



NSBC Newsletter



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Our first **F2F congress** event of the year is scheduled for 10am on Sunday, 14th March at our East Lindfield premises. Should be a good day, with local lunch orders available. Please come and enjoy some good bridge and company.

The congress style will be IMP based matches. The event is a qualifying event for the 2021 club championship (Brownie Cup). Please enter the congress event via the [NSWBA Website](#). Last years winners were:

No	Year	CC	Pauline Evans - Open Swiss PAIRS Congress
9	2021	Y	???
8	2020	Y	Kim Morrison & David Weston

Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs Congress East Lindfield



Sunday: 14th March
1 Day, 2 Session Event

Guaranteed prizes \$300, \$150 and
\$50 more dependent on entries

Session 1: 10:00am Start
(Lunch orders taken before Session 1)
\$35 Table Fees

Director: **Ronnie Ng**
Yellow Systems are not permitted

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA .

The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4
All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations

2021 Club Membership renewals

Please note that this is the last reminder that membership renewals are now overdue. The discounted fee of \$50 is only available until end February. In March, all current unpaid memberships will then lapse, and the fee will return to \$70.

Please renew as soon as possible and contact Margaret Owen on 0410 657 048 if you need any help to do so.

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Day time Mixed Pairs Competition

Another daytime competition has been scheduled, the **Clubs Mixed Pairs Championship**. Enter via the [club website](#). Results are counted towards the club championship (Brownie Cup) A minimum 7 Tables are required to run this event!

34th Club Mixed Pairs Championship



NSBC on RealBridge
17th, 24th 31st March



3 Wednesday PM Sessions @ 1.30pm

Club Mixed Pairs Championship (Matchpoints) (Club Honour Board)

Must enter for the 3 daytime sessions (Subs are allowed) in "Upcoming Events"
Minimum 7 Tables (else event will be postponed).

The results will count towards the Club Championship (Brownie Cup)
Also incorporates "State Mixed Pairs Qualification" for NSWBA 29/30 May Finals
Additional cash prizes dependent on entry

Convener, queries & partnership advice: Sue Crompton 0416 290 867

Director: TBA

Red Point Event

Previous 33rd 2020 Club winner: Tony & Roslyn Howes

Yellow Systems are not permitted



Members (PP) \$30 (3x\$10)

Non Members

\$39 (3x\$13)

Beginners Sessions – Great Success

The first set of lessons led by Emma Barnes are now underway at our East Lindfield venue.

EL Monday Nights **54** people
EL Tuesday Mornings **32** People

A good start to the year!

North Shore Bridge Club's **2021 AGM**. It is to be held at 10:30am on Saturday 10th April at East Lindfield (Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club) and will be available via Zoom technology.



**NSBC
President**

David Fryda

Update from the President.

Welcome to another great publication from our Editorial team. As you can imagine with a newsletter of this size, the amount of effort put in by the team each month is considerable. On your behalf, please let me thank them for all their hard work!

Most of you reading this article should have received a copy of my letter to all members with a major update regarding our club's operations being restructured around the same time as this Newsletter will be published. I will not repeat all that I have said in the letter. Those of you who are interested in reading it and did not receive a copy you can find it on the homepage of our website.

In that letter I advised that Mike Prescott has made the difficult decision to leave the club. Mike feels that his recent health issues are preventing him from being able to undertake his role. He will be with us, just focusing on establishing our operations at North Ryde, until 19 March. Let me say again, on behalf of you all, a huge thanks to Mike for the contribution he has made to our club and that we wish him well for his recovery.

Those of you who have had the pleasure of interacting with Mike over the close to five years he has been with us will no doubt want to see him before he leaves. Depending on his health we will try to arrange an opportunity for you to wish him well in person and will notify members via the website and an email of the details.

In a separate letter sent to all members at the beginning of February I provided an update on property. Following on from that, Mike and the team including Margaret, Josh and Ian have put in a huge effort and we had our first sessions at North Ryde RSL this week. Keep an eye out for the emails and updates on the website for

when sessions are being introduced. I hope you will be able to join us there soon. Of course, at the same time we continue to offer you the opportunity to play at East Lindfield and online.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote to me after that letter was distributed. For the most part the feedback provided was positive. However, as was expected, a few people indicated that North Ryde was not a convenient location for them. We do sincerely hope that those members who do not find North Ryde or East Lindfield to be convenient will continue to play with us online and then return to the club in person when we move to new premises, hopefully in Chatswood.

The preparations for our Development Application to Willoughby Council for the Chatswood location is progressing well and we are on track for it to be submitted in March or April.

Finally, believe it or not, our next AGM is not far away. We are reverting back to holding the AGM in April as we have done traditionally. I have decided I will stand for the position of President again given the shortened year's tenure due to the previous AGM's delay. I sincerely hope you have confidence in me and the rest of the committee members, in the direction we are taking your club. However, I do not for a moment presume that I am entitled to continue. All members may nominate for positions on the committee. Our constitution requires nominees for the President's and Vice President's role to have either served on our committee or a similar club's committee for a minimum of one year. There are many existing members that fit this criterion. If you feel strongly about the direction of our club (whether you agree with it or not) this is your best opportunity to have an influence.

David

The letter to All Members

Dear NSBC Members - I am writing to you today to provide you with an important update regarding North Shore Bridge Club.

As you know the past year has been tumultuous for the bridge community and our bridge club. During this time, the way we have operated has changed significantly and my fellow committee members and I believe that things will never return to be the same as they were before.

The changes are clearly not limited to property which was the subject of my previous letter. With the introduction of online bridge as a delivery platform for NSBC in 2020 we have seen a huge opportunity to expand our bridge sessions and lessons to players and students beyond the North Shore and Sydney. Based on its popularity and the feedback you provided in the survey we conducted at the end of last year, we see the need to maintain online offerings.

In considering how to concurrently provide online bridge and face-to-face bridge at both of our venues the committee has decided to restructure the club's operations. Going forward we will split the running of the club into five distinct elements:

- Face-to-Face Bridge
- Online Bridge
- Bridge Teaching & Training
- Club Administration
- Tournament Committee

By separating the face-to-face and online bridge operations we believe both will be well placed to develop further. These will be the two core operating functions for NSBC going forward and they will be managed independently.

Teaching and training requires specialist skills and can be delivered face-to-face and online. Also, as players develop their skills they will potentially feed into both forms of the game. We therefore believe it is better for Teaching & Training to operate independently of the playing functions.

The administration functions of our club are needed by both of the playing functions and Teaching & Training and it makes good business sense to provide these services from a centralised function.

Finally, as we move to a world where we have a mixture of major events (tournaments) some running online and some running face-to-face, it will be beneficial to have an independent Tournament Committee overseeing them all.

For you, our members, we are confident these changes will have minimal day to day impact. What you should see is continued enhancements in all areas of the club's operations.

What will change is our management structure. As the club's operations have grown and become more complex the task load has become too great for a single person to manage. We have therefore decided to separate the responsibility for managing the Face-to-Face bridge club from the Online bridge club.

At the same time, you would know that our Club Manager, Mike Prescott, had bypass heart surgery late last year. Mike has proceeded to recover well and everything with the surgery has gone well. But there have been some health issues that are stopping Mike from his normal duties. After speaking to Mike regarding the changes we are implementing at the club he has decided he can no longer continue as our Manager and I regret to inform you that he is standing down as of **19 March**.

Mike would like to thank all members during his almost five years with the club for all the help and support, it has been very much appreciated and he has asked me to let you know he will miss you all dearly.

Mike will be helping out getting North Ryde up and running over the next few weeks so those of you who play there will most likely get to see him then.

Mike's departure naturally creates a gap that will be hard to fill but we are now focussed on doing so. In the interim we will continue to operate as we have been since Mike took ill with the help and support of not only all of our wonderful staff but others around the club including my fellow committee members to whom I am most grateful.

Gary Barwick will continue to manage our online bridge club. Gary has some great ideas about how we can continue to position NSBC as the premier online Bridge Club in Australia and I am excited about the prospects.

Les Grewcock, as our Treasurer will oversee the Administration functions and Committee Member David Hudson will be working with the existing teaching and training team to ensure they have all the support they need.

I will make another announcement regarding the ongoing management of our face-to-face operations before Mike finishes up on 19 March. In the meantime, Sue Crompton continues to manage the games at East Lindfield.

One particularly important point I would like to make is that we will **continue to function as one bridge club with multiple product offerings**. Your membership will entitle you to access all that we offer both online and in our club rooms. As members you should all expect to receive amazing and enjoyable bridge (although we cannot prevent your partner from putting you in unmakeable contracts!)

I hope that you are all as excited as I am about the future of bridge at NSBC. No doubt many of you will have questions you would like to ask or thoughts to share about these changes. Feel free to provide this feedback via the form on the club's website under the Contact Us menu or you can send me or any of the other committee members an email.

Regards David Fryda President

Extracts from Previous announcements:

As per my update in the last newsletter, the condition of our clubrooms at Willoughby has drastically deteriorated since we stopped playing there last March. There is extensive water damage and there is a considerable amount of mould build up. With the Legions Club continuing to pursue redevelopment of the site they are not going to make the necessary repairs. It is **not viable for us to return to playing there**.

With that experience under our belts, we are now a step closer on another property in **Thomas Street in Chatswood**. It is very close to Chatswood station and bus interchange and within easy walking distance to the Westfield carparks. The property itself is a blank canvas offering us the opportunity to create a great place to learn and play bridge. The building is located over the road from the Chatswood RSL. Some of you may be aware that the RSL has approval to redevelop their site. We are confident that access to and utilisation of our proposed site during the redevelopment will not be an issue and that the long-term benefits of having their facilities nearby will be great for our club.



Board room - likely to be extended to form Training area.

We are only just embarking on the lengthy process of taking on a long-term lease and developing this site for our needs and it may take around six months before we are able to start operating there.

So, in the meantime, for those of you who are keen to get back to face-to-face bridge but do not want to venture as far north as East Lindfield, we needed to find some temporary "digs". I am excited to advise that we have come to an agreement with the North Ryde RSL (NRRSL) to utilise an area within their facility. The facilities at NRRSL are far better than at the Willoughby Legions Club. They have multiple lounges, restaurants and sporting facilities and the area we will utilise is easily accessible. Whilst we would prefer to be in Chatswood or Willoughby, there is ample free car parking available at the site. Despite its location I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly I could drive there.



NR RSL Winners Bar – Our new Bridge clubrooms.

Some of you may be wondering why we are bothering with Thomas Street if the NRRSL facility is so good. The main reason being the reluctance of NRRSL to give us a long-term lease as they are considering redeveloping their site in the long-term. That said, they are several years behind Willoughby Legions Club on that journey.

We believe that the Thomas Street building will provide us with a great long-term location and the NRRSL will comfortably accommodate us in the interim. Also, if we hit a roadblock with Thomas Street, we will be able to continue to operate from NRRSL while we pursue another alternative.

Can I also take this opportunity to reinforce that we plan to continue offering online bridge via the **RealBridge platform** for as long as demand continues? Personally, I believe it is here to stay and that we will be offering both online and face to face bridge for your enjoyment well into the future.

Finally, I would like to reassure all members that the club is in a strong financial position to move forward with these projects. We have been saving for many years with the intent to be able to fund our future accommodation. After funding the costs associated with these moves, the Club will retain most of our accumulated reserves. Accordingly, the club will be in an enviable position to be able to fund the ongoing promotion of bridge on Sydney's north shore well into the future.

David Fryda
President

PS Here is a link to the [NRRSL website](https://www.nrrsl.com.au/).



**NSBC
Manager**
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Mike Prescott

We all wish Mike Prescott well, and a good recovery. He has resumed work part time, with an initial task of setting up our new clubrooms at North Ryde RSL, cleanly exiting our old "smelly" clubrooms at Club Willoughby and managing the transportation of all our stuff! Sessions:

North Ryde RSL (NR) Daily NSBC F2F (Face-to-Face) Sessions							
Day	Ven	Session	Covid Reg	Play Start	Max	Session size	Notes
Mon	NR	Open		10:00 AM			Planned
		Rookie	QR Code	2:00 PM	28	New	1/Mar
Tues	NR	Rookie		10:00 AM	28		Planned
		Open		1:00 PM	28		Planned
		Daytime Comps		1:00 PM	28		Planned
Wed	NR	Open	QR Code	10:00 AM	28	Running	24/Feb
		Restricted	QR Code	10:00 AM	28	New	3/Mar
		Rookie+Sup		2:00 PM	28		Planned
Thur	NR	Open		10:00 AM	28		Planned
		Rookie		2:00 PM	28		Planned
Fri	NR	Open	QR Code	10:00 AM	28	New	5/Mar
		Restricted	QR Code	10:00 AM	28	New	5/Mar
Sat	NR	Open	QR Code	1:00 PM	28	Running	27/Feb
Sun	NR						
New & Special Events at North Ryde RSL							
New: starting 1/Mar Monday @2:00 Rookie + Pre-game Talk							
New: starting 3/Mar Wed Restricted @ 10am							
New: starting 5/Mar Friday open + Restricted @ 10:00							
State Mixed Pairs Qual @ RSL 1:00pm - Tuesday 4th & 11th May - Red Points							
Interclub Teams @ RSL - Sun 23 May Red Points							
GNOT Metro Qualifier - Tuesdays 6th 13th, 20th July - Gold Points							

All NSBC members who play at our new venue will have to join the **North Ryde RSL** at a cost of \$5, valid until the end of 2021. Your first game will be free, covering your RSL cost. The club has plenty of parking and some excellent food/beverages for your enjoyment.

All members at this stage will have to sign using the in with the QR code. There will be no pre-bookings required at either F2F venue from Monday the 22nd of Feb. Table capacity at NRRSL, is 28 tables at this stage, under current Covid spacing restrictions.



**NSBC
Online Operations
Manager**
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Gary Barwick

Members have been asking for another night session, so we are happy to announce the addition of an **Open session to Tuesday Nights at 7pm** on RealBridge. It started on 9/Feb and attracted an initial 7 tables. See the table below for a full list of weekly RealBridge sessions.

Standard Daily NSBC Online RealBridge Sessions				
Day	Session	Play Start	Last Month	Director
Mon	Open	10.00 AM	10-15 Tables	Malcolm Martin
	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	2:00 PM	15-20 Tables	Alan Pike
	Supervised	7:00 PM	N/A	Jenny Barnes
Tue	Open	10.00 AM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Supervised	10:30 AM	N/A	Kay Moyes
	Open	1.30 PM	15-20 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	2:00 PM	12-15 Tables	Kim Neale
	Rookie	7:00 PM	5-10 Tables	Kim Neale
	Open	7:00 PM	7 Tables	Kim Neale
Wed	Open	10.00 AM	12-18 Tables	Tony Howes
	Open	1.30 PM	15-21 Tables	Tony Howes
	Rookie	2:00 PM	14-20 Tables	Kay Moyes
	Open	7:00 PM	10-15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
Thur	Open	10.00 AM	8-15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	10-20 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	8-15 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Special Events Open Competition Night	7:00 PM	18-30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Fri	Open	10.00 AM	10-20 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	8-12 Tables	Sue Crompton
Sat	Open	1:30 PM	20-30 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	6-10 Tables	Eric Lam
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	8-16 Tables	Malcolm Martin
Rookie	Rookie (< 100 MP ie < Bronze Regional)			
Restr	Rookie+Restricted (< 300 MP ie < Silver National)			
Special Daytime Events on RB				
3x Wed Afternoon sessions (17th, 24th, 31st March)				
Club Mixed Pairs Championship - Red Points				
State Mixed Pairs Qual 1:30pm - 2x Tues PM (20th & 27th APR) Red points				
GNOT Metro Qualifier 3x Wed PM (12th, 19th, 26th May) Gold Points				

We are expecting that the **NSBC Online bridge** (using RealBridge) will be retained and expanded to meet members demands long after Covid is a distant memory. Our latest web site combined club schedule can always be viewed on this link:
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1509>



**NSBC F2F
Operations Manager**
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Sue Crompton

F2F bridge will still be continuing & expanding at our East Lindfield venue.

East Lindfield - Daily NSBC F2F (Face-to-Face) Sessions							
Day	Ven	Session	Covid Reg	Play Start	Max	Session size	Notes
Mon	EL	Open	QR Code	1:00 PM	22	17 Tables	
		Beginners	QR Code	7:00 PM		50 People	Ends 8/Mar
		Bridge Basics	QR Code	7:00 PM		New	Start 15th
Tues	EL	Beginners	QR Code	10:00 AM		30 People	Ends 9/Mar
		Bridge Basics	QR Code	10:00 AM		New	Start 16th
		Open	QR Code	1:00 PM	22	10 Tables	
Wed	EL	Open		7:30 PM			Future Planning
		Open		1:00 PM			
Thur	EL	Rookie	QR Code	10:00 AM	22	7 Tables	
		Open	QR Code	1:00 PM	22	17 Tables	
Fri	EL	Open + Comp	QR Code	1:00 PM	22		Apr
Sat	EL	Open		1:00 PM			Future
Sun	EL						
Special Events at EL							
Liz Wilkinson - 10 Week "Bridge Basics" for newer or players wanting a refresh Starts March 15th @ 7pm & March 16th @ 10am							
Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs Congress Sun 14th Mar @ 10am - 2 Sessions (Red Points)							
State Mixed Pairs Qual 10am - 2x Friday Mornings (9th & 16th Apr) - Red Points							

Changes at East Lindfield:

- All the East Lindfield PM sessions have been changed to 1:00pm play start.
- Covid registrations are also changing, and now you will register via QR codes at the Venue. You **do not have to register** on the website to attend, as site capacity has been raised to **22 Tables**.
- Following completion of the Beginners lessons, Liz Wilkinson will be running the **"Bridge Basics"** course. This is a useful course, not only for beginners, but also for players wanting a refresher or who have had a break from Bridge and want to get back.
- Planning on restarting the Wednesday sessions is underway.
- You are welcome with or without a partner.**
- Please also note the bar is open after the 1.00pm game on a Monday afternoon.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Looking forward to seeing you F2F soon. Sue Crompton 0416 290 867



NSBC Tournament Chairman

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David Hudson

NSBC Tournament Committee

The Thursday night tournament scene continues to flourish. The NSBC Summer Pairs Championship attracted a quality field. Congratulations to the winners, NSBC stalwart Witold Chylewski, playing with Wieslaw Przewozniak.

The Grand National Open Teams Qualifying Event is now underway on the Real Bridge platform with a field of 20 teams fighting it out. Gold points are being awarded for this event and the winner earns direct entry into the GNOT event later this year in Tweed Heads.

The next events on Thursday night are the Butler pairs over two weeks to be followed by the Club Mixed Teams Championship (requiring at least one male and one female on a team). They will be on Real Bridge and we will continue to offer attractive prize money so we can attract the best players from around Australia. If you are looking to test your game against the best, please check it out.

On the congress scene, face to face bridge is coming back at NSBC. On 14 March we have our first f2f congress at East Lindfield since this time last year with the Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs Congress. It is a lovely venue and a great chance to get some cards in your hands again if you have not already done so. We have been running face to face duplicates there since late last year (with a break during the Covid lockdown in the Northern Beaches) with steadily growing numbers and very positive feedback from the players. And in June we will be holding our Festival of Bridge at East Lindfield and North Ryde.

Finally, some very long-standing club championship events have been shifted to the daytime with the Club Mixed Pairs Championship coming up in March on Wednesdays – check out Upcoming Events on the NSBC website

Challenge (Play) Hand 1 (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints Dealer: south Vul: All
♠ J962	
♥ K532	
♦ Q85	
♣ A2	
South (D)	EW Are silent though out.
♠ AK7543	
♥ QJ	
♦ A62	
♣ Q5	What is your bidding to the best NS Contract?

Challenge Hand 2 (Bid and Play)

North	Teams (Imps) Dealer: south Vul: All
♠ J753	
♥ 64	
♦ A72	
♣ T965	
South (D)	EW Are silent though out.
♠ AKQ9	
♥ A2	
♦ T64	
♣ AQJ3	What is your bidding to the best NS Contract?

Challenge Hand 3 (Bid and Play)

North	Match points Dealer: West Vul: All
♠ AT92	
♥ 52	
♦ K952	
♣ AQ6	
South	West Passes, over 1♦ East will bid 1♥, then passes.
♠ QJ5	
♥ K763	
♦ AQ3	
♣ KJ9	What is your bidding to the best NS Contract?

Northern Suburbs Interclub Events

NSBC won both the teams and Pairs events in 2020 and is planning to host these two events in 2021.

- **Interclub Teams** on Sunday May 23rd at our North Ryde RSL clubrooms.
- **Interclub Pairs** on Sunday 17th October hopefully in our new Chatswood clubrooms.

2021 Club Champion

The Club Champion (CC) process has been restarted following the Covid cancellation in 2020. You get CC points if you play & do well in several club events (Congresses, Thursday Competition Nights, some daytime competitions) during the year. The current standings after 3 events are:

Player	CC Points	Events Played
David Fryda	21	3
Patricia Lacey	12	2
Tim Mountjoy	12	2
Wayne Zhu	12	3
Yixiang Zhang	12	2
David Hudson	11	2
Michael Cartmell	11	2
Witold Chylewski (Jun)	10	3
Paul Dalley	7	1
Dominic Kwok	5	3
Frank Budai	5	3
Liz Wilkinson	5	1
Patrick Neary	5	2

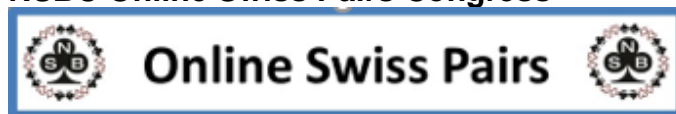
The first 6 months events are in this Table:

CC No	Mon	S	DoW	Ven	NSBC 2021 (CC) Club Championship Events	W	Status
1	Jan	3	Thur	RB	NSBC Blue Ribbon Swiss Pairs	1x	Completed
2	Jan	2	Sun	RB	NSBC ONLINE Swiss Pairs Congress	1x	Completed
3	Feb	3	Thur	RB	NSBC Summer Open Online Pairs	1x	Completed
6	Mar	4	Thur	RB	GNOT Teams Direct Qualifier	2x	Running
7	Mar	2	Sun	EL	Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs Congress	1x	Firm
8	Mar	2	Thur	RB	NSBC Butler Championship	1x	Firm
9	Apr	4	Thur	RB	NSBC Mixed Teams Championship	1x	Firm
10	Apr	3	Wed	RB	NSBC Mixed Pairs Championship	1x	Firm
11	May	4	Thur	RB	Morgan's Club Swiss Pairs Championship	2x	Planned
12	July	4	Thur	RB	NSBC Club Teams Championship	2x	Planned
13	Jun	2	Thur	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Pairs	1x	Planned
14	Jun	2	Fri	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Teams	1x	Planned
15	Jun	2	Sat	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Pairs	2x	Planned
16	Jun	2	Sun	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Teams	2x	Planned
4	Feb	3	Tue	RB	Women's Club Championship Pairs	1x	Postponed
5	Feb	3	Mon	RB	Men's Club Championship Pairs	1x	Postponed

Two events were postponed till later in the year.

NSBC Competitive Results

NSBC Online Swiss Pairs Congress



This was our first online congress event using our RealBridge platform. 18 Tables on Sunday 24th Jan, with members taking out all the prizes!

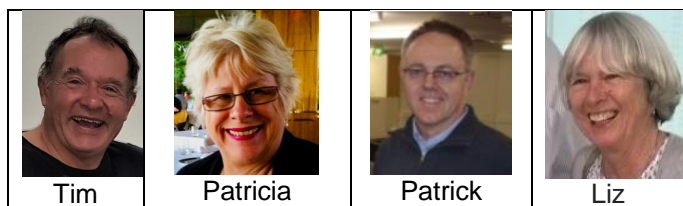
Final	NSBC Online Congress (18 T)	W-D-L	IMPS	CC
1-\$200	David Fryda & David Hudson	5-1-0	87	10
2-\$100	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	5-1-0	59	7
3-\$50	Patrick Neary & Liz Wilkinson	3-2-1	39	5
4	Jan Clarke & Chris Williams	4-1-1	34	4
5	Nicoleta Giura & Nick Hughes	4-1-1	25	
6	Kim Morrison & David Weston	3-1-2	22	3
7	Peter Robinson & John Rogers	3-1-2	21	2
8	Sally & Gary Clarke	2-2-2	20	1

A second set of CC Points was awarded to members doing well.

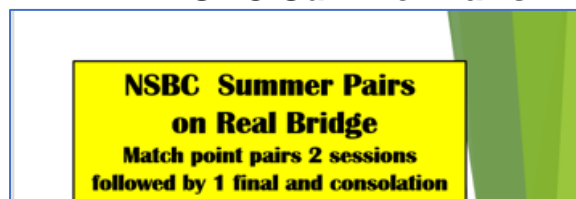


David Fryda

David Hudson



NSBC Summer Pairs



This was the second big Thursday night event held over 3 weeks in January-February. The Club offered substantial cash prizes to attract strong bridge players from all around Australia. Format: A final entry of 36 pairs was split into two balanced qualifying fields (NS and EW over 2 nights), then a big bash final (5 best NS/EW pairs) and a Howell Consolation on the third and final session.

Qualifying sessions

Qual	NSBC Summer MP Pairs	Thursday 28th January	%
S1			
N1	David Fryda & Michael Cartmel		66.7
E1	Witold Chylewski & Wieslaw Przewozniak		58.4
S2			
N1	Wayne Zhu & Yixiang Zhang		57.3
E1=	Witold Chylewski & Wieslaw Przewozniak		62.5
E1=	Paul Dalley & Michael Courtney		62.5

Consolation results:

Con	NSBC Summer MP Pairs Consolation Thursday 11th February	%
1	Trish Lacey & Tim Mountjoy	68%
2	Julia Hoffman & Christopher Quail	59%
3	Wei Zhang & Catherine Zhang	58%
4	Julian Abel & Colin Clifford	57%

The Final Results:

Final	NSBC Summer MP Pairs	FINAL	%	CC
1- \$600	Witold Chylewski & Wieslaw Przewozniak		60%	10
2- \$400	Paul Dalley & Michael Courtney		55%	7
3= \$175	Dominic Kwok & Frank Budai		54%	5
3= \$175	Wayne Zhu & Yixiang Zhang		54%	5
5- \$100	Helene Pitt & Ruth Tobin		53%	3
6	Kevin Davies & Leo Goorevich		50%	2
7	David Fryda & Michael Cartmel		48%	1

CC Points awarded to members doing well.



GNOT Direct Qualifying



The GNOT (Grand National Open Teams) Direct qualifier to the National Finals in Tweed Heads, **is underway** on Thursday nights. The agreed format for the 4-session event with a field of 20 teams, is to break teams into 2 groups of 10 teams each group playing 9 match round robins over the 3 qualifying weeks. The two groups have been seeded with equally strong teams evenly spread between groups. In the final week, the top team from each group play off in a **28-board Final**. The remaining teams form one group and continue playing 3 matches with a Swiss draw.

GNOT Scores after 6x9b Matches					
Pool A	Team Name	VP	Pool B	Team Name	VP
1	Ashton	94.15	1	McCallum	70.88
2	Bloom	92.15	2	Morrison	92.20
3	Jeffery	78.74	3	Bock	59.94
4	Fleischer	76.65	4	Fryda	41.22
5	Curtis	46.41	5	Dawson	61.04
6	Beeby	49.69	6	Scotford	78.18
7	Kaplan	49.53	7	Dreyer	50.48
8	Lowry	13.25	8	Foster	65.93
9	Thomas	62.29	9	Maclaren	51.54
10	House	37.42	10	Chaffey	28.59

Upcoming Thursday Night Events:

Following the GNOT Direct, will be a **Butler Pairs**, a 2-week Championship Pairs event with IMPS style scoring. This event will be included in the Club Championship calculations for the 2021 (Brownie Cup).

The previous Butler winners were:

No	Year	CC	Club Championship – Butler Open PAIRS
4	2021	Y	???
	2020		Cancelled Covid-19
3	2019	N	Kevin Davies & Liz Sylvester

4th Butler Pairs Championship

Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

2x Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm
18th 25th March

Must Enter for both sessions (Substitutes are allowed) on Upcoming events

Butler Pairs Championship (Imps) (Club Honour Board)

Prizes Dependent on Entry,

These results count towards the members Club Championship (Brownie Cup)

Convener, queries & partnership advice: Sue Crompton 0416 290 867

Director: Ronnie Ng

Red Point Event

Yellow Systems are not permitted

3rd 2020 Butler Champions: **Kevin Davies & Liz Sylvester**



\$20 (2x Nights @\$10) Members (PP)

\$26 (2x Nights @\$13) Non Members

The following event will be the **Club Mixed Teams Championship** over 4 Thursday nights in April. Results are included in the Club Championship in 2021 (Brownie Cup). The previous winners were:

No	Year	CC	NSBC Club Championship Mixed TEAMS
37	2021	Y	???
-	2020		Cancelled - Covid 19
36	2019	Y	Peter Jeffery, Yumin Li, Judy Osie, Witold Chylewski (Jun),

37th Mixed Teams Championship

Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

4x Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm

1st 8th, 15th & 22nd April

Must Enter for all 4 sessions (Substitutes are allowed) in the club Website Upcoming events

37th Club Mixed Teams Championship (Imps/VP) (Club Honour Board)

Teams must have at least one player of opposite gender in each played match

Prizes dependant on Entry

Convener, queries & partnership advice: Sue Crompton 0416 290 867

Director: Ronnie Ng

Red Point Event

Previous 36th 2019 Mixed team's Champions:

Yellow Systems are not permitted

Peter Jeffery, Yumin Li, Witold Chylewski (Jun), Judy Osie

Members (PP) \$160 per Team (4 x 4 Nights @ \$10)

Non Members \$208 per Team (4 x 4 Nights @ \$13)

Daytime Competitions:

59th Men's and Women's Pairs Championships



59th Men's Pairs Championship



59th Women's Pairs Championship

These events have been **postponed**; they were scheduled for daytime sessions (Men on Mondays and Women on Tuesdays) over a planned 3 weeks. Neither entry made the 7 Table minimum, required to run an effective tournament for inclusion in Club championships.

The next daytime **major competition** event is the **Club Mixed Pairs Championships**, to be held on 3 Wednesday afternoons, using RealBridge. This will be our 34th Mixed Pairs championship. The 2020 club mixed pairs champions winners were:

No	Year	CC	NSBC Club Championship – Mixed PAIRS
34	2021	Y	???
33	2020	Y	Tony Howes & Roslyn Howes

This event result is included in the 2021 club championship calculations (Brownie Cup).

34th Club Mixed Pairs Championship

NSBC on RealBridge

17th, 24th 31st March

3 Wednesday PM Sessions @ 1.30pm

Club Mixed Pairs Championship (Matchpoints) (Club Honour Board)

Must enter for the 3 daytime sessions (Subs are allowed) in "Upcoming Events"

Minimum 7 Tables (else event will be postponed).

The results will count towards the Club Championship (Brownie Cup)

Also incorporates "State Mixed Pairs Qualification" for NSWBA 29/30 May Finals

Additional cash prizes dependent on entry

Convener, queries & partnership advice: Sue Crompton 0416 290 867

Director: TBA

Red Point Event

Previous 33rd 2020 Club winner: Tony & Roslyn Howes

Yellow Systems are not permitted



Members (PP) \$30 (3x\$10)

Non Members

\$39 (3x\$13)

NSBC members - Congress Winners

NSWBA Summer MP Swiss Pairs (RB) (Sun Jan 31)		Cum%
1	Garry & Sally Clarke	342%
2	Julien Abel & Colin Clifford	339%
3	Karen McCallum & Helen Lowry	336%



Garry

Sally



Julian

Colin

Karen

Helen

MasterBridge Online Swiss Pairs (BBO) (Sun Feb 7)		VP
1	Julian Abel & Colin Clifford	68
2	Pam & Ross Crichton	60
3	Di Coats & Jan Clarke	53



Julian

Colin

The Club Member General Survey Results

The key messages we received were:

- Congratulations and thanks to Mike, staff and committee for a job well done since the commencement of COVID-19.
- The RealBridge technology and technical issues were a concern to many of you.
- For camaraderie and friendship there is a need to return to F2F sessions on a more regular basis asap. (Need COVID-19 restrictions implemented but do not go overboard.)
- You want us to continue with online sessions following the return to F2F.
- Several members would like a partnership facility to be implemented.
- The property issue is forefront for many. If we are looking for a CW alternative then you want another option within the Willoughby/Chatswood area with good, available parking before return to F2F.

The committee would like to thank everyone who responded and for providing some great insight into what you need and want to make our Club even better.

[2020 Member Survey Results Summary](#)

The link above contains a report with more detail including actions, both current and future. If there is anything more you would like to know, please do not hesitate to contact a committee member.



To Capture a Queen

By Pat O'Connor

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AK	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 32				1♥
♦ QJT642	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
♣ T84	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ 84	1♥	5+♥, Opening hand		
♥ AKJT98	2♦	4+D, 10+Hcp		
♦ AK	3♥	6+♥, GF		
♣ J62	4♥	To Play		

West leads the ♠A, ♠K and ♠Q and switches to a diamond which you win in hand.

How will you play this one?

Analysis

The only problem is the trump suit. You are missing five hearts, the ♥Q7654. It is against the odds to play the ♥AK hoping to drop the ♥Q. Another approach is to play the ♥A to cater for a singleton ♥Q, and if it does not fall go to dummy and finesse against it.

How will you handle the hearts?

The Full Deal

North			
West	♠ AK	East	
♠ T9652	♥ 32	♠ QJ73	
♥ 4	♦ QJT642	♥ Q765	
♦ 9875	♣ T84	♦ 3	
♣ AKQ		♣ 9753	
South (D)			
	♠ 84		
	♥ AKJT98		
	♦ AK		
	♣ J62		
4♠/S Lead ♦A		Vul Nil Dir: S	

The most likely way for five missing cards to split is 3–2. The second most likely is 4–1, 5–0 is uncommon. You can capture the ♥Q if it is in the East hand with no more than three other hearts. Lead a spade to dummy and then a small heart and finesse the ♥J. This wins, so carefully return to dummy with the other spade and repeat the heart finesse. This wins and you then cash the ♥AK.

This approach caters for ♥Qxxx with East and a small singleton with West. Playing the ♥A first caters for a singleton ♥Q with West but fails when East has four to the ♥Q.

Consider all the possible distributions of the hearts in West's hand. There is only one singleton queen but four singleton small cards, so it is four times more likely that West has a small singleton than a singleton queen. Therefore, it is best to finesse twice.

Key Point

Finessing twice caters to more layouts than playing to drop a singleton honour.



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This is a holdup!

From Pat's Play and Learn Bulletin series, on bridge feed

Our opponents have an uncanny knack for leading the suit we fear most. A common technique to help declarer cope with a threatening lead is to hold up on his meagre stopper — often the ace. So, let us see how this hold-up play can help declarer make his contract here.

North	
♠ 94	
♥ A65	
♦ AT962	
♣ K73	
South (D)	
♠ A65	
♥ K94	
♦ QJ75	
♣ AQ6	

Standard Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
1NT	15-17 Bal		
3NT	To Play .. 11 HCP no Major		

The Bidding

You, South, open 1NT (15-17 Bal), and partner raises directly to 3NT. West starts the defence with the lead of the ♠7.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 1♠+2♥+1♦+3♣ = 7 tricks 2 short
Top Losers: None, but spades are a worry.
Strategies for 9 tricks

- The diamond suit Finesse can get us there.

Solution

You have seven top tricks, and the opponents have attacked the only suit that is singly stopped. To make 3NT, you will have to finesse in diamonds.

The key to success, even when the diamond finesse loses, is to analyse the opening lead. Start by assuming that West has spade length (as will be the case most often).

If the ♠7 is fourth best, how are spades divided? You do not know! West might have led from a four-card suit (e.g., ♠KJ87), but he

might also have led from a six-card suit, possibly ♠KJ8732.

If West started with just four spades, the suit is not a threat — East–West can take only three spades and a diamond if East wins the ♦K. What you fear is a 5–3 or 6–2 spade split. It is extremely fortunate that your play in diamonds will allow only East to gain the lead on a losing finesse. Why? You can deplete East of spades on one of these scary splits if you hold up on winning the ace.

- T1 West's ♠7 goes to East's ♠Q. You hold up and play ♠5.
T2 East returns the ♠T, which you also hold up, refusing to win, playing ♠6.
T3 The defenders lead a third spade, and you win perform the ♠A.

If East has another spade, the suit has broken 4–4. If East has no more spades, he cannot hurt you by winning the ♦K.

- T4 Take the diamond finesse at trick four and you will make 5NT if ♦K onside, and at 4NT if it loses.

With the complete deal as shown below, you would have gone down if you had not held up the ♠A two times.

	North	
	♠ 94	
West	♥ A65	East
♠ KJ873	♦ AT962	♠ QT2
♥ 87	♣ K73	♥ QJT32
♦ 73		♦ K8
♣ 9842	South (D)	♣ JT5
	♠ A65	
	♥ K94	
	♦ QJ75	
	♣ AQ6	
3NT/S Lead ♠7		Vul Nil Dir: S

In this first example, holding up made declarer 100% certain that he would make his contract. Sometimes, declarer can only hope that holding up will work.

What are you hoping for on this next deal?

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ A74	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 92				1NT
♦ QJT93	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ K95	Bidding Notes			
South (D)	1NT	15-17 Bal		
♠ K832	3NT	To Play .. 10 HCP no Major		
♥ A75				
♦ K96				
♣ AQ6				

Again, you have opened 1NT as South. Partner raises to 3NT. West starts the defence with the lead of the ♥K.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 2♠+1♥+3♣ = 6 tricks 3 short

Top Losers: ♦A, but hearts are a worry.

Strategies for 9 tricks

- The diamond suit can get us there by forcing the ♦A out.

Solution

From the bidding and the opening lead, you expect West to be leading from at least four hearts. You have no idea of how hearts will split. They could be 4–4, 5–3, 6–2, or even 7–1 (although West might have bid with a really long, good suit).

With only one heart stopper, you fear any split but a 4–4. A count of tricks tells you that you must develop three additional tricks. The only way to accomplish that is by promoting diamonds — and losing to the ♦A.

All you can do is hope for one of two things.

- a 4–4 heart split,
- or on worse splits, finding the player who is short in hearts also holding the ♦A.

So

- | | |
|----|---|
| T1 | West leads ♥K, and the first step is to hold up the ace, ♥5. |
| T2 | West leads ♥Q, again you hold up. |
| T3 | West leads ♥J and you win ♥A third heart lead. East and West follow to all three leads. |
| T4 | It is time to do your work and build diamond tricks. |

Do not make the error of taking black-suit winners first. You will just set up additional tricks for the defenders to use to defeat you.

Look at the complete deal below and see how winning the ♥A at trick three, allows you to make this scary contract. When East gets in with the ♦A at trick four, he is out of hearts and has no lead to hurt you.

North		East	
♠ A74	♥ 92	♠ QT6	♥ 843
♦ QJT93	♣ K95	♦ A74	♣ J763
South (D)		Vul Nil	
♠ K832	♥ A75	Dlr: S	
♦ K96	♣ AQ6		
3NT/S			
Lead ♥K			

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Good Bad Hands (1) Opening Leads at NT

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

Good Bad Hands

Good hands can deteriorate as the bidding progresses. If you have wasted values (especially queens and jacks) in the opponents' suits and partner seemingly does not like your suit(s), **retire gracefully**. You are South and the bidding proceeds (North dealer):

North	East	South	West
		1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	??	

Here are three possible south hands for you:

South (a)	South (b)	South (c)
♠ AJ85432 ♥ Q2 ♦ Q2 ♣ KQ	♠ KJ9532 ♥ QJ9 ♦ KJ ♣ AQ	♠ KQJT93 ♥ 2 ♦ 52 ♣ AKT8

With South **hand (a)**, 14 hcp 7 loser, your red-suit queens are almost certainly waste-paper (falling under the opposing ace-kings) and partner does not like your spades. So, **Pass**, do not come again with 3♠.

With South **hand (b)**, 17 HCP, 7 loser, your hearts look good for a trick in defence to 3♥ but may be worth little in a spade contract. Your ♦KJ likely lie "under" ♦AQ (the 2♦ bidder). And your spades are pretty emaciated facing partner's presumed shortage. **Pass**. Get out.

With South **hand (c)**, Only 13 Hcp, 5 Loser, – now that is a **3♠ bid**; no defensive red-suit values and a spade suit that plays for one loser opposite a singleton or even a void. Lots of **TRICKS** in fact – and that is what bridge is all about.

Opening Leads at NT

The opening lead is the pivotal card in many defences. It is a unique card too, the only card played without a sight of dummy. Because there is no dummy to help you, you must fall back on tried-and-tested winning formulae and versus notrumps, that is generally leading the "fourth from the top of the longest and strongest suit". The reason for leading your longest suit v notrumps is to exhaust the opponents of their cards of the suit, so you can win tricks with your small left-over cards.

So, after an unrevealing 2NT-3NT auction by the opponents, lead ♥4 from:

♠ J863
♥ KT642
♦ A3
♣ 97

it would not be a big deal to lead ♥2 rather than ♥4, but an aspiring partner would think "ah, if ♥2 is my partner's fourth highest, he has only four hearts". So, stick with ♥4.

Change your hand to:

♠ J863
♥ KQJ42
♦ A3
♣ 97

and now it would be a mistake to lead ♥4. This risks declarer winning cheaply with say ♥T.

When your long suit is headed by three touching* honours, lead the top of the sequence. So, lead ♥K. That way you will force out ♥A.

*Or near-touching lead ♥K from ♥KQ1042.



Brent Manley

Brent was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. Challenge hands were adapted from a **Brent** Manley articles "Plan Ahead", "Sharpen Your Technique" and "Figure it out" from the ACBL Bridge feed website

Challenge Hand 1 Solution

Plan Ahead

North		Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
		West	North	East	South (D)
♠ J962					
♥ K532					1♠
♦ Q85		Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
♣ A2					
South (D)		Bidding Notes			
♠ AK7543		1♠	Normal 16hcp, 5+ ♠ Suit		
♥ QJ		3♦	Bergen- 4♠, 10-11 hcp		
♦ A62		4♠	Normal No slam interest		
♣ Q5					

The Bidding

You (South) open the bidding with 1♠ with your good 16hcp and 6 spades. Partner jumps to 3♦ (Bergen bid showing 4♠ and 10-11hcp), so you just bid game 4♠ as slam is unlikely.

West starts the defence with a lead of the ♥T.

- T1 West leads ♥T, you play low ♥2 from dummy and East wins with the ♥A as you follow with the ♥J.
- T2 East continues with the ♥7 return, to your winning ♥Q as West plays the ♥6 and dummy ♥3.
- T3 You cash the ♠A, but West discards a small club ♣3, dummy ♠2 and East ♠8. You note that East now has a high trump winner!

The contract looked easy until you discovered the bad 0-3 trump break. What is your plan for getting to 10 tricks on this deal? Make your mind up before reading the solution.

Preliminary Analysis

After getting the bad news in the trump suit, declarer could see that he just nine tricks.

Winners: 5♠+2♥+1♣+1♦ = 9 tricks

Losers: ♥A (lost) + ♠Q = 1 more sure loser

Strategies for 10th trick

- The tenth trick appeared to depend on West holding the ♦K.
- However, declarer did not rush to explore that possibility as he saw an extra chance: from the carding in hearts (♥A then ♥7 and West the ♥6), East appears to have exactly three cards in the heart suit, still holding the missing ♥4. If that were the case, declarer saw that a partial elimination might work.

Solution

Your plan is to strip East of any **heart exits** and to remove from **all clubs** from the NS hands, and then to endplay East with his top Trump. Thus, forcing East to open the diamond suit for you, else to give a ♣ ruff discard. So,

- T4 You cashed the ♠K, whilst in Hand, leaving East with the high trump ♠Q.
- T5 You then led a small ♣5 to dummy ♣A winner.
- T6 You then cashed the high ♥K, stripping East ♥4 (hopefully last heart), and discarding the ♣Q loser in your hand, whilst West played ♥8.
- T7 You now completed the club strip from the NS hands by leading his last club ♣2 to a ruff with the ♠3 in hand (EW playing ♣K, ♣4)
- T8 You then endplayed East, by exiting a small trump ♠4 to east's winning ♠Q.

Having successfully eliminated the club suit, East found himself on lead with only minor-suit cards remaining.

If he played a club, you (declarer) would discard a diamond loser from hand and ruff in dummy: with the short trump hand $\spadesuit J$ (an extra trump trick!) and you would make six trumps, two hearts, one diamond and one club to make your contract.

In practice, East exited with a small $\heartsuit 4$ and this ran to dummy's $\heartsuit Q$. Declarer claimed 10 tricks, conceding a later diamond. You made five trumps, two hearts, two diamonds and one club to make your contract.

The full deal:

West		North	East
\spadesuit -		\spadesuit J962	\spadesuit QT8
\heartsuit T986		\heartsuit K532	\heartsuit A74
\diamondsuit J973		\diamondsuit Q85	\diamondsuit KT4
\clubsuit J9743		\clubsuit A2	\clubsuit KT86
4 \spadesuit /S Lead $\heartsuit T$		South (D)	Vul All Dir: S
		\spadesuit AK7543	
		\heartsuit QJ	
		\diamondsuit A62	
		\clubsuit Q5	

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Challenge Hand 2 Solution

North	Teams (Imps) Dealer: south Vul: All
\spadesuit J753	
\heartsuit 64	
\diamondsuit A72	
\clubsuit T965	
South (D)	EW Are silent though out.
\spadesuit AKQ9	
\heartsuit A2	
\diamondsuit T64	
\clubsuit AQJ3	What is your bidding to the best NS Contract?

Sharpen Your Technique

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
\spadesuit J753	West	North	East	South (D)
\heartsuit 64				2NT
\diamondsuit A72	pass	3 \clubsuit	Pass	3 \diamondsuit
\clubsuit T965	pass	3 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
\spadesuit AKQ9	2NT	20-21 Bal (may have 5 card M)		
\heartsuit A2	3 \clubsuit	Puppet Stayman		
\diamondsuit T64	3 \diamondsuit	1 or 2 4card Majors		
\clubsuit AQJ3	3 \heartsuit	I have 4S		
	4 \spadesuit	To Play		

The Bidding

This hand was played in a teams' match. You (South) opened 2NT (20-21 Bal) with your balanced 20hcp.

Partner uses 3 \clubsuit (Puppet stayman) to check on your major holdings, as you may have a 5-card major. You show no 5-card but do have at least one 4 card majors with 3 \diamondsuit bid. Puppet stayman allows the strong hand to play the game, so Partner shows his 4 spades by bidding 3 \heartsuit , and you bid game in 4 \spadesuit .

The 4 \spadesuit Game was duly bid at both tables.

T1 Both West defenders lead the $\heartsuit K$ against your 4 \spadesuit contract. You both win the $\heartsuit A$ in dummy.

You must decide how to continue. What is your plan?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4 \spadesuit +1 \heartsuit +1 \diamondsuit +1 \clubsuit = 7 winners

Losers: the lead has setup 2 \diamondsuit losers, and you have a deep \heartsuit and possibly $\clubsuit K$ as losers
Strategies for 10 tricks

- Club suit must be played to produce 4 tricks to make the contract!

Solution at your table

- T1 Both West defenders lead the **♦K** against your **4♠** contract. You both win the **♦A** in dummy.
- T2345 You drew trumps in four rounds, ending in dummy. **♠AKQJ** when you discovered the spades broke badly 4-1
- T6 Next, you ran the **♣T** and, after that held.
- T7 Played a small club to the **♣J**. When West discarded a heart, you had to concede defeat, losing one heart, two diamonds and one club (no re-entry for club finesse) for a 1 trick set of the contract.

When your teammates returned to score up

Your Declarer	4♠/S	♦K	-100
Our Defence	4♠/S	♦K	-620
Result		-12 IMPS	-720

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

Your teammates claimed there was no way to defeat the contract! They explained what the expert declarer did at the other table.

The Solution at the other Table

Instead of drawing trumps immediately, the second declarer

- T2 Called for the **♣5** from dummy at trick two. When East played a low club **♣2**, declarer covered this with the **♣J** finessing the king, which held the trick.
- T34 The declarer then cashed 2 top trumps **♠AK**, noting the 4-1 trump break.
- T56 After drawing the remaining trumps with the **♠QJ**, ending up in Dummy.
- T7 Declarer led the **♣T** from dummy and ran it, when East followed low **♣4**, winning as West showed out.
- T8 Declarer repeated the club finesse against the **♣K** and then claimed 10 tricks: four trumps, the red aces and four clubs.

The full deal:

	North		
	♠ J753		
West	♥ 64		East
	♦ A72		
	♣ T965		
	South (D)		Vul Both Dir: S
	♠ AKQ9		
	♥ A2		
	♦ T64		
4♠/S Lead ♦K	♣ AQJ3		

Challenge Hand 3 Solution

North	Match points
♠ AT92	Dealer: West
♥ 52	Vul: All
♦ K952	
♣ AQ6	West Passes, over 1♦ Est will bid 1♥, then passes.
South	What is your bidding to the best NS Contract?
♠ QJ5	
♥ K763	
♦ AQ3	
♣ KJ9	

Figure It Out

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ AT92	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ 52	Pass	1♦	1♥	3NT
♦ K952	All Pass			
♣ AQ6	Bidding Notes			
South	1♦	4+D, Opening Hand		
♠ QJ5	1♥	5+H, Vul Overcall (10-15 hcp)		
♥ K763	3NT	16hcp, H stop To play		
♦ AQ3				
♣ KJ9				

The bidding:

It is a pairs competition with match-point scoring.

After West passes, Your Partner (**North**) opens the auction with 1♦ (showing 4+♦ and opening values). East now overcalls a vulnerable 1♥ overcall (5+♥, <16hcp).

You (**South**) have a good 16 hcp, but no real fit, a definite heart stopper. Slam looks unlikely, so you close the auction with a 3NT game bid.

Against your notrump game, West leads the ♥J. You get to see partners hand and play low from dummy and East contributes the ♥Q ensuring he can still lead them if you duck! What is your plan for nine tricks?

Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 1♠+1♥+3♦+3♣=8 tricks, 1 short

Top Losers: ♥A, but likely ♠K as well.

Strategies for 9 Tricks:

- Duck one heart, to void West hand in ♥
- Maybe the ♦ suit will break 33?
- Finesse ♠ into danger hand, works only if West has ♠K.
- Maybe a ♥+Another suit (♦ or ♠) squeeze on East?
- Maybe a strip and end play on East?

Solution

- T1 West leads the ♥J, you as declarer played low heart ♥2 with East playing the ♥Q which you duck ♥3. This is to reduce West to no hearts.
- T2 East now continues with the ♥A, all following ♥6, ♥4, ♥5.
- T3 East now follows this with ♥T. You paused to assess your chances. The high heart probably signalling to his partner about a High suit (spade!) re-entry. So, you win the ♥K, West ♠6 (low discouraging) and dummy ♠2. You still can only count only eight certain tricks and so needed to develop another one in either diamonds or spades.
- T4-5 Your first move was to try the diamonds, so you cash the ♦AQ winners, as all follow West ♦48, East ♦67.
- T6 You then play a third diamond ♦3, West ♦T, Dummy ♦K, and East ♠3. East's low spade discard was a disappointment, but not unexpected. At this point, the contract seemed to depend on the spade finesse, but you disliked taking finesses whenever there was a chance of gaining a trick by another means (Squeeze or Endplay).
- T7-9 You now cashed your 3 top clubs, ♣AQ6 on dummy, winning the third club in hand ♣K. When both defenders followed to all three clubs, East was marked with an original 3=5=2=3 or 2=5=2=4 shape. Disregarding the ♠K, the a priori odds on these East/West cards are 4:3 odds, respectively. Additionally, you thought that, with four clubs and a doubleton ♠K, East might have thrown a club rather than a low spade on the third diamond.

T10+So, you believed the spade signal, and Easts likely 3=5=2=3 shape, and so you exited your remaining heart ♥7. East could cash the ♥98 winners, but then had to lead away from the ♠Kx and you make 2 more spade tricks for your contract.

The full deal:

West (D)		North	East
♠ 876	♥ J4	♠ AT92	♠ K43
♦ JT84	♣ T842	♥ 52	♥ AQT98
		♦ K952	♦ 76
		♣ AQ6	♣ 753
3NT/S Lead ♥J		South	Vul Both Dir: West
		♠ QJ5	
		♥ K763	
		♦ AQ3	
		♣ KJ9	

Upcoming Congress Events

Dates	Type / Cost	NSW Congress Events
Sunday, 21 February 2021	F2F \$40	Trumps - Summer teams
Sunday, 7 March 2021	BBO \$10	MasterBridge - Online Swiss Pairs
Sunday, 14 March 2021	F2F \$35	NSBC - Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs (EL)
Saturday, 27 March 2021	F2F	CCBC - mini Congress Swiss Pairs
Sunday, 28 March 2021	F2F	CCBC - mini Congress Teams
Thursday, 1 April 2021	F2F	Trumps Easter Festival
Monday, 8 March 2021	F2F	NSWBA - Butler Pairs (4 Monday Nights)

Upcoming ABF congresses

Gold Coast Congress – Broadbeach – CANCELLED	February 19-27
Tasmanian Festival of Bridge – Hobart – CANCELLED	March 18-21
Tasmanian Gold Swiss Pairs	April 9-11
Autumn Nationals – Adelaide	April 29 – May 3
Barrier Reef Congress – Mackay	April 30 – May 3
Western Senior Pairs – Perth	May 15-16 (TBC)
Zone 7 Playoffs – Online	May 22-23
Australia Wide Novice Pairs	May 25-31
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	June 10-14 (TBC)
Australian National Championships incorporating the Swan River Swiss Pairs – Perth	July 10-22



Mark Horton

Well Spotted

Adapted from a hand on the ACBL bridge feed website, "Misplay these hands with me" by bridge Author Mark Horton

I am playing in a major Pairs Tournament when I pick up the following flat opening hand:

♠AT32, ♥943, ♦AT9, ♣A72

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
	West	North	East (D)	South
♠ Q			Pass	1♣
♥ J6				
♦ 854	1♦	4♣	All Pass	
♣ KQJT864				
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ AT32	1♣	2+♣, opening Hand		
♥ 943	1♦	Overall 5+♦		
♦ AT9	4♣	Pre-emptive Long ♣		
♣ A72				

The Bidding

I am South. East, the dealer, passes and in deference to my partner's methods I open 1♣. When West overcalls 1♦, my partner places the Stop card on the table before jumping to 4♣. Trusting that my memory has not failed me, we play that as a pre-emptive raise, so I have nothing more to add. West considers bidding for a while before passing out the 4♣ Contract.

West starts the defence by leading the ♦K, and partner delivers a fair dummy.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 1♠+1♦+7♣= 9 (1 short)

Top Losers: 2♥+ 2 deep ♦ tricks

Pairs: likely to be a good spot as they likely can make a score in Hearts or spades.

Strategies for 10 Tricks

- There are nine tricks on top,
- Clearly the only chance is to establish a second trick in spades.

My Solution

- T1 West leads ♦K, ♦4 East ♦7 as I win the ♦A in hand.
- T2 Then I lead the ♠2 crossing to the ♠K, West discards a diamond. No doubt he was thinking of doubling 4♣ for takeout.
- T3 When I lead the ♠Q, East covers with the ♠K, so I win with the ♠A, West ♠4.
- T4 I then ruff a spade in Dummy ♠2, ♠9, ♠Q, ♠5.
- T5 I play dummy's ♠6, planning to overtake it with the ♠7, but East thwarts my plan by putting up the ♠9. I win with the ♠A
- T6 I ruff another spade ♠3, felling West's ♠J, ♠8, ♠6.
- I have established ♠T, but I have no entry to my hand, and I cannot reach it. I must concede one down.

This was the full deal:

North		East (D)	
♠ Q	♥ J6	♠ K8765	♥ KQT5
♥ A872	♦ 854	♦ 7	♣ 953
♦ KQJ632	♣ KQJT864		
♣ -			
South		Vul NS	
♠ AT32	♥ 943	Dir: E	
♥ 943	♦ AT9		
♦ AT9	♣ A72		
♣ A72			
4 ♣/S			
Lead ♦K			

Post-mortem

East did well to recognize the necessity for the blocking play, but I should have been successful — do you see my error?

Had I ruffed the first spade with the ♠8 instead of the sloppy low ♠4, dummy would have retained two low club spots that were lower than declarer's ♠A7 in hand. Now the blocking play does not work because declarer can still reach his hand on the third round of trumps.

Perhaps West should have doubled 4♣. With careful play, 4♠ can be made.

Other Online Congress Results

NSWBA Open ITS Stage 1 Results		IMP
N1	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer	74
N2	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	60
N3	David Fryda - Michael Cartmell	46
E1	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	145
E2	Giselle Mundell - Rena Kaplan	102
E3	Julian Foster - David Weston	100

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NSWBA - Valentines Day open Pairs		VP
1	Susan HUMPHRIES - Liam MILNE	76
2	David HUDSON - Fiona FAWCETT	75
3	Vivien ELDRIDGE - Alan DAVIES	71
NSWBA - Valentines Day Restricted & Novice Pairs		VP
1	Kathy DUKE - Ahmad GEYBI	76
2	Sarah EDELMAN - Ron SZANCER	75
3	Gail MCKENZIE - Martin BROWN	71

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January Masterpoint Promotions

The flow of Masterpoints has increased with NSBC issuing masterpoint awards for all RealBridge sessions.


From East Lindfield:

	Joyce makes the Silver National Rank (300 MP with at least 150 Red points)
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Joyce Edwards

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of Jan 2021
Edwards, Joyce	EL	Silver National
Vinson, Simon	EL	Bronze Local

And from Club Willoughby

	Kay makes the Grand Master Rank (1000 MP with at least 200 Gold points)
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Kay O'Connor

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of Jan 2021
O'Connor, Kay	CW	Grand
Scholfield, Judy	CW	Bronze Life
Edwards, Joyce	EL	Silver National
Cole, Suzanne	CW	Bronze National
Narunsky, Jenny	CW	Regional
Chapple, Judy	CW	Silver Local
Rutkowski, Sue	CW	Bronze Local
Morgan, Sue	CW	Bronze Local
Gallagher, Bob	CW	Bronze Local
Schnitzer, Jenny	CW	Bronze Local
Algert, Charles	CW	Club
Jameson, John	CW	Graduate

Most Improved NSBC players, by Masterpoint Centre analysis for 2021 are:

East Lindfield Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Regional	166
Boyle, David	EL	Club	154
Francis, Joan	EL	Silver Local	114
Kneprath, Marg	Brick	Bronze Regional	79
Ferster, Sara	EL	Club	78
McSwiggan, Bill	EL	Local	72
du Temple, Don	EL	State	61
Mietzke, Craig	EL	Life	60
Hagley, David	EL	National	59
Osborne, Brian	EL	State	57

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

Club Willoughby Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Rutkowski, Sue	2-120	Bronze Local	569
Zhang, Yixiang	2-120	Bronze National	245
Mountjoy, Tim	2-120	Life	225
Craig, David	2-120	Club	183
Thompson, Sharon	2-120	Club	180
Bishop, Michael	2-120	State	157
Burt, Deborah	2-120	Club	136
Robinson, Peter	2-113	Bronze National	131
Cole, Suzanne	2-120	Bronze National	125
Van Weeren, Hans	2-120	Silver Life	122
Morgan, Sue	2-120	Bronze Local	121
Belcher, Sandra	2-120	Silver Local	117
Narunsky, Jenny	2-120	Regional	114
Carter, Mary	2-120	Bronze State	111

Note: these most improved reports have reset the baseline to the start of the 2021 year.

Open Late January Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	January OPEN Late January Winners	Score
22-Jan	RealBridge Open 10am	12	1 Ian Bailey & Esther Lee	65%
		2	Robyn Noach & Shelley Neumann	64%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	7	1 Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	60%
		2	Carol McMurray & Alicia Mercer	56%
24-Jan	RealBridge Open 1pm	22	NS Jenny Rose & Margaret Gidley-Baird	67%
		EW	Ron Meyer & Tom Cromer	62%
		NS	Thomas Fischer & Mary Atkinson	61%
25-Jan	RealBridge Open 10am	10	EW Robbie Feyder & Margaret Foster	69%
		NS	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	64%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	15	EW Sally Calarke & Janet Clarke	58%
		NS	Neil Williams & Peter Fitzmaurice	64%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	12	EW John Jongkind & Ian Lincoln	63%
		NS	John Mottram & Lorraine Schaap	66%
26-Jan	RealBridge Open 10am	8	EW Alicia Mercer & Julia Connor	61%
		NS	Fiona Russell & Anne Cooper	55%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	9	EW Peter Kliffen & Ian Plummer	63%
		NS	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	64%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	7	EW Richard Phillips & Tim Mountjoy	65%
		NS	Alasdair Beck & Tom Kiss	68%
27-Jan	RealBridge Open 10am	12	EW Margaret Foster & Roslyn Howes	62%
		NS	Maurice & Rachael Loomes	58%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	14	EW Margie Hullah & Nancye Brownie	60%
		1	Terry Dunne & Ian McLaren	62%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	12	2 Fiona Russell & Mary Ann Vella	61%
		1	Peter Robinson & Esther Lee	66%
28-Jan	RealBridge Open 10am	7	2 Jenny Narunsky & Sandy Kaplan	59%
		NS	Graham McMahon & Peter Jonker	58%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	13	EW Joyce & Bruce Edwards	61%
		NS	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	63%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	9	EW Frances Garrick & Bruce Daglish	61%
		1	Alasdair Beck & Tom Kiss	67%
29-Jan	RealBridge Open 10am	11	2 Lorna Ichilcik & Lynn Kalmin	65%
		1	Maurice & Rachael Loomes	64%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	8	2 Giselle Mundell & Steven Bock	59%
		NS	Lynn & Lester Kalmin	61%
30-Jan	RealBridge Open 1pm	27	EW George Bilski & Nicky Strasser	58%
		NS	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	58%
31-Jan	RealBridge Open 1pm	8	EW Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	64%

January Open Monthly winners

Pos	January Open Monthly Winners	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Tim Mountjoy	Life	24	4.49
2	Patricia Lacey	Grand	21	3.90
3	Mischa Solar	Silver Grand	20	3.83
4	Alicia Mercer	Grand	22	3.76
5	Lynn Kalmin	Silver Grand	8	3.16
6	Fran Campbell	Bronze Life	28	3.12
7	Louise Leibowitz	Grand	20	3.06

Note): The process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards in Open sessions during the month.



Tim Mountjoy



Patricia Lacey



Open – to mid-February Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	February OPEN Winners	Score
1-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS Lorna Ichilcik & Alasdair Beck	66%
		EW	Jan Wilson & Esther Lee	57%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	13	NS Dena Blackman & Angie Boulton	66%
		EW	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	65%
2-Feb	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	14	NS Peter Marshall & Peter Liphay	64%
		EW	Shirley Smith & Judy de Flamingh	65%
	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS Lois Chambers & Maria Remedios	59%
		EW	Margaret Foster & Jeanette Abrams	54%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	8	NS Malcolm Clift & Sunny Pang	65%
		EW	Lois Chambers & Maria Remedios	65%
3-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	10	1 Marlene Gahan & Carol McMurray	66%
		2	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	65%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	11	NS Deirdre James & June Straw	60%
		EW	Roslyn Howes & Margaret Foster	58%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	17	NS Sandra Milner & Robyn Noach	65%
		EW	Helen Lowry & Linda Aubusson	64%
4-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	12	NS David Osie & Hymie Osie	64%
		EW	Jane & Philip Beeby	59%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	6	1 Derek Maltz & Adam Rutkowski	65%
		NS	Sandy Kaplan & Jenny Narunsky	57%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	15	NS Virginia Cohen & Winston Horne	58%
		EW	Sue Crompton & Yu-Shiun Chen	66%
5-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	10	1 Malcolm Carter & Tony Hutton	64%
		2	Alicia Mercer & Judy Twigg	60%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	11	NS David Smee & Derek Maltz	61%
		EW	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	62%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	10	NS Penny Cockbill & Judy Vessey	61%
		EW	Liz Fano & Margaret Foster	57%
6-Feb	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	28	NS John Brownie & Lorraine Schaap	65%
		EW	Andrew Gal & George Fleischer	65%
7-Feb	RealBridge Open 1pm	9	NS Neil Perry & Fiona Lavery	61%
		EW	Adam Rutkowski & Jeanette Abrams	60%
	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS Colin Clifford & Jeanette Abrams	65%
		EW	Ed Truscott & David Smee	64%
8-Feb	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	12	NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	57%
		EW	Tony & Roslyn Howes	63%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	9	NS Peter Marshall & Peter Liphay	69%
		EW	Lesley Morris & Anne Cooper	63%
	RealBridge Open 10am	8	NS Sandra Milner & Vera Rowland	63%
		EW	Rene Sharp & Barbara Krost	60%
9-Feb	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	8	NS Neil Williams & Margaret Stevens	59%
		EW	Malcolm Clift & Sunny Pang	68%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	11	NS Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	67%
		EW	Richard Phillips & Tim Mountjoy	69%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	7	1 Jan Wilson & Esther Lee	61%
		2	Tony & Louise Leibowitz	61%
10-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	9	NS Barbara Kaler & Thelma Sher	60%
		EW	Bernard Edelstein & Peter Cox	73%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	13	NS Mannie Ichilcik & Joe Barda	57%
		EW	Alexis Ngan & David Smee	60%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	8	NS Kwi Tan & Dale Griffin	58%
		EW	Hymie Osie & David Osie	62%
11-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	6	1 Mary Atkinson & Janis Grauds	60%
		2	Keith Walker & Barbara Abraham	58%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	17	NS John Willis & Angnes Sinclair	67%
		EW	Kay & Pierre Tennant	61%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	11	NS Janet Clarke & Chris Williams	70%
		EW	Mischa Solar & Peter Boulton	65%
12-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS John Mottram & Helen Christie	59%
		EW	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	62%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	7	1 Janet Crocker & June Straw	58%
		2	Brett Slater & Tony Halse	57%
13-Feb	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	27	NS Lester & Lynn Kalmin	64%
		EW	Julia Connor & Jeanette Reitzer	67%

Date	NSBC Event	T		February OPEN Winners	Score
14-Feb	RealBridge Open 1pm	7	1	Keith Walker & Barbara Abraham	63%
			2	Linda Aubusson & Helen Lowry	62%
15-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	63%
			EW	Helen Christie & Julia Connor	65%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	16	NS	John Mottram & Jenny Narunsky	60%
			EW	Malcolm Carter & Tony Hutton	69%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	14	NS	Janice Gentle & Graham McMahon	61%
			EW	Helen Pavli & Sue Francis	59%
16-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	8	NS	Ron Meyer & Tom Cromer	63%
			EW	Peter & Angie Boulton	64%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	9	NS	Pam Hughes & Armine Ansourian	60%
			EW	Graham McMahon & Yu-Shiun Chen	60%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	12	NS	Felix Shteyman & Brian Osbourne	57%
			EW	Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	66%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	4	1	Robyn Rogers & Michael Bishop	69%
			2	Judy & Hymie Osie	66%
17-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	11	1	Janet Crocker & June Straw	59%
			2	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	68%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	13	NS	Robyn Noach & Sandra Milner	63%
			EW	Giselle Mundell & Rena Kaplan	59%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	8	1	Jane & Phillip Beeby	70%
			2	Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	61%
18-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	5	1=	Deirdre James & June Straw	56%
			1=	John Mottram & Jenny Narunsky	56%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	17	NS	Malcolm Cliff & Sunny Pang	62%
			EW	Robyn Lawrence & Laurance Priddle	56%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	9	1	Neil Perry & John Mottram	60%
			2	Nicholas Chilov & Richard Deveridge	58%
23-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	9	NS	Deirdre James & Peter Koorey	57%
			EW	Rene Sharp & Barbara Krost	61%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	9	NS	Bev Peters & Christine Vinson	62%
			EW	Lois Chambers & Maria Remedios	59%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	12	NS	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	60%
			EW	Frances Garrick & Bruce Daglish	66%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	5	1	Hymie Osie & Judy Osie	68%
			2	Michael Bishop & Robyn Rogers	60%
24-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	11	1	Margaret Foster & Roslyn Howes	57%
			2	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	66%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	14	NS	Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	61%
			EW	Giselle Mundell & Ren Kaplan	64%
	RealBridge Open 7pm	11	1	Robbie Feyder & Colin Clifford	62%
			2	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	62%
	Open 10am F2F NR	5	1	Liz Wilkinson & John Scotford	56%
			2	Kevin Davies & Leo Goorevich	56%
25-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	7	1=	Deirdre James & June Straw	64%
			1=	Bob Sebesfi & Richard Douglas	64%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	17	NS	Malcolm Cliff & Sunny Pang	70%
			EW	Judy Bardone & Shirley Soh	59%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	11	NS	Neil Perry & John Mottram	62%
			EW	Giselle Mundell & Rena Kaplan	65%
26-Feb	RealBridge Open 10am	10	NS	Janet Crocker & June Straw	58%
			EW	Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	63%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	7	1	Giselle Mundell & Steven Bock	63%
			2	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	59%
27-Feb	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	21	NS	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	62%
			EW	David Osie & Judy Osie	62%
	Open 1pm F2F NR	13	NS	Robin Ho & Carmel Bourke	63%
			EW	Angie Boulton & Alicia Mercer	68%
28-Feb	RealBridge Open 1pm	6	1	Fiona Russell & Gary Barwick	60%
			2	Prue Siemsglue & Mishca Solar	56%

February Open Monthly winners

Pos	February - Open Monthly Winners	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Tim Mountjoy	Life	22	4.4
2	John Mottram	Gold Grand	27	3.59
3	Margaret Foster	Silver Grand	15	3.56
4	Patricia Lacey	Grand	19	3.53
5	David Osie	State Master	12	3.04
6	June Straw	Silver Life	16	2.95
7	Kevin Davies	Silver Grand	14	2.63

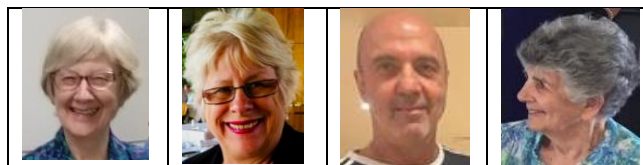
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Restricted (<300MP) Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		Late January Rookie & Restricted Combined Winners	Score
22-Jan	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	6	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	65%
			2	Sharon Thompson & Deborah Burt	62%
23-Jan	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	6	1	Joe Camilleri & Sandra Belcher	60%
			2	Margaret Facer & Carolyn Carnachan	53%
25-Jan	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 10am	3	1=	Jenny Godfrey & Ruth Harrison	56%
			1=	Sue Dickinson & Sharon Thompson	56%
28-Jan	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	NS	Sara Bos & Karen Isman	61%
			EW	Paul Anderson & Anne Parry	61%
29-Jan	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	NS	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	58%
			EW	Eric Campbell & Angus Richards	58%
30-Jan	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	8	NS	Ashleigh Gallagher & Sharon Thompson	63%
			EW	Nan Stevenson & Carole Westhoff	63%

January Restricted Monthly winners

Pos	January Winners Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1=	Fiona Russell	State	7	1.32
1=	Sue Morgan	Bronze Local	6	1.32
3	Sharon Thompson	Club	12	0.95
4	Felix Shteyman	Regional	8	0.81
5	Brian Osborne	State	6	0.74
6	David Craig	Club	5	0.69
7=	Don Mullineux	Bronze Regional	7	0.54
7=	Mary Harrington	Bronze Regional	7	0.54
7=	Simon Vinson	Local	3	0.54



Fiona Russell



Sue Morgan



Shaz



Felix



Brian



David

February Restricted Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		February Rookie & Restricted Combined Winners	Score
1-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 10am			Cancelled	
4-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	11	NS	Jennie Little & Ann Poulos	61%
			EW	Brian Emanuel & Deborah Burt	66%
5-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	NS	Judy Winning & Sue Rutkowski	63%
			EW	Tien Chey & Felix Shteyman	61%
6-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	6	1	Sharon Thompson & Ashleigh Gallagher	66%
			2	Brian Osborne & Felix Shteyman	65%
11-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	9	NS	Lorna Davies & Angie Smith	63%
			EW	Brian Osborne & Felix Shteyman	69%
12-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	7	NS	Tien Chey & Felix Shteyman	65%
			EW	Marg Fishburn & Margaret Kelly	57%
13-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	9	NS	John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey	66%
			EW	Nan Stevenson & Carole Westhoff	65%
18-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	10	1	Leo Vilensky & Bill McSwiggan	60%
			2	Russell Spear & Peter Napier	59%
19-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	6	1	John Hill & Garry White	59%
			2	Jack Abrams & Sue Rutkowski	58%
20-Feb	Realbridge Rookie & Restricted 2pm	6	1	Felix Shteyman & Brian Osbourne	67%
			2	Jack & Leesa Abrams	63%
25-Feb	Realbridge 1:30pm Restricted+Rookie	10	1	Simon Vinson & David Craig	63%
			2	Felix Shteyman & Brian Osbourne	60%
26-Feb	Realbridge 1:30pm Restricted+Rookie	6	1	Ernie Wan & Sue Crompton	65%
			2	Tien Chey & Felix Shteyman	62%
27-Feb	Realbridge 1:30pm Restricted+Rookie	5	1	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineau	60%
			2	Janet Rigby & Lynne Kerry	58%

February Restricted Monthly winners

Pos	February Winners Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Regional	11	2.3
2	Brian Osborne	State	7	1.64
3	Sharon Thompson	Club	10	1.11
4	David Boyle	Club	9	0.83
5=	David Craig	Club	3	0.73
5=	Simon Vinson	Local	3	0.73
5=	Tien Chey	Regional	6	0.73



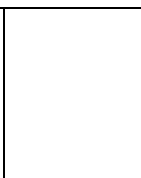
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Brian



Shaz



david



David



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Note a): The combined monthly award is for players with less than <300 MP i.e., less than Silver National Rank.

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

Emma Barnes

Our teacher for the 6-week course:

"Introduction to bridge"



Emma

The 6-week "Introduction to Bridge" course started at the beginning of February 2021, at our East Lindfield venue. These lessons are Face to Face, with an excellent attendance of:

Monday Nights 54 people
and
Tuesday Mornings 32 People

This is great news for the club. Another 30 people have expressed interest but could not attend in this round of lessons.

Liz Wilkinson

Our teacher for the 10-week course:

"Bridge Basics"



Liz

The 10-week "Bridge Basics" course will start mid-March 2021, following on from the "Introduction to Bridge". This course of 10 Face to Face lessons is also a useful refresher course for players that have not played for a while and want to get back into bridge.

Bridge Basics with Liz Wilkinson	
Date	Venue: F2F @ East Lindfield: Monday Evening @ 7pm-9pm Tuesday Mornings @ 10:30-12:30 am (repeated)
Mon Mar 15	Partner has Opened 1NT : What Now?
Tues Mar 15	
Mon Mar 22	Develop your trick-taking skills as Declarer
Tues Mar 23	
Mon Mar 29	Focus on Responder
Tues Mar 30	

In 2021, the NSBC development teachers are **Anita Curtis** and **Jessica Brake**.



Jessica

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 video.

Jessica Brake "Build on Basics" - Lesson Topics Wed 10am AND Thurs 10am	
Wed Feb 24	Focus on Defence in NTs Tips on defence
Thur Feb 25	
Wed Mar 3	I love your suit Supporting openers Major
Thur Mar 4	
Wed Mar 10	Not so fast! Shortage points and ruffing in the short Trump hand
Thur Mar 11	
Wed Mar 17	Now what do I do? Responders priorities
Thur Mar 18	
Wed Mar 24	Sorry I cannot support you Responders NT responses & giving preference
Thur Mar 25	
Wed Mar 31	What should I lead? Leads against suit contracts
Thur Apr 1	



Anita

Broaden Your Game/Intermediate with **Anita Curtis** is a set of lessons for intermediate players with at least 3 years of bridge experience. It follows on from Develop Your Skills. The lessons are held over Zoom video on **Friday mornings** at 10am.

Anita Curtis Friday morning @ 10am	
Date	Broaden your game/Intermediate - Lesson Topic
Fri Feb 26	Bidding the opponents' suit can mean so many different things: a cue raise, asking for a stopper, Michaels cue bid and more. Clarify your understanding - for advanced players.
Fri Mar 5	Gentle Hand Analysis 15 – improve all your skills with detailed analysis of 8 hands at intermediate level
Fri Mar 12	Power Doubles: what do you do when the opponents open the bidding and you have a GOOD hand? Find out all the ins & outs of Power Doubles – an essential convention for intermediate players
Fri Mar 19	Hand Analysis 24 – for upper intermediate players to test their declarer play, defence & bidding skills
Fri Mar 26	Improve your Declarer Play: card combinations missing 2 honours



Anita

Improver Hand Analysis sessions

Date	Anita Curtis Thursday afternoon @ 2:00pm
Improver Hand Analysis sessions	
Thur Feb 25	DYS End of course Hand Analysis 1
Thur Mar 04	Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 1
Thur Mar 11	DYS end of course Hand Analysis 2
Thur Mar 18	Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 2
Thur Mar 25	DYS end of course Hand Analysis 3
Thur Apr 1	Build on the Basics end of course Hand Analysis 3

The best way to improve all your bridge skills is to analyse hands that you have bid and played. Each lesson, we look at 8 hands that span the improver courses, to consolidate knowledge of the content of the course and build confidence. Twice per month on Thursdays on Zoom, there are Build on the Basics Hand Analysis sessions (Improver 1) for people who have either just finished the Build on the Basics course or who want to revise the foundations after playing for at least 1 year.

On alternate Thursday afternoons at 2pm, Develop Your Skills (DYS) Hand Analysis revises the course and will eventually move into Gentle Hand Analysis

Our Newer Player Team

				
Kay	Liz	Kim	Sue	
				
Jenny	Sandra	Allan	June	John

As we progress from Supervised to Rookie to Restricted, so we play more boards in a session:

- 21 boards per **Restricted** (<300 MP) sessions.
- 18 boards per **Rookie** (<100 MP) sessions
- 15 boards per **Supervised** sessions

Supervised players

Lessons available:

Build on The Basics with Jess Brake.
Bridge Basics F2F at EL with Liz Wilkinson

Games available:

The Monday evening and Tuesday morning RealBridge games continue, with supervision provided by our team of helpers.

Supervised :

Date		NSBC Event	T	Late January Supervised Winners	Score
25-Jan	M	RealBridge Supervised 7pm	3	Lydia Merrill & Diana Moore	63%
26-Jan	T	RealBridge Supervised 10:30am	Australia day		
Date		NSBC Event	T	February Supervised Winners	Score
1-Feb	M	RealBridge Supervised 7pm	5	Helen Freeman & Sandra Da Silva	61%
2-Feb	T	RealBridge Supervised 10:30am	3	David Cahill & Jean Clinch	75%
8-Feb	M	RealBridge Supervised 7pm	4	Beth Morton & Helen Freeman	60%
9-Feb	T	RealBridge Supervised 10:30am	2	Jill Johnston & David Rands	73%
15-Feb	M	RealBridge Supervised 7pm	4	Mark Field & Peter O'Donnell	59%
16-Feb	T	RealBridge Supervised 10:30am	3	Trish Dunnicliff & Lynne Bulloch	60%
22-Feb	M	RealBridge Supervised 7pm	5	Helen Freeman & Sandra Da Silva	60%
23-Feb	T	RealBridge Supervised 7pm	2	Heather Low & David Cahill	80%

Rookie players

Lessons available:

See below for the lessons available Wednesday to Friday, with Jessica Brake and Anita Curtis.

Games available:

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

Standard Daily NSBC Online RealBridge Sessions				
Day	Session	Play Start	Last Month	Director
Mon	Rookie	2:00 PM	15-20 Tables	
	Supervised	7:00 PM	N/A	
Tue	Supervised	10:30 AM	N/A	
	Rookie	2:00 PM	12-15 Tables	
Wed	Rookie	7:00 PM	5-10 Tables	
	Rookie	2:00 PM	14-20 Tables	
Thur	F2F Rookie	10:00AM	EL New 4 Tables	
	Rookie+Restricted	1:30 PM	8-15 Tables	
Fri	Rookie+Restricted	1:30 PM	8-12 Tables	
Sat	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	6-10 Tables	
Sun	Open (all welcome)	1:30 PM	8-16 Tables	Malcolm Martin
Rookie	Rookie	(< 100 MP ie < Bronze Regional)		
Restr	Rookie+Restricted	(< 300 MP ie < Silver National)		

Feb Rookie Only Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie Only February Winners		Score
1-Feb	M RealBridge Rookie 2pm	17	NS	Caroline Needham & Christine Roberts	66%
			EW	Kerry Barling & Keran Doecke	68%
2-Feb	T RealBridge Rookie 2pm	13	NS	Charlie Algert & Christine Roberts	67%
			EW	Peter Walsh & David Boyle	61%
		5	1	Carol Wakekin & Stephanie Gay	67%
			2	Yvonne Rawack & Michelle Levey	59%
3-Feb	W RealBridge Rookie 2pm	16	NS	Philip Howes & Deborah Burt	65%
			EW	Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	64%
4-Feb	Th Rookie 10:00 am F2F EL	3	1	Helen Douglas & Dee Zachert	61%
			2	Glenys Thompson & Lorraine Doyle	55%
		11	NS	Jennie Little & Ann Poulos	61%
			EW	Brian Emanuel & Deborah Burt	66%
8-Feb	M RealBridge Rookie 2pm	14	NS	Deborah Burt & Sharon Thompson	66%
			EW	Julia Young & Louise Murphy	63%
9-Feb	T RealBridge Rookie 2pm	10	NS	Robyn Walker & Marg Daridis	60%
			EW	Pat Nosworthy & Ann Lockey	62%
		4	1	Felix Shteyman & Deborah Burt	83%
			2	Sasha Bennet & Liz Morell	56%
10-Feb	W RealBridge Rookie 2pm	15	NS	Felix Shteyman & Marina Shteyman	62%
			EW	Vera Cranston & Tien Chey	65%
11-Feb	Th Rookie 10:00 am F2F EL	5	1	Margaret Weiss & Sue Crompton	61%
			2	Alan Barwick & Debbie Irwin	60%
15-Feb	M RealBridge Rookie 2pm	13	NS	Sandra Belcher & Joe Camilleri	69%
			EW	Helen Green & Patricia Ewing	57%
16-Feb	T RealBridge Rookie 2pm	8	NS	Robyn Walker & Marg Daridis	62%
			EW	Russell Spear & Peter Napier	64%
		6	NS	Caroline Forbes & Suzanne Davies	64%
			EW	Felix Shteyman & Eric Lam	66%
17-Feb	W RealBridge Rookie 2pm	13	NS	Jennie Little & Ann Poulos	61%
			EW	Sue Hill & Pauline Egan	68%
18-Feb	Th Rookie 10:00 am F2F EL	7	NS	Jo Ampherlaw & Sue Crompton	63%
			EW	Yeung Cheung & Shirley Rutter	62%
22-Feb	M RealBridge Rookie 2pm	12	NS	Noni Glew & Judy Chappie	62%
			EW	Ashleigh Gallagher & Sharon Thompson	69%
23-Feb	T RealBridge Rookie 2pm	9	NS	Noni Glew & Judy Chappie	70%
			EW	Deborah Burt & Sharon Thompson	68%
		4	1	Lorna Davies & Felix Shteyman	71%
			2	Keith Fryirs & Robyn Wilmot	57%
24-Feb	W RealBridge Rookie 2pm	13	NS	John Brodie & Russell Summerhayes	65%
			EW	Gary White & John Hill	67%
25-Feb	Th Rookie 10:00 am F2F EL	4	NS	Margaret Weiss & Pippa Gower	55%
			EW	Gail Woodley & Heather O'Sullivan	57%

Late January Rookie Only Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie Only Late January Winners	Score
25-Jan	M RealBridge Rookie 2pm	15	NS	Robyn Rogers & John Jameson	62%
			EW	Pauline Beckton & Jane Loveday	67%
26-Jan	T RealBridge Rookie 2pm	9	NS	Mary Ann Irvin & Douglas Irvin	59%
	RealBridge Rookie 7pm		EW	Christine Roberts & Charlie Algert	66%
			NS EW	Australia Day	
27-Jan	W RealBridge Rookie 2pm	16	NS	Kathy Lewis & Kim Thompson	59%
			EW	Lyn & Len Quilter	59%
28-Jan	T Rookie 10:00 am F2F EL	4	1	Yeung Cheung & Shirley Rutter	63%
			2	Susan Ahern & Hien Dang	52%

January Rookie Monthly Winners

Pos	Winner Jan Rookie only (<100 MP < Bronze Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	David Craig	Club	13	1.92
2	Tien Chey	Regional	11	1.65
3	Sharon Thompson	Club	21	1.59
4=	Sandra Belcher	Silver Local	13	1.48
4=	Joe Camilleri	Regional	13	1.48
5	Vera Cranston	Regional	8	1.45
6=	Fiona Russell	State	8	1.32
6=	Sue Morgan	Local	6	1.32



David Craig



Tien Chey



Shaz

February Current Rookie Monthly leaders

Pos	Winner Feb Rookie only (<100 MP < Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Regional	19	3.64
2	Sharon Thompson	Club	22	2.75
3	Tien Chey	Regional	10	1.71
4	Deborah Burt	Club	10	1.70
5	Ashleigh Gallagher	Local	17	1.45
6	David Craig	Club	10	1.37
7	David Boyle	Club	13	1.29

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

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



Felix



Sharon



Tien Chey

Minor Daytime Tournament Events

The qualifying events to represent NSBC in the NSW State Mixed Pairs Finals (held on May 29/30) have been scheduled: These are **Redpoint** events available to all club members.

2 Sessions F2F at East Lindfield

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

East Lindfield

2 Friday Sessions: 10:00am

9th, 16th, April

Enter for the 2 sessions (Subs are allowed)
Winner will represent the NSBC (EL) at the "State Mixed Finals"
In the NSWBA clubrooms on 29/30 May

Will be run in conjunction with normal F2F bridge session
Separate section dependent on entries
Must be mixed gender pairs to play for redpoints

2020 EL Winner : **Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes**

Red Point Event

Yellow Systems are not permitted

Members (PP) \$24 (2x\$12)
Non Members \$30 (2x\$15)

No	Year	Ven	EL State Mixed Pairs Qualifying
5	2021	EL	???
	2020	EL	Cancelled - Covid-19
4	2019	EL	Roslyn Howes & Tony Howes

2 sessions on RealBridge

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

NSBC on RealBridge

2 Tuesday PM Sessions: 1:30

20th, 27th April

Must Enter for both the 2 sessions (Subs are allowed)
Represent the NSBC at the "State Mixed Finals"
In the NSWBA clubrooms on 29/30 May

Will be run in as a special online bridge session
Must be mixed gender pairs to play in this redpoint event

2020 CW winner : **Mischa Solar & Gary Lane**

Red Point Event

Yellow Systems are not permitted

\$20 (2x10) Members on PP
\$26 (2x13) Non Members (Credit card or bank transfer)

2 Sessions F2F at North Ryde

This will be our first Tournament event at our new North Ryde RSL clubrooms.

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

North Ryde RSL

2 Tuesday Sessions: 1:00 pm

4th, 11th, May

Enter for the 2 sessions (Subs are allowed)
Winner will represent the NSBC (RSL) at the "State Mixed Finals"
In the NSWBA clubrooms on 29/30 May

Will be run in conjunction with normal F2F bridge session
Separate section dependent on entries
Must be mixed gender pairs to play for redpoints

2020 CW Winner : **Mischa Solar & Gary Lane**

Red Point Event

Yellow Systems are not permitted

Members (PP) \$24 (2x\$12)
Non Members \$30 (2x\$15)

No	Year	Ven	CW State Mixed Qualifying
13	2021	RSL	???
12	2020	CW	Mischa Solar & Gary Lane

Club GNOT Metro online

The GNOT Metro qualifiers will follow, with the first opportunity being online with RealBridge. , This a great opportunity for you to earn **Gold Points** playing in teams of 4 against other NSBC teams.

GNOT Metro Qualifying

NSBC using RealBridge

3 Sessions - Teams of 4 Event

Wednesday 1:30pm:

12th, 19th, 26th May

Winner will Qualify as a NSBC team for the State GNOT Metro Final (NSWBA Clubrooms) on 18/19 September

Club Level opportunity for winning Gold Points

Yellow Systems are not permitted

\$30 (3x10) Members (pp);
\$39 (3x13) Non-Members (Metro Zone only)

Similar GNOT Metro Qualifying events will be held at both F2F venues (East Lindfield and North Ryde RSL) in the coming months.