65%
			2	John Stapleton & Veronica Reismann	61%
13-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	69%
			2	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	60%
14-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	7	1	Felix Shteyman & Tien Chey	63%
			2	Graeme & Deborah Hilder	56%
16-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	3	1	Simon Vinson & David Craig	60%
			2	Pauline Beckton & Jane Loveday	55%
19-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	1	Robyne Fleming & Sue Gordon	67%
			2	Meera Kudva & Anne Maree Gleeson	64%
20-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	69%
			2	Caroline Neeham & James McDonnell	66%
21-Nov	BBO Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	1	Verity Furness & Joan Francis	62%
			2	Anne & David Craig	61%

## BBO November Current Combined Monthly Leaders

Pos	November Leaders Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < **National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Fiona Russell	State	7	2.55
2	Sue Morgan	Local	4	2.13
3	Felix Shteyman	**Local	7	1.02
4=	Denise Reilly	Club	3	0.92
4=	Sylvia Enklaar	*State	3	0.92
6=	Don Mullineux	*Regional	7	0.91
6=	Mary Harrington	*Regional	7	0.91

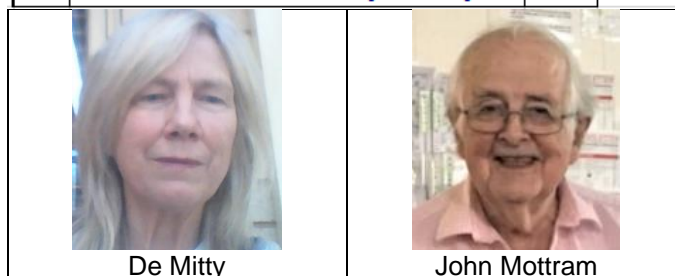


Note a): Restricted Monthly award is for players below <300 Masterpoints i.e. < \*\*National Rank

Note b): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards during the month in the Combined Sessions

## NSBC Congress Winners: **Well done!**

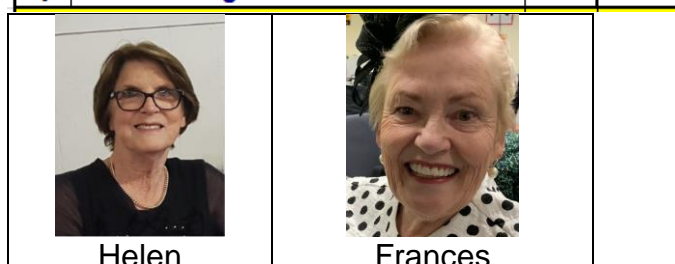
Coffs Harbour Open Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	De Mitty & John Mottram	59	4-2-0
2	Nigel Rosendorf & Elliot Kaplan	57	5-0-1
3	David & Mandy Johnston	50	5-0-1
Coffs Harbour Restricted Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Dianne Strachen & Evelyn Colley	53	4-0-2
2	Craig Mietzke & Terry Dunne	46	4-1-1
Coffs Harbour Novice Swiss Pairs (BBO)		IMP	
1	Dianne Strachen & Evelyn Colley	102	



Mudgee Open Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Louise & Tony Leibowitz	66	4-1-1
2	Pam & Ross Crichton	50	4-2-0
3	Jan Clarke & Chris Williams	47	3-2-1
4	Michael Wilkinson & Jane Beeby	37	3-2-1
Mudgee Restricted Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Mary Poynten & Tony White	67	4-2-1
3	Kit Meyers & Fiona Fawcett	26	3-2-2



Southern Highlands Open Pairs (BBO)		%
1	Frances Lyons & Helen Lowry	117
2	Rachel Langdon & Nickolas Moore	113
3	De Mitty & John Mottram	112
4	John Rogers & Peter Robinson	108
Southern Highlands Restricted Pairs (BBO)		%
1	Noleen Cregan & Suzanne Cole	



Southern Highlands Open Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Paul Weaver & Terry Bodycote	85	4-0-2
2	Pam & Ross Crichton	71	6-0-0
3	George Bilski & Ron Speiser	58	4-1-1
4	Judy Marks & Julianne Rocks	38	4-0-2
Southern Highlands Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Cheryl Waters & Marie Pickering	60	5-0-1
2	Sandy & Phil Armitage	35	3-0-3



Terry

Griffith Open Swiss Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Margaret Foster & Colin Clifford	82	8-0-2
2	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	59	6-1-3
3	Terry Heming & Brian Thorp	49	6-1-3
4	Pam & Ross Crichton	44	6-1-3



Margaret



Colin

NSWBA State Open Pairs		%
1	Kate McCallum & Axel Johannsson	122
2	Liz Adams & Andrew Peak	121
3	Tony Nunn & Paul Dalley	119



Kate & Axel

NSWBA Monday Comp nights		
Swiss Pairs		VP
1	Maurits VAN DER VLUGT - Andre KORENHOF	119.14
2	Nigel ROSENDORFF - Martin BLOOM	104.72
3	Julian ABEL - Rakesh KUMAR	101.12
4	Anita CURTIS - Linda KING	99.44
5	Kevin DAVIES - George FINIKIOTIS	98.98



Maurits



Andre



Nigel & Martin

## Coming Weekend Congress Events

Dates	Cost	NSW Congress Events
Nov 22	Realbridge \$20pp	NSWBA Online Spring Swiss MP Pairs Congress
Nov 28-29	Realbridge \$220/team	ABF Online Teams - Qualifying Event
Dec 05-06		ABF Online Teams - Finals & Teams Consulation
Nov 29	\$10 BBO pp	Wollstonecraft BC - Online IMP Pairs
Dec 06	\$13 BBO pp	Central Coast BC - Online Swiss IMP Pairs
Dec 12-13	RealBridge \$90/Pair	ABF - Online Spring Nationals Novice Swiss Pairs
		ABF - Online Spring Nationals Restricted Swiss Pairs
		ABF - Online Spring Nationals Open Swiss Pairs
Dec-26 to Jan-03	F2F \$Varies	Trumps - Festival Events (@ the Club 14T Max)
Jan-03	BBO \$?	Master Bridge - Jan Online Swiss (IMP/VP) Pairs



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## Defence Problem

*By Pat O'Connor*

We are East. Our hand is promising:

East	
♠	A
♥	AQ954
♦	83
♣	A8542

South opens 2♠, a weak two bid showing six spades. Partner passes and North raises to 4♠. That is the end of our declarer dreams for now. We have no guarantee of beating the contract, so we refrain from doubling and just pass.

Standard Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
2♠	Weak 2 6S <11 hcp		
4♠	To Play		

Partner leads the ♠K and dummy comes down.

North				East	
♠	T632			♠	A
♥	KJ			♥	AQ954
♦	AKQJ4			♦	83
♣	T3			♣	A8542

Dummy plays the ♣3 and we stop to think.

### How are we going to defeat this contract?

We have three aces which is a good start. We also note that we have the ♥AQ sitting over dummy's ♥KJ. If partner can lead hearts at some stage, we can take two heart tricks.

### How many high card points is partner likely to have?

South has 6-10, North has 14 and we have 14. That leaves a maximum of 6 for partner and it looks like he has the ♠KQ. So, it is clear that he will not get in again. The time for partner to lead hearts is now.

### What card should we play to this trick?

We should discourage partner from continuing clubs. The way to do that is to play the ♣2. Declarer follows with the ♣J, a probable singleton.

Looking at dummy, partner will realise that it is pointless to switch to diamonds, so he will find the heart switch. Partner duly switches to the ♥8 and the good guys take four tricks – one spade, two hearts and one club.

### The Full Deal

		North			
		♠	T632		
		♥	KJ		
		♦	AKQJ4		
		♣	T3		
West				East	
♠	97			♠	A
♥	832			♥	AQ954
♦	T76			♦	83
♣	KQ976			♣	A8542
		South			
		♠	KQJ854		
		♥	T76		
		♦	952		
		♣	J		
4♠/S Lead ♠K				Vul Nil Dir: S	

If we had encouraged partner's club lead by playing the ♠8, declarer would have ruffed the club continuation. Partner would never get in again to lead a heart. We could cash the ♥A when in with the ♠A but that would only give our side one heart trick instead of two. Eventually, dummy's diamonds would provide a parking spot for declarer's heart losers.

### Postmortem

When there is a threatening side suit in dummy, it is often imperative to take your tricks in a hurry before they disappear.

## Our Newer Player Team

 Kay	 Liz	 Kim	 Sue
 Jenny	 Sandra	 Alan	 June

## For our supervised players

The Monday evening and Tuesday morning BBO games are going well, and we are now playing 15 boards per session.

## BBO Supervised Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Late October Supervised Winners	Score
23-Nov	M Supervised 7pm	4	Robert Lagaida & Richard Burnell	62%
24-Nov	T Supervised 10:30am	4	Judy Andrews & Tors Graham	63%
Date	NSBC Event	T	November Supervised Winners	Score
2-Nov	M Supervised 7pm	5	Diana Moore & Lydia Merrill	71%
3-Nov	T Supervised 10:30am	3	Neil Edwards & Marins Shteyman	71%
9-Nov	M Supervised 7pm	4	Des Cohen & Hilton Rosenthal	56%
10-Nov	T Supervised 10:30am	6	Marina Shteyman & Sandra Nori	63%
16-Nov	M Supervised 7pm	3	Helen Freeman & Beth Morton	69%
17-Nov	T Supervised 10:30am	4	Sandra Nori & June Straw	63%

## For our rookie players

We now have BBO games available Monday through Saturday during the day, and an evening game on a Tuesday.

The pregame talks are taking a break from the end of November, while the last 2020 lessons with Jess and Anita are in early December.

Weekly Rookie & Supervised 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
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 = Clock, m = mins						
*Pre-Game Talk \$10.00 - contact Kay Moyes moves_kay@hotmail.com						

## Test Your Stayman

The Stayman convention is used to locate 4-4 major suit fit after partner opens 1NT. It is one of the oldest and most widely used bridge conventions.

Your partner opens the bidding 1NT. What do you respond with each of the following hands?

<b>Hand 1</b> ♠ KQ54 ♥ A98 ♦ 32 ♣ J984	<b>Possible bids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass</li> <li>• 2♣</li> <li>• 2NT</li> <li>• 2♠</li> </ul> <p><b>2♣.</b> Although you have a game going hand, you still want to look for a 4-4 spade fit.</p>
<b>Hand 2</b> ♠ K532 ♥ 984 ♦ 9765 ♣ Q2	<b>Possible bids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass</li> <li>• 2♣</li> <li>• 2NT</li> <li>• 2♠</li> </ul> <p><b>Pass.</b> You have less than invitational values.</p>
<b>Hand 3</b> ♠ Q4 ♥ AJ94 ♦ Q32 ♣ T843	<b>Possible bids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass</li> <li>• 2♣</li> <li>• 2NT</li> <li>• 2♥</li> </ul> <p><b>2♣.</b> Intending to invite with 2NT if partner does not have four hearts. If partner does have four hearts, you will raise to 3♥.</p>
<b>Hand 4</b> ♠ AKQ4 ♥ KJT2 ♦ AJ52 ♣ 9	<b>Possible bids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6NT</li> <li>• 2♣</li> <li>• 2♥</li> <li>• 3NT</li> </ul> <p><b>2♣.</b> There is no upper limit for Stayman. You want to locate a 4-4 major suit fit if there is one, then maybe slam!</p>

Hand 5	Possible bids
♠ 954	• Pass
♥ J9	• 2♣
♦ A53	• 3NT
♣ KQ976	• 2♦
	<b>3NT.</b> You have no four-card major and enough points for game. Just bid it!

You opened 1NT, partner responds with the Stayman convention 2♣ bid. **What do you bid with the following hands:**

Hand 6	Possible bids
♠ AK87	• 2♥
♥ KT72	• 2♠
♦ A6	• 2NT
♣ QJT	• 3NT
	<b>2♥.</b> Bid your lower ranking of 2 four-card majors first.
Hand 7	Possible bids
♠ AK2	• Pass
♥ 975	• 2♦
♦ KQ4	• 2NT
♣ AT82	• 2♠
	<b>2♦.</b> You do not have a four-card major.
Hand 8	Possible bids
♠ 9872	• 2♦
♥ A2	• 2♥
♦ AJ8	• 2NT
♣ KQJ2	• 2♠
	<b>2♠.</b> Partner is not asking how good your major is, just if you have a four-card major.

Source: "ABCL Bridge feed" website by unsigned ACBL Staff.

Good or Bad?

Adapted from an <b>Andrew Robson</b> article from his ARBC website

You pick up the following hands, all with ten points. Before the bidding commences, would you say they are good, medium, or bad?

Hand a)	Hand b)	Hand c)
♠ J42	♠ 6	♠ JT
♥ AJ32	♥ AQT93	♥ A7632
♦ KJ2	♦ KJ982	♦ 962
♣ 862	♣ T8	♣ KQT

- (a). **Bad.** Yucky 4333 shape, no sequential honours, no tens, or nines.
- (b). **Good,** fabulous shape, all the honours in the long suits – and good intermediates to-boot.
- (c). **Medium.** Fair shape – at least you have a five-card suit but nothing special. You would even consider opening the bidding with Hand (b) but would never consider it with either of the others.

However, say your partner opened the bidding with 1♣ and, over your 1♥ response (correct on all three), partner rebids 1♠, showing a shapely 5/4 hand.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠			

- (c) - Is now the best hand of the three is with a good club fit, good bolstering spades and a side ace – you would consider a jump to 3♣.
- (b). - However, is now looking markedly less exciting, as the hallmarks of a misfit are present – indeed it may be sensible to slow things down by bidding 1NT.
- (a). Remains unexciting, although you do have a club fit. I guess a 1NT or even a 2♣ preference signoff is called for.



Hand a)	Hand b)	Hand c)
♠ J42	♠ 6	♠ JT
♥ AJ32	♥ AQT93	♥ A7632
♦ KJ2	♦ KJ982	♦ 962
♣ 862	♣ T8	♣ KQT

However, say your partner opened the bidding 1♣ and, over your 1♥ response, partner rebid 1NT, showing 12-14 Balanced.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT			

- (c) - Is now looking poorer with Heart quality dubious, I would pass
- (b). - However, is still looking good, and dependent on your rebid agreements (2-way checkback?), you need to show 5 Hearts and interest in game (if partner is max)
- (a). Remains unexciting, and I guess a Pass is called for.



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 Nov 25	Week 16	Takeout Doubles 2
Thur Nov 26		
Wed Dec 2	Week 17	Stayman
Thur Dec 3		
Wed Dec 9	Week 18	Transfers to Majors
Thur Dec 10		
Break in Lessons - Restart January 13th		

**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 <u>Develop your skills - Lesson Topic</u>
Thur Nov 26	Hand Analysis 2
Thur Dec 3	Cross ruffing – a great declarer play technique
Thur Dec 10	Break in Lesson Schedule
Thur Dec 17	
Thur Dec 24	
Thur Dec 31	
Thur Jan 7	
Thur Jan 14	Life after Transfers

**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 <u>Broaden your game/Intermediate - Lesson Topic</u>
Fri Nov 27	How do you get this contract down? Test your defensive skills
Fri Dec 4	Gentle Hand Analysis 14 for players moving towards intermediate level to consolidate skills and learn new techniques
Break in Lesson Schedule Restart Fri Feb 5	
Fri Feb 5	Gentle Hand Analysis 15 for players moving towards intermediate level to consolidate skills and learn new techniques

## October Rookie Only Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie Only Late October Winners	Score
26-Oct	M BBO Rookie 2pm	20 NS	Robyn Rogers & John Jameson	64%
		EW	Margaret Warnes & Julie Arnheim	61%
27-Oct	T BBO Rookie 2pm	16 NS	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	64%
		EW	Don Chisholm & Chris Lewis	64%
	T BBO Rookie 7pm	6 NS	Neil Edwards & Felix Shteyman	58%
		EW	Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	63%
28-Oct	W BBO Rookie 2pm	20 NS	Marg Daridis & Robyn Walker	62%
		EW	Kerry Barling & Liz Morell	68%

Note a): Rookie Monthly award is for players with less than <100 Masterpoints i.e. with Less than **\*Regional Master Rank**

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

## October Rookie BBO Monthly Winners

Pos	Winner Oct Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	**Local	18	3.67
2	Tien Chey	Regional	16	2.79
3	Lorna Davies	Club	11	1.98
4	Deborah Burt	Club	13	1.54
5=	David Craig	Nil	12	1.35
5=	Anne Craig	Nil	12	1.35
5=	Tricia Higgins	Nil	10	1.35



Winner: Felix Shteyman



Tien Chey



Lorna Davies



Deborah Burt

## November Rookie Only Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie Only Early-Mid November Winners	Score
2-Nov	M BBO Rookie 2pm	18 NS	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	69%
		EW	David & Anne Craig	61%
3-Nov	T BBO Rookie 2pm	11 NS	Don Chisholm & Chris Lewis	69%
		EW	James McDonnell & Caroline Needham	63%
	T BBO Rookie 7pm	7 NS	Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	68%
		EW	Yvonne Rawack & Michelle Levy	66%
4-Nov	W BBO Rookie 2pm	20 NS	Verity Furness & Joan Francis	69%
		EW	Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	61%
9-Nov	M BBO Rookie 2pm	19 NS	David Boyle & Sharon Thompson	62%
		EW	Anna & Michael Mahoney	67%
10-Nov	T BBO Rookie 2pm	13 NS	Sue Gordon & Yeung Cheung	64%
		EW	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	65%
	T BBO Rookie 7pm	6 NS	Sasha Bennett & Liz Morell	75%
		EW	Maeve Doyle & Stuart Schon	56%
11-Nov	W BBO Rookie 2pm	18 NS	Sara Worth & Monica Cheng	75%
		EW	Philip Howes & Deborah Burt	74%
16-Nov	M BBO Rookie 2pm	19 NS	Sara Worth & Monica Cheng	62%
		EW	Sheila Goodman & Sue Gordon	63%
17-Nov	T BBO Rookie 2pm	13 NS	Caroline Needham & James McDonnell	60%
		EW	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	70%
	T BBO Rookie 7pm	6 NS	Sasha Bennett & Liz Morell	58%
		EW	Robyn & Ian Satill	57%
18-Nov	W BBO Rookie 2pm	19 NS	Sheila Goodman & Sue Gordon	65%
		EW	Philip Howes & Deborah Burt	70%

## BBO November Current Rookie Monthly leaders

Pos	Leader Nov Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Sue Gordon	Regional	15	2.24
2	Sue Morgan	Local	4	2.13
3	Felix Shteyman	**Local	13	1.99
4	David Boyle	Club	9	1.44
5	David Craig	Nil	8	1.40
6	Anne Craig	Nil	7	1.29
7	Deborah Burt	Club	11	1.27



Sue Gordon



Sue Morgan



Mike Lawrence

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

This hand is adapted from the ACBL Bridge feed website article **Entry Problems**

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ A8762	West	North	East	S (D)
♥ QJ6				1♥
♦ 873	Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
♣ 92	All Pass			
	Bidding Notes			
South (D)	1♥	Good Hand 15hcp		
♠ 43	2♥	3H, 6-9 Hcp		
♥ AKT532	4♥	Normal aggressive game		
♦ A92				
♣ A4				

With both sides vulnerable, You as South open 1♥. What would you respond with the North hand? Many would respond with 1♠, but these players will have a headache on the next round if opener rebids two of a minor (on a different layout). They will give a preference to 2♥, a bid that does little to help South. North has real heart support and his preference auction does not share that information with South. An immediate raise to 2♥ is much better, and on this hand, it gets South to go on to 4♥. West leads the ♦K. How should South make the 4♥ contract?

### Preliminary Planning

Top winners: 1♠+6♥+1♦+1♣= 9, one short

Top Losers: None, but deep 1♠+2♦+1♣

Strategies for 10 tricks

- South has four losers, and the only chance is to get an extra trick out of the spade suit.
- Drawing trump first is a bad idea. You need to use the heart honours as entries to dummy and a long spade winner.

Best, by far, is to start on spades at trick two. But if you lead a spade to the ace, and then give up a spade. The defenders will take two diamond winners and lead a club. You will win and will go to dummy with a heart. You will ruff a spade. They divide 3-3 you are OK, but not

on 4-2 break. So, you go back to dummy and ruff another spade. That sets up a final spade winner, but another possible problem arises. If East has three hearts, it will mean you do not have a final entry to dummy. Dummy does have the ♥6 but East has the ♥9. No entry there.

### Solution

- T1 West lead ♦K, Win ♦A in-hand  
T2 You should lead a ♠3, west inserts ♠J, so duck ♠2 letting the defence have the trick. East playing ♠5.  
T3-4 West will now cash their two top diamond tricks ♦QJ everybody following.  
T5 West will probably exit by leading a 4<sup>th</sup> highest club ♠6, ♠2, ♠K to your ♠A, But South is now in charge against almost all layouts.

If they instead exit the trump, ♥7 you win it in hand ♥T and follow a similar line as below.

- T6 You cross to dummy, playing ♠4, West ♠K, to win the ♠A in whilst East ♠9.  
T7 Play ♠6. ♠T and ruff with a high trump ♥A west discards ♠7  
T8 Cross back to dummy in trumps ♥2, ♥7 to the ♥Q, ♥4  
T9 Ruff another spade ♠7, ♠Q with another high trump ♥K, West discarding ♦4  
T10 Cash the high heart in hand ♥T, West club C7, dummy ♥6 and East ♥8  
T11 Cross back to dummy ♥3 to the ♥J (which draws East's last trump ♥9)  
T12 Enjoy the high spade ♠8 and pitching the club loser ♠4 from hand  
T13 Your last trump ♥5 in your hand is high and is your 10<sup>th</sup> trick for your contract.



Here is the entire hand.


	<b>North</b>	
	♠ A8762	
<b>West</b>	♥ QJ6	<b>East</b>
♠ KJ	♦ 873	♠ QT95
♥ 7	♣ 92	♥ 984
♦ KQJ4		♦ T65
♣ QT7653	<b>South (D)</b>	♣ KJ8
	♠ 43	
<b>4♥/S</b>	♥ AKT532	<b>Vul All</b>
<b>Lead ♦K</b>	♦ A92	<b>Dir: S</b>
	♣ A4	

It is an ordinary layout in which spades divide 4-2 and hearts divide 3-1. There is nothing obscure about this layout.

Make a point of remembering this spade combination. If you must set up a trick in this suit, whether playing in a suit contract or a notrump contract, **ducking the first round of the suit effectively gains you an entry.**

I would guess that ducking the first trick is correct on about 99% of the hands where you intend to lose a trick along the way to setting up a later winner. Are you worried that the suit might be 5-1, in which case the defence might later ruff your ace? The answer to this quibble is that if a 5-1 split exists, it is terminal to your contract anyway! You should not worry about it.

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Should you compete and open light in 4<sup>th</sup> seat with 11 HCP, following a Pass-Pass-Pass auction?

Only if your high cards (**HCP + Spade length = 15 or higher**), Called the “Rule of 15”.

You are expecting all the others at the table to have about 9-11 hcp each. You must have spades if you choose to open light, else the opponents will likely outbid you into a spade contract.

So, with no spade length (ie Rule gives <15), you are better off to just **Pass**

North	Suggested Bidding			
♠ Q842	West	North	East (D)	South
♥ K532			Pass	Pass
♦ J2	Pass	Pass or 1♣	1♦	1♠
♣ AJT	2♦	2♠	All Pass	
	Bidding Notes			
South	Pass or 1♣	Planning to pass any bid by south		
♠ K763	1♦	Lead directing (non vul)		
♥ AQ7	1♠	Positive 4+♠		
♦ QT5	2♦	Support		
♣ 872	2♠	Support min		

East Passed, you (South) also pass on your flat 11, West passes. Partner has only 11 hcp, but the competing rule ( $HCP + Spade\ Length = 15$  or more) just makes the grade, ( $11 + 4 = 15$ ) plus you have both major suits. So, partner opens  $1\clubsuit$  (planning on passing any response from partner). But East gets into the action with a non-vulnerable lead directing bid of  $1\diamondsuit$ , you (South) make a free bid  $1\spadesuit$  ( $4 + Spades\ some\ values$ ). West competes with a  $2\diamondsuit$  bid, and your partner just squeaks  $2\spadesuit$ . You pass this out as it sounds like partner has made a light opening and this is surely just a part score battle hand!

Top winners:  $1\spadesuit+3\heartsuit+1\clubsuit=5$  + Deep  $\diamondsuit+\clubsuit$   
 Top losers:  $\spadesuit A, \heartsuit AK$  + deep  $\clubsuit$  +  $\spadesuit$  losers

- Will likely only make 2 or 3 spade tricks
- 4<sup>th</sup> Heart if they break 33
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Diamond ♦Q looks promising
- 2<sup>nd</sup> club if they do not ruff this out

T1 West leads ♠K, [A], East ♠6  
(encouraging), and the ♠2 from hand

T2 You need to start on drawing trumps, so  
♠2, ♠T, ♠K, but West wins [A]

T3 West then cashes the club [Q], ♠T,  
East completing the high low count ♠2,  
and ♠7. Looks like East has a  
doubleton!

T4 West continues clubs ♠3, ♠J, East ruffs  
in with the [J], ♠8

T56 East now cashes his 2 top diamond  
tricks [AK], everyone following, but  
West likely showing 3 (♦78)

T7 East continues with another diamond  
♦3, You win the [Q], ♦9, as you discard  
♥2 from dummy

T8 You need the rest of the tricks for  
contract. Looks like East may have  
started with doubleton ♠JT, so odds are  
to finesse West for the ♠9. So ♠3, ♠5, [♠8  
♦4

T9 You draw the outstanding trump with  
the [Q]

T10 You claim the rest [♠4+♥AKQ] for  
contract

	North	
	♠ Q842	
West	♥ K532	East (D)
♠ A95	♦ J2	♠ JT
♥ T9	♣ AJT	♥ J864
♦ 987		♦ AK643
♣ KQ953	South	♣ 64
7H/S	♠ K763	Vul Nil
Lead ♦Q	♥ AQ7	Dir: N
	♦ QT5	
	♣ 872	

This is an interesting part score match point battle hand. Reviewing the actual scores on the board below:

- 1♠ or 2♠ by NS scores well!
- Just passing scores 50% for NS
- **Overbidding by South** trying to show his maximum pass, resulting in a 3♠/4♣ contracts, which score very poorly at Matchpoints. (25% or 6%)

B18 BBO Open 27/Oct 10am					Bridge Score		Match Points		Percentage	
Contract					Frequ	NS	EW	NS	EW	
3♦X	E	7	3♠	1x	300		32	0	100%	0%
2♠	S	8	K♣	3x	110		28	4	88%	13%
1♠	S	7	T♥	1x	80		22	10	69%	31%
PASS				5x	0	0	16	16	50%	50%
2♥	N	7	A♦	1x		100	8	24	25%	75%
3♠	S	8	9♦	2x		100	8	24	25%	75%
3♠	S	7	8♦	1x		200	2	30	6%	94%
4♠	S	8	8♦	1x		200	2	30	6%	94%
3NT	N	7	K♦	1x		200	2	30	6%	94%
17 Tables - Max MP = 16x2 = 32 = 100%										

Partner then bids 2♣, minimum opening and fitting in one of your minors. But East continues to be annoying and overcalls again with a 2♠ call.

You consider a penalty double, but you are unlikely to get rich (maybe 2 off for +300). You have a 14hcp, spade stopper and good diamond suit, together with a fit in clubs, so you decide to try for a 3NT game. West starts with the ♠9 lead

## Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 1♠+2♥+4♦+1♣=8 tricks

Top Losers: ♠AK, maybe ♣K

On the lead and bidding East looks to be something like ♠AKTxxx(x)

Strategies for making 9 tricks

- Maybe the 5<sup>th</sup> Diamond will stand up?
- Club finesse (but likely the ♣K is with East though), as he bid twice.
- Hearts? Likely West has longer hearts.

## Challenge hand 1 Solution



A challenging 3NT

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

North (D)		Standard Bidding			
		West	North (D)	East	South
♠ J8			1♥	1♠	X
♥ AKT972			2♣	2♠	3NT
♦ 8		Pass			
♣ AJT7		All Pass			
		Bidding Notes			
South		1♥	5+♥, Opening hand		
♠ Q54		1♠	5+♠, overcall		
♥ 3		X	Neg X, both minors		
♦ AKQJ6		2♣	Second suit		
♣ Q654		2♠	6+♠, better than weak 2		
		3NT	Good ♦, Game values, ♠ stop		

### The Bidding:

Your partner (North) opens the bidding with 1♥ and then East overcalls 1♠. You have a good hand with both minors, so you choose to start with a **negative double**. (You could have chosen to bid 2♦ showing a good suit).

T1 West leads ♠9 and you as declarer, play dummy's ♠J, plan the play if:

- East wins and plays ♠AK then exiting the ♠2 (signaling a club re-entry), with West following with the ♠3 then discarding a club ♠8 on the third round.
- East lets dummy's ♠J win the first trick but plays an encouraging spade. **This is a much stronger defence in truth**, preserving the defensive spade communications in case West can gain an entry.

### a) Solution to the high Spade cashing

- T1 West leads ♠9 and declarer played dummy's ♠J, East wins ♠A and hand ♠4
- T2 East now cashes the high spade ♠K, all following ♠5, ♠3, ♠8.
- T3 East exists the ♠2 (signaling for a club re-entry) to your ♠Q, West discards a ♠8.
- T4-7 You try for the 5<sup>th</sup> diamond, by cashing the four top diamonds ♦AKQJ West (♦7432) Dummy (♦8, ♠7, ♥72) and are disappointed when East plays ♦T5 and



discards (a club ♣3, and then a spade ♠6) on the third and fourth rounds. Without a fifth diamond winner, you are still a trick short.

The ninth trick could still come from clubs but the finesse into the danger hand is a risk you should not take and looks suicidal.

What do East's two discards suggest to you?

- A club, he started with 3, likely keeping ♣Kx as an entry
- A spade, he is holding something in hearts! He can see ♥AKT9xx in dummy. This suggests his actual hand, will likely be a 6♠-2♥-2♦-3♣ shape, with hearts likely ♥xx or ♥Qx or ♥Jx or ♥QJ. Does East's likely doubleton heart always have to contain an honour?

To simulate the situation, imagine a bag with four white balls (spot cards) and two red ones (honours). You reach in and (without peeking) pick out a ball. The chances of the first ball being white is 4 out of 6 i.e. (66%). Having picked one white, the chances of the second ball you pick out also being white is now 3 out of 5 (60%). So, your chances of both balls being white are 66% x 60% = 40%. So, the reverse 60% of the time East should have at least one heart honour! So:

- T8 You cross with your ♥3 to the ♥A, with East following ♥4, and West ♥5.
- T9 You cash the ♥K and are pleased to see East's ♥J fall as you pitch a club ♣4 and West ♥6
- T10 You are now confident that West has all the remaining hearts, so you lead the ♥T to West's ♥Q, East pitching another spade ♠7, and hand another club ♣5
- T11 West cashes his top diamond ♦9, as dummy throws club ♣J, and you follow ♦6 and East again throws his last spade ♠T (keeping the club entry ♣Kx).
- T12+West then exits a Club ♣9, but dummy has the ♣A and the last heart winner ♥9 left.
- Game made (1♠+3♥+4♦+1♣ = 9 tricks).

	North (D)	
	♠ J8	
West	♥ AKT972	East
♠ 93	♦ 8	♠ AKT762
♥ Q864	♣ AJT7	♥ J5
♦ 97432		♦ T5
♣ 98	South	♣ K32
3NT/S	♠ Q54	Vul Nil
Lead ♠9	♥ 3	Dir: N
	♦ AKQJ6	
	♣ Q654	

## b) Solution to an encouraging Spade duck

- T1 West leads ♠9, dummy puts the ♠J, and east ducks but encouraging ♠7 or ♠2 (depends on your signaling agreements). He knows south has a spade stop with a ♠Qxx holding.
- T2-5 You immediately cross to the four top diamonds ♦AKQJ, observing the 5-2 split as East lets go the club and the spade. You cannot afford to lose a heart trick to West's queen in this scenario, as West still likely holds a second spade because of the ducking.
- T6-7 There is an ingenious route to the ninth trick. Cross and cash the ♥AK, removing East's hearts. East shape 6-2-2-3 is likely known. You have 7 tricks already. You have assumed East has the protected ♣K for repeating his overcall.
- T8-11 So, you then exit with dummy's last spade ♠8 and let East cash his spade winners ♠AKT7, but is then endplayed
- T12+East now must lead from his protected ♣Kx clubs holding, giving you a second trick in the club suit. ♣AJ

Game made (1♠+2♥+4♦+2♣ = 9 tricks).

## Solution Challenge Hand 2

	<b>Larry Cohen</b>  <b>"3 Spades"</b> adapted from an article in the ACBL bridge feed website
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North	Standard Bidding			
♠ J6543	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ JT2				2NT
♦ T62	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
♣ 75	All Pass			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ KQ2	2NT	20-21 Bal		
♥ AQ4	3♥	Transfer to S		
♦ J75	3♠	Accept Transfer		
♣ AKJ3				

## The Bidding

An interesting Team's event hand. You are playing in a team's match. You (South) open the bidding with 2NT (20–21 HCP balanced) and partner uses a transfer bid 3♥ (showing 5♠), you accept with 3♠. Everyone passes.

T1 West at your table, leads the ♠T (standard leads) and this runs round ♠5, East ♠2 (discouraging), and so you win the ♣J.

What is your plan to make 3♠?

## Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 2-4♠+2-3♥+3♣ = 7-9 close

Losers: 3x♦+♠A+ maybe ♥K

Strategy for 9 tricks

- We may have an advantage over the other table's declarer, because of the friendly club opening lead.
- Even if spades are 3–2, you will lose the ♠A, and might lose the ♥K (if it's offside) and three diamond tricks, so it's worth trying to cash the ♠AK right away and hope for a good split to throw a diamond loser.

## Solution

T1 West at your table, leads the ♠T (standard leads) and this runs round ♠5, East ♠2, and so you win the ♣J.

T2-3 In fact, on the ♣AK all follow low as you throw a losing diamond ♦2 from dummy. Now, even if the heart finesse is wrong, you have only four top losers.

T4 Still, danger lurks. What next? If you tackle trumps right away, you could be subject to all sorts of uppercuts and promotions. The defenders can arrange to cash two diamonds and then lead the fourth round of clubs with devastating effect. It is better for you to lead the fourth club yourself. So, you play the last club ♣3, West rises ♣Q and you throw another diamond loser ♦6 from dummy and East pitches a low heart ♥3. This loser-on-loser play reduces the potential loss of a second trump trick. Still not clear who has the ♥K

T5 West exits a diamond ♦9, ♦T to East's ♦A, your ♦5

T6 East now switches a heart ♥7 (high no like). Should you finesse? If you finesse and West has the ♥K, and East has no hearts left, you will suffer a ruff. However, that is against the odds. Why play for West to have begun with five hearts and four clubs? If he is 5–4 in those suits, it is unlikely spades are 3–2 as well. It is more likely that West does not have long hearts maybe 3 rags— so you should finesse.

The full deal was this:

		North		
		♠ J6543		
		♥ JT2		
		♦ T62		
		♣ 75		
West		South (D)	East	
♠ T87		♠ KQ2	♠ A9	
♥ K865		♥ AQ4	♥ 973	
♦ K9		♦ J75	♦ AQ842	
♣ QT96		♣ AKJ3	♣ 842	
3♠/S Lead ♠T			Vul Nil Dir: S	

**Let us review.** You won the (questionable) club lead and played three more club rounds, throwing two losing diamonds from dummy as RHO threw a heart. West played a diamond to East for a heart through.

East still had two hearts. If you won your ace, you would be down. East would get in with the trump ace and play his last heart and get a ruff. By ducking, you gain not only if the heart finesse is on, but also if East started with three hearts and the ♠A.

- T6 East now switches a heart ♥7 (high no like), after you finesse in hearts, ♥4 West winning ♥K, Dummy ♥2.
- T7 The defenders can cause you no harm since the communication for a heart ruff is destroyed. Here west continues with the ♥5, ♥T, ♥9, ♥Q winning in-hand.
- T9 You now start to draw trumps ♠K, ♠7, ♠3, East winning ♠A.
- T10 East exits ♠9 and You can claim nine tricks as you win ♠Q, and West follows with the ♠8, as they break 3-2 for a score of +140.

All your plays were necessary to make the contract. Even with the favorable club lead, you had to play perfect bridge to take advantage.

At the other table, your teammate on the same bidding, did not lead away from an honour card, sitting under the strong 2NT hand, but led a passive trump, and the defenders eventually took six tricks for +100.

Your Table	3♠/S	9	+140
Other Table	3♠/S	7	+100
Net on the board			<b>+240 +6 IMPS</b>

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

At the other table, the play started with a passive spade from your partner West.

- T1 You partners led the passive spade ♠7, Dummy ♠3, East won the ♠A, declarer dropped the ♠Q from hand

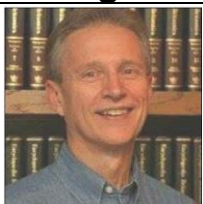
Declarer is unblocking the spades by dropping the ♠Q to create an entry to dummy with his ♠2.

- T2 East exited ♥9 (do not like!) which declarer ran ♥4 to West's ♥K and dummy ♥2.
- T3 West then continued with another passive trump as an exit ♠8, ♠J, ♠9, ♠2, declarer getting into the dummy, due to his previous unblocking play.
- T4 Declarer, still having 3 top diamond losers, so now tried the club finesse as an attempt to get rid of at least one of the diamond losers. So, ♣5, West ♣2 (count card), declarer ♣J to unfortunately West's winning ♣Q.
- T5 West could now count the South hand to have likely the ♥AQx, ♠KQx and probably the ♠AKJ for 19 hcp. Thus, West is likely to hold at least the ♦A or the ♦Q. So, West switched with the attacking ♦K (from his doubleton), ♦2, partner ♦8 (encouraging), and declarer ♦5.
- T6 West continued ♦9, Dummy ♦6, East ♦Q, declarer ♦J (false card)
- T7 East then cashed the ♦A, ♦7, West pitched a heart ♥5, ♦T, **Now already 1 down**
- T8 Then East found the uppercut with a 4<sup>th</sup> diamond ♦2, Declarer pitched the ♣3 (East may have the missing trump ♠T), West winning with the trump ♠T, ♣7 for the successful trump Promotion for **2 off**
- T9 Declarer sadly claimed the rest, but he went an additional trick down trying to make his contract.

Editor: Could have avoided the trump promotion by playing ♠K and then a small trump back to the ♠J. But this line is Ok as you're trying to make your 3♠ contract at teams, **which is essential**. A one off result would lead to a slight improvement of 1 imp, with a net -210 loss **(-5 IMPS)**



### Challenge Hand 3 Solution



Brent Manley was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. Adapted from "Think It Through" article the ACBL bridge feed website.

**Brent Manley**

North		Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
		West (D)	North	East	South
♠ AQ6		1♥	2♦	Pass	3NT
♥ Q6		All Pass			
♦ KT9853		Bidding Notes			
♣ Q6		1♥	5+H, Opening hand		
South		2♦	5+D, Vulnerable overcall		
♠ KJT		Pass	nothing to say		
♥ A874		3NT	to Play		
♦ 72					
♣ AJT3					

#### Bidding

West opens the bidding with 1♥, and partner makes a vulnerable overcall of 2♦. You have a 13 count with a heart stopper and elect to try a 3NT game contract.

After your rather agricultural auction, West leads the ♥J.

#### Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 3♠+1♥+1♠ = 5 tricks

Top Losers: ♦A, likely ♠K, and long hearts

Possible Strategies for 9 tricks

- The ♥Q should hold as East can have little in hcp for the opening bid. Likely ♥KJTxx
- The ♠K is almost surely to be with West. Running the ♠Q with add 2 more tricks whist still holding a stop in hearts.
- Maybe setting up the long diamonds?

T1 West leads ♥J and you try Dummy's ♥Q which holds the trick with East following ♥5 and ♥4 in-hand.

Now what?

#### Solution

After winning the first trick in dummy, declarer considered the bidding and placed West with all the missing aces and kings. If this assessment were accurate, playing on clubs immediately would limit him to just eight tricks, as West would win ♠K and force Hearts before the ♦K could be setup.

- T2 Accordingly, declarer crossed to hand in spades, by playing the ♠6. ♠2 to his high ♠T and West followed ♠4
- T3 Then led a low diamond ♦2 towards table. If West played low, the ♦K would win and he would then turn his attention to making three club tricks. But West saw that it was likely that declarer was trying to steal his ninth trick with the diamond play, so he rose with the ♦A. Dummy ♦3 and East ♦8
- T4 West then continued with the ♥K. Dummy ♥6, West ♥3. (even count). As his opponents were playing five-card majors, declarer won this with the ♥A in-hand, as East would now be out of hearts.
- T5 Declarer then played a second diamond ♦7 towards dummy. When West followed with the ♦4, declarer covered it with dummy's ♦8 and East won the trick with the ♦J
- T6 East out of hearts, switched to a club ♣9 (high do not like), and declarer now rose with the ♣A, West ♣2, and dummy ♣6.

Declarer then claimed 10 tricks. He would make three top spades, two hearts, four diamonds (♦K now dropping ♦Q) and a club.

As the vulnerable opening bid had placed West with all the missing high-value honours, you should note that playing on diamonds would have succeeded if East had a singleton or doubleton ♦Q or ♦J. Further, it also would have won when East had held exactly three diamonds.

The full deal:

		North		
		♠ AQ6		
		♥ Q6		
		♦ KT9853		
		♣ Q6		
West (D)			East	
♠ 74			♠ 98532	
♥ KJT92			♥ 53	
♦ AQ4			♦ J8	
♣ K82			♣ 9754	
		South		
		♠ KJT		
		♥ A874		
		♦ 72		
		♣ AJT3		
4♥/S Lead ♥J			Vul ALL Dir: W	

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2	Terry Strong & Jill Magee, Lyn Carter & Malcolm Carter	81	5-0-1
3	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies, Steven Bock & Ruth Tobin	73	4-1-1

Mudgee Open Pairs (BBO)		%
1	Pam & Ross Crichton	135
2	Vicky Lisle & Niek Van Vucht	114
3=	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	113
3=	Jim & Ellie Fitz-Gerald	113
Mudgee Restricted Pairs (BBO)		%
1	Jennettee Rosetta & Bev Furner	112

Trumps Teams (F2F at Club - only 7 Teams)		VPs	W-D-L
1	Gail Kobe, Kerry Boytell, Eric Lippey, Alessandro Gado, Alex Kemeny	87	5-1-0

State Open Pairs Country winners		%
1	Sally & Garry Clarke	113
2	Chris Williams & Jan Clarke	100
3	Rakesh Kumar & Jenny Michael	99

NSWBA Monday Comp nights			
Swiss Teams		VP	VP
1	GUMBY team	105.19	7-0-1
2	LIBMAN team	103.87	6-0-2
3	KELSO Team	101.29	6-0-2
4	FOSTER team	94.31	6-0-3

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## NSBC – BBO/RB/F2F Tournament Schedules

NSBC - Schedule of Bridge Sessions							
Weekly Schedule of NSBC Tournaments						Max	Changes
Day	Venue	Event		Registration	Play Start	Tables	
Mon	BBO	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	
	BBO	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	BBO	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Supervised	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM		
Tues	BBO	Supervised	M	8:30 AM	10:30 AM		
	BBO	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	
	BBO	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Rookie (<100MP)	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Wed	BBO	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20 C	
	BBO	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	
	BBO	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Rookie (<100MP)	A	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Open	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Thurs	BBO	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	
	BBO	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	
	EL	F2F Open Bridge	M	Club Website	10:00 AM	10	Start Times
	EL	F2F Open Bridge	A	Club Website	1:15 PM	10	
	BBO	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	
	BBO	NSBC Comp Night	E	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	20 C	
Fri	BBO	Open	M	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	20	
	BBO	Open	A	11:30 AM	1.30 PM	20 C	
	BBO	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	
Sat	BBO	Open	M	8:00 AM	10.00 AM	20	Real Bridge Link
	RB	Open <click here for link>	A	10 min start	1:30 PM	Any	
	BBO	Rookie + Restr (<300MP)	A	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	20 C	
Sun	BBO	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							
Venue Codes: BBO = Bridge Base Online, RB = Real Bridge, EL/CW = F2F venues							

This is a snap shot, and our very latest web site club schedule can be viewed on this link:  
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1231>