



NSBC Newsletter



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Morgans are sponsoring our next major Thursday night competition, the **Club Swiss Pairs Championship**.

A 4-night major event on Thursday nights in May. Noticeably big prize money is on offer, designed to attract some of the best players to come and play in our club. A great opportunity for you to come along and play against these players.

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Club Swiss Pairs Championship



Now on RealBridge in 2021

Guaranteed Prizes 1st **\$1,000**,

2nd **\$500**, 3rd **\$300**, 4th **\$200**

4 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May

You must enter for all 4 nights (subs are allowed) via club website
Major qualifying event for 2021 Club Champion (Brownie Cup)

Director: **Ronnie Ng**
Convenor: **Gary Barwick**

We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event

Red Points

Yellow Systems are not permitted

2019 Winners: **Axel Johannsson & Cevat Emul**

\$40 / 4 nights Members (\$10 PP)

\$52 / 4 nights Non Members (\$13 pp)

Chatswood

Level 2, Tower B, The Zenith, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood (02) 8116 1700

A Message from our Club Sponsor: Danny Dreyfus, Kylie Macdonald and Chris Macdonald jointly lead the Morgans Chatswood office. They have 45 years of combined experience in advising a wide range of clients regarding their investment needs. We will work with you to develop an individual investment strategy that meets your financial requirements, both now and into the future. Our commitment is to deliver excellence in investment advice to our clients. For high-quality and personalised investment advice please contact us on 02

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Challenge (Play) Hand 1 (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints Dealer South EW Vul
♠ AKQJ	
♥ K9752	
♦ 4	
♣ A72	Can you bid this hand to the best spot?
South (D)	
♠ T985	Can you play this hand in ♠6 on a trump lead?
♥ A3	
♦ A98632	
♣ 3	

Challenge Hand 2 (Bid and Play)

North	Teams Dealer south Both Vul
♠ QT53	
♥ 74	
♦ AT764	
♣ 94	Can you bid this hand to the best spot?
South (D)	
♠ K42	Can you play this 3NT hand on a ♥5 lead?
♥ AK3	
♦ QJ82	
♣ AK6	

Challenge Hand 3 (Bid and Play)

North (D)	Matchpoints Dealer North Nil Vul
♠ KJT2	
♥ 6	
♦ KQJ93	
♣ A32	Can you bid this hand to the best spot?
South	
♠ Q9876	Can you play this 4♠ contract on a ♣J lead?
♥ KJ3	
♦ T2	
♣ K54	



Update from the President

Mobile 0418 427 458

David Fryda

As per the layout below, the committee for the next 12 months has been determined. I welcome John McIlrath and Mark Guthrie back to the committee and Winston Horne who is joining for the first time. As you know, the committee members all donate their time to supporting our club and I hope that you will support us by providing constructive input and feedback when you feel it is appropriate.

Our 2021/2 Club Committee

 President David Fryda	 VP John McIlrath	 Secretary Maryann Russett	 Treasurer Les Grewcock
 Member Elana Kohn	 Member Winston Horne	 Member Mark Guthrie	

We are continuing the approach of dividing the effort through the establishment of sub-committees. The structure this year is shown below with the names of the sub-committee chairs alongside.

Property	David Fryda
Tournament	John McIlrath
Finance	Les Grewcock
Administration	Maryann Russett
Teaching & Training	Elana Kohn
Technology	Mark Guthrie
Business Development	John McIlrath

The subcommittees include other members from the Committee itself and in some cases non-committee members have been seconded. Both Gary Barwick and Liam Milne are invited to sub-committee meetings as required. If any member

would like to volunteer their skills and expertise to any of these sub-committees please let me know. Finally, I would just like to call on all members who used to play at Willoughby who have not yet played at North Ryde to give it a try. I recognise that some members still do not feel comfortable about coming back to face-to-face bridge due to health concerns. However, I feel that there are many members who are prepared to play face-to-face but have not given North Ryde a try. It is a great venue, there is ample parking and the traffic, at the times that we play, in the area is not an issue. So please support the club by coming along.

David



NSBC Face-to-Face Club Manager

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Liam Milne

As the club continues to reopen its face-to-face sessions, I will be promoting several new sessions in coming weeks at both our North Ryde and East Lindfield clubrooms. As many of you continue to return to something approached "bridge normal", the club and I will be doing our best to make you feel comfortable and providing the high-quality bridge experience that you should expect.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have anything I can help with or if you have ideas or views about improving the club. I welcome your feedback.

Liam

F2F bridge will still be continuing and expanding at both our East Lindfield and North Ryde venues.

New & Special Events at EL	
10 weeks @ EL Liz Wilkinson - "Bridge Basics" for newer players and for players just wanting a refresher course. Continues in May Monday @ 7pm & repeated Tuesdays @ 10am. New Topic each week	
May @ EL "GNOT Metro Qualifier" - Mondays 31st May+7th June - Gold Points	
19th June - NSBC Festival - "2 Men & a Truck" - <u>Restricted / Rookie Teams Congress. Red Points at Congress level.</u>	
20th June - NSBC Festival - "2 Men & a Truck" <u>Restricted / Rookie Pairs Congress. Red Points at Congress level.</u>	
All bridge sessions at EL are redpoints during our Festival week	

Standard Daily "NSBC F2F" (Face-to-Face) Sessions

Note: Covid Regulations - All F2F Venue have QR Code Registration at club entry

Day	Ven	Session	Play Start	Session size	Director / Notes
Mon	NR	Open	10:00 AM	New	Jamie Thompson
		Restricted	10:00 AM	New	Jamie Thompson
		Rookie	2:00 PM	10+ Tables	Sue Crompton
	EL	Open	1:00 PM	20-30 Tables	David Hagley
Tues	NR				Future
	EL	Open	1:00 PM	10 Tables	David Hagley
Wed	NR	Open	10:00 AM	10-15 Tables	Tony Howes
		Restricted	10:00 AM		Tony Howes
		Rookie	2:00 PM	New	Liz Wilkinson
	EL	Open	10:00 AM	New	Sue Crompton
Thur	NR				Future
	EL	Rookie	10:00 AM	7+ Tables	Sue Crompton
Fri	NR	Open	10:00 AM	15+ Tables	Ronnie Ng
	EL	Restricted	10:00 AM	10 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Sat	NR	Open	1:00 PM	15+ Tables	Ronnie Ng
	EL	Open	1:00 PM	New	Sue Crompton
Sun	NR				No F2F Bridge
	EL				

New & Special Events at North Ryde RSL (NR)

May @ NR "State Mixed Pairs Qual" 1:00pm - Saturdays 1st & 8th May
Red Points at State Championship Level

May @ NR "Interclub Teams" - 10am Sun 23 May, 2 Sessions -
Congress level Red Points

All bridge sessions at NR are **redpoints** during our Festival week

24th June - NSBC Festival - NR Swiss Pairs Congress. **Red Points at Congress level.**

25th June - NSBC Festival - NR Swiss Teams Congress. **Red Points at Congress level.**

26th June - NSBC Festival - Swiss Pairs Congress. **Red Points at Congress level.**

27th June - NSBC Festival - "TBIB" Swiss Teams Congress. **Red Points at Congress level.**

July @ NR "GNOT Metro Qualifier" - Tuesdays 6th 13th, 20th July - **Gold Points**

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

North Ryde RSL

2 Saturday Sessions: 1:00 pm

Red Point Event at State Championship Level

1st, 8th May 2021

2 Sessions, where you play as normal, but Mixed Pairs are encouraged. Highest placed mixed partnership(s) over two sessions will represent NSBC at the State Mixed Pairs Championships to be held at NSWBA clubrooms on 29/30 May

Will be run in conjunction with normal F2F bridge session
2020 CW Winner : **Mischa Solar & Gary Lane**
Yellow Systems are not permitted

Normal Table Fees apply

Interclub Teams Challenge at NR Venue

If you are interested in playing for NSBC at our NR RSL Venue on Sunday 23/May, please contact Liam Milne. Teams are wanted in all grades.

Margaret Smale 2021 Metro North Interclub Teams Challenge

B5i Event!



Sunday 23 May 2021
9.45am for 10am start
Hosted by North Shore Bridge Club
Played at **North Ryde RSL**
27-41 Magdala Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113

Join the fun and the challenge!

- One day friendly IMP teams event for novices up
- \$132 per team, includes light lunch, and social drinks & snacks at end
- Play in <100, 100-300, 300-750 & >750MP fields (based on team average MPs) - so play against similar teams
- Teams in top half of each field earn their club points
- **Teams contribute equally whether novice or open**
- Smaller club entries welcome and may combine into "All Stars"-type entries
- **Red points - and perpetual Trophy records winning club**

Margaret Smale's family provided the perpetual trophy in Margaret's memory.

Director - Ronnie Ng
Convener - Sue Crompton

How to Enter (by 16 May or earlier if full):

- Metro North ABF affiliated clubs can enter 2-3 teams of their club's regular players in each field (3rd team prov.)
- Limit 32 teams - enter early, avoid disappointment
- Club entry form (see bottom) and inquiries to Sue Crompton, 0416 290 867, suecrompton40@gmail.com



NSBC
Online Operations
Manager
Mobile 0413 884805
Gary Barwick

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.

Standard Daily "NSBC Online" RealBridge Sessions

Day	Session	Play Start	Session Size	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	Kay Moyes
Tue	Open	10.00 AM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Supervised	10:30 AM	N/A	Jenny Barnes
	Open	1.30 PM	15-20 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	2:00 PM	12-15 Tables	Kim Neale
Wed	Rookie	7:00 PM	5-10 Tables	Kim Neale
	Open	10.00 AM	12-18 Tables	Gary Barwick
	Open	1.30 PM	15-21 Tables	Gary Barwick
Thur	Rookie	2:00 PM	10-20 Tables	Kay Moyes
	Open	7:00 PM	8-15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
	Open	10.00 AM	7-15 Tables	Brian Soutter
Fri	Open	1.30 PM	10-20 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	8-12 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open Competition Night	7:00 PM	20-30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Sat	Open	10.00 AM	10-20 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
Sun	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	20-30 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	1:30 PM	6-10 Tables	Eric Lam
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	8-16 Tables	Malcolm Martin

New & Special Daytime Events on RB
May - GNOT Metro Qualifier 3x Wed PM (12th, 19th, 26th May) Gold Points
Thursday Open Competition Nights - Booking required via website
May - 4 Thursday Nights - "Morgans" Club Swiss Pairs Championships
June/July - 4 Thursday Nights - Club Swiss Teams Championship

godsend during Covid-19. I will continue to play online for the foreseeable future.

Many thanks, Janice Harris

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

Director: Ronnie Ng
Convenor: Gary Barwick

Club Level opportunity for winning Gold Points

Yellow Systems are not permitted

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

NSBC Tournament Chairman

Mobile 0437 274 343
John McIlrath

The state of play in the Club Championship after 7 events so far this year is:

Pos	Player	CC Points	Played
1	David Fryda	40	7
2=	David Beauchamp	30	3
2=	Michael Cartmell	30	6
4=	Wayne Zhu	26	6
4=	Yixiang Zhang	26	5
6	David Weston	24	3
7	Peter Gill	22	3
8	Mike Hughes	20	2
9	Liz Adams	18	5
10	David Hudson	16	6
10=	Martin Bloom	16	2

The Major CC events programme

8	May	4x	Thursday Night	RB	Morgan's Club Swiss Pairs Championship
9	June	3x	Thursday Night	RB	Hybrid Pairs (Men, Women & Mixed Titles)
10	Jun/Jul	3x	Thursday Night	RB	Mini-Swiss Championship
	Jun	2x	Sun Daytime	EL	Festival - Restricted Teams
	Jun	2x	Sun Daytime	EL	Festival - Restricted Pairs
11	Jun	2x	Thursday Daytime	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Pairs
12	Jun	2x	Friday Daytime	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Teams
13	Jun	2x	Saturday Daytime	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Pairs
14	Jun	2x	Sunday Daytime	NR	Festival Congress Swiss Teams
15	Jul	4x	Saturday Daytime	RB, EL, NR	Stratified Pairs (same hands, same time)
16	Aug	3x	Thursday Night	RB	Club Open Pairs Championship + SOP
17	Aug	2x	Sun Daytime	EL	EL Swiss Teams Congress

The next major Thursday night event after the Morgans Swiss Pairs, will be the **Hybrid Pairs**

This event will combine the three postponed Club Men's, Women's & Mixed Pairs championships, producing three winners! The VCC is also running in June, clashing on the 10th June, so the

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

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1509>

Now, when you log into a RealBridge session you may be prompted with a message saying "Oceania" is requesting access to your camera and microphone ... you should **accept** this! otherwise your video and audio will no longer work. The reason for this is that RealBridge have installed a dedicated server called "Oceania" in Sydney to **improve the quality of the audio and video delivered to RealBridge users** in our part of the world. If you have had quality issues with audio/video on RealBridge that have prevented you from playing in the past, please call Gary on 0413 884 805 and I will setup a time to test your connection to see if this new server resolves your issues.

Letter to the editor:

I am writing to express my thanks for the personalised support that **Gary Barwick** gave me in resolving my PC technical issues. He must have spent over 1 hour with me, to solve my issues. It turned out to be a problem with lack of updates with my PC. I am looking forward to the continued use of the clubs RealBridge facility, which has been a

Pairs champions will be decided with best 2/3 results. Allowing pairs to attend the VCC, but still win their selected category.

Club Hybrid Men's, Women & Mixed Pairs Championships

Now on RealBridge in 2021

Guaranteed Prizes: **\$100, \$50** for outright winners each night

Overall Prizes: 1st **\$200**, 2nd **\$100** In each of the 3 Categories of Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs & Mixed Pairs.

3 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm
3rd, 10th, 17th, June

This hybrid match pointed event will be run over 3 Thursday nights in June, to decide the Clubs 2021 Men's, Women's & Mixed Pairs Club Championship titles. Overall results count for 2021 NSBC Club Champion (Brownie Cup)

You can play in 1 or 2 or all 3 nights. Outright Session Cash prizes available each night to be won. Your best 2/3 possible percentage scores will be counted towards the category awards & prizes.

Dependent on field entry sizes, the director will not necessarily run with separate category fields. But this structure allows some partnerships to attend the VCC & still win a category event!

Director: **Ronnie Ng** We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event.
Convenor: **Gary Barwick** Yellow Systems are not permitted

Red Points

58th 2020 Women's Champions: Lorna Ichilcik & Lynn Kalmin
58th 2020 Men's Champions: David Weston & Lester Kalmin
33rd 2020 Mixed Champions: Tony & Roslyn Howes



\$13 / Night Members



\$16 / Night Non Members

Mini-Swiss Pairs Championships

This event clashes with the Perth ANC, so individual nights are all unique events with cash prizes, and a winner of the three nights will be declared the overall champion.

Club Mini-Swiss Championships

Now on RealBridge in 2021

Guaranteed Session Prizes: **\$200, \$100 & \$50** each night x3

Overall winner bonus : 1st **\$200**, 2nd **\$100** over 3 results

3 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm 1st, 8th 15th July

- This new event over 3 Thursday nights will be played as 3 independent Swiss Pairs Events.
- You can play in just 1, 2 or all 3 Mini-Swiss sessions. But, to win the outright bonus & CC points, you will likely need to play in at least 2 sessions
- 5 x 5 Board swiss matches (Imp scoring) each night, decides the winners of each nights and prizes
- 3 session results will be equally ranked together (1st=10, 2nd=9 etc) and summed best two ranks, to determine the outright bonus winners at the end of the 3rd night event.
- Ranked results : CC Qualifying event for 2021 NSBC Club Champion (Brownie Cup)

Director: **Ronnie Ng** We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event.
Convenor: **Gary Barwick** Yellow Systems are not permitted

Red Points



\$13 / Night Members



\$16 / Night Non Members

Stop Press

David Hudson & Anita Curtis have won the Mixed Swiss Pairs in the Autumn Nationals (Adelaide). More in the June bulletin



Winners: David & Anita

NSW State Team Selections

2021 Open ITS Team



NSWBA - Open Interstate Team		IMP
1	Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer	87
2	Kim Morrison & Avon Wilsmore	69
3	Julian Foster & David Weston	61
	Giselle Mundell & Rena Kaplan	
	Wayne Zhu & Yiaiang Zhang	
	Susan Humphries & Liam Milne	
	David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	



Well done **David Weston**, a NSBC member making the NSW Open Team to play in the ANC in Perth.

2021 Women ITS Team

Lots of participation by NSBC Members, with 5 club members making the team for the Perth ANC.



2021 Women's ITS Winners

Helen Lowry, Kate McCallum, Susan Humphries, Jessica Brake, Helene Pitt, and Ruth Tobin

NSWBA - Women's Interstate Team Selection		IMP
1	Susan Humphries & Jessica Brake	86
2	Helene Pitt & Ruth Tobin	76
3	Kate McCallum & Helen Lowry	76
	Kinga MOSES - Tina ZINES	
	Lorna ICHILCIK - Avril ZETS	
	Jeanette ABRAMS - Margaret FOSTER	
	Catherine ZHANG - Wei ZHANG	
	Giselle MUNDELL - Rena KAPLAN	
	Linda KING - Anita CURTIS	
	Liz SYLVESTER - Helena DAWSON	

37th Club Mixed Swiss Teams Championship		Vps	W-D-L	CC
1 - \$1000	David Beauchamp & Therese Tully - Richard Ward - Pele Rankin - Paul Hooykaas	285	15-3-5	10
2 - \$600	Giselle Mundell & Rena Kaplan, Michael Cartmell & David Fryda	283	15-2-6	7
3 - \$300	Yixiang Zhang & Wayne Zhu , Yumin Li - Wei Zhang	277	15-0-8	5
4	Peter Gill - Liz Adams - Jane Dawson - Tony Nunn - Martin Bloom (Sub)	270	12-5-6	4
5	Denis Humphries - Michael Wilkinson - Dagmar Neumann - Susan Humphries - Jane Beeby	263	12-5-6	3
6	Jeanette Abrams - Margaret Foster - Robbie Feyder - Colin Clifford	263	12-3-8	2
7	Ruth Tobin - George Fleischer - Mathew Vadas - Helene Pitt - Ron Speiser (Sub)	262	13-2-8	1

Club Members are highlighted

2021 Youth ITS Team



2021 ANC Youth Team
James Palmer, Alex Phillips, Stephen Guo, Alan Stoneham, Hamish Dodd, and Tamara de Mel



Rena Giselle Michael David

NSBC Competitive Events: Results

37th Mixed Teams Championship
Now on RealBridge in 2021
4x Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm
1st 8th, 15th & 22nd April

24 strong teams competed in our Club Mixed Teams championship in April. This was played as a full round robin with all teams playing each other over 23x5 board matches.

Winners:



David Beauchamp Pele Rankin Paul Hooykaas Therese Tully Richard Ward



Yixiang Zhang, Wayne Zhu, Yumin Li and Wei Zhang

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying
East Lindfield
2 Thursday Sessions: 1:00pm

State Mixed Qualifier @ East Lindfield		%
1	Pierre Tennant & Kay Tennant	115%
2	Anne Symons & Ron Wilkinson	114%
3	Lydia Gibbs & Neil Williams	110%



EL Winners: Kay and Pierre Tennant

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying
NSBC on RealBridge
 2 Wednesday RB Sessions: 1:30 pm



1st = Michael and David 2nd George

State Mixed Qualifier @ RealBridge		%
1	Hans Van Weeren & Anne Small	122
2	Kevin Davies & Julianne Rocks	117
3	Tim Mountjoy & Patrica Lacey	108



Winners: Hans & Anne

Trumps - Good Friday Pairs Final		%
1	Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	59%
2	Frank Budai & Andy Sebestyen	58%

Trumps - Good Friday Pairs Plate		%
1	Helen Olsen & Anthony Smuts	60%
2	Prue Siemsgluess & Alicia Mercer	56%

Trumps - Easter Swiss Pairs		VP
1	Vivien Eldridge & Patrick Starck	86
2	Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	80

Trumps - Easter Swiss Teams		VP
1	Margaret Owen & Sonny Pang + Mark & Julie Guthrie	81
2	Nico Ranson & Crispy Rhodes + Ramanan Rajkumar & Hong Lee	69



Margaret, Sonny, Mark, and Julie

Mini-Swiss Pairs @ RealBridge		Imp
1-\$100	Paul Wyer & Michael Courtney	62
2- \$50	Wieslaw Przewozniak & Witold Chylewski	46
3=	John Mottram & Helen Christie	23
3=	Elaine Dignan & Ian MacLaren	23



Winners: Paul Wyer and Michael Courtney

Trumps - Easter Monday MP Swiss Pairs Final		VP
1	Fraser Rew & Julian Foster	88
2	Axel Johannsson & Kate McCallum	87

Trumps - Easter Mon MP Swiss Pairs Restr/Novice		VP
1	Sara Edelman & Ron Szancer	99
2	Agnes levine & DeeJay East	84

NSBC members - Congress Winners

NSWBA - ANC Butler Pairs		IMP
1	David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	113
2	George Fleischer & Mathew Vadas	106
3	Marjorie Askew & William Powell	100
4	Jane Beeby & Michael Wilkinson	98
5	Nicoleta Giura & Nick Hughes	96
6	Les Grecock & Avril Zets	94

MasterBridgeOnline April Teams		VP	W-D-L
1	David Weston & Julian Foster, Chris Hughes & Kim Morrison	151	8-1-2
2	Julian Abel & Colin Clifford, Jeanette Abrams & Margaret Foster	134	8-1-2

Members:



David, Julian, Colin, Jeanette, Margaret

MasterBridge (Peninsula) Swiss Teams		VP	W-D-L
1	Martin Bloom - Peter Gill - Liz Sylvester - Yumin Li - Michael Courtney (Sub)	100	6-0-0
2	Alexander Cook - Heath Henn - Catherine Chaffey - Andrew Goodchild	73	4-0-2



Martin, Peter, Liz, Yumin, Michael

NSWBA - WITS Swiss Pairs		VP
1	Mark & Judy Guthrie	106
2	Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer	94
3	Julian Foster & Jenna Gibbons	87



Winners: Mark & Julie

NSWBA - Men's & Women Pairs		%
1st M	Maurits VAN DER VLUGT - Andre KORENHOF	128.43
1st W	Marjorie ASKEW - Janet BROWN	118.12

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NR Venue	North Ryde RSL	
CH Venue	Chatswood	coming....

TAS Open welcome MP Pairs		%
NS1	Simon Hinge & George Kozakos	65%
EW1	Jeanette Reitzer & Terry Brown	67%
TASMANIAN GOLD OPEN SWISS PAIRS		VPs
1	Ron Klinger & Avinash Kanetkar	146
2	George Kozakos & Simon Hinge	145
3	Peter Hollands & James Coutts	144
4	Jeanette Reitzer & Terry Brown	142
5	David Beauchamp & Judi Tutty	135
7	Gary & Sally Clarke	132

GNOT Metro qualifiers at RB, EL and later NR

This is your chance to earn **Gold Points** playing against fellow club members and possibly qualifying to represent NSBC in the Metro zone finals on 18/19 September. You do not have to play in the finals. Just form teams of 4 for the event. You can play in one, two or all three events. Subs are allowed.

The first GNOT is being played on **RealBridge** in May over three Wednesdays.



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

Director: **Ronnie Ng**
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Club Level opportunity for winning Gold Points

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\$30 (3x10) Members (pp);

\$39 (3x13) Non-Members (Metro Zone only)

The second GNOT is at **East Lindfield** in late May over two Mondays. Normal Pairs bridge will also be played.

GNOT Metro Qualifying

NSBC F2F @ East Lindfield
 2 Sessions – Teams of 4 Event
Monday 1:00 pm 31st May, 7th June
 Winner will Qualify for as NSBC team in State Metro Final (NSWBA) on 18/19 September

Club Level opportunity for winning Gold Points
Yellow Systems are not permitted

2019 Winners: Margaret Gidley-Baird, Patrica Lacey, Robert Case, Margaret Pussell

Members (pp) \$24 (2x\$12)
 Non-Members (Metro Zone only) \$30 (2x\$15)



[John Mottram](#)

[Kevin](#)

Restricted – APRIL monthly Winners

Winners lists - See appendix or [Link to webpage](#)

Pos	April Winners Restricted <300 MP < **National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Bronze Regional	12	2.01
2	Sharon Thompson	Local	10	1.35
3	Deborah Burt	Local	6	1.18
4	Brian Emanuel	Bronze Local	7	1.14
5	Brian Osborne	State	8	1.13
6	David Boyle	Club	9	0.98
7	Tien Chey	Regional	5	0.88

Note a): Combined Monthly award is for players with less than <300 MP i.e., Less than Silver National Rank.

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



Felix

Sharon

The final opportunity will be held at North Ryde in July.

GNOT Metro Qualifying

NSBC F2F @ North Ryde RSL
 3 Daytime Sessions - Teams of 4 Event
Tuesdays 6th 13th & 20th July 2021
 Winner will Qualify for as NSBC team in State Metro Final (NSWBA) on 18/19 September

Club Level opportunity for winning Gold Points
Yellow Systems are not permitted

Members (pp) \$36 (3x12)
 Non-Members (Metro Zone only) \$45 (3x15)

**Club Session Results:
 Open –April Monthly Winner**

Winners lists - See appendix or [Link to webpage](#)

April Open Winners

Pos	April Open Monthly Winners	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	John Mottram	Gold Grand	29	5.20
2	Kevin Davies	Silver Grand	15	4.11
3	Mischa Solar	Silver Grand	18	3.20
4	Janice Harris	Grand	21	3.17
5	Joan Polivnick	Bronze National	15	3.04
6	Heather Lane	Life	15	2.97
7	Alicia Mercer	Grand	15	2.94

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

March Masterpoint Promotions

From 2-074 (East Lindfield):

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of Mar 2021
Bartrop, John	EL	State
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Bronze Regional
Goodman, Shiela	EL	Silver Local
Anania, Virginia	EL	Graduate
Edwards, Neil	EL	Graduate



John Bartrop Reached the Rank of "State Master" status.

And from 2-120 (North Ryde)

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of Mar 2021
Hughes, Mike	SBC	Gold Grand
Rudd, Gordon	NR	Bronze Life
Temple, Barbara	NR	State
Versi, Catherine	NR	Bronze Regional
Gaskell, Chris	NR	Regional
Davis, Liz	NR	Regional
Delalande, Lyn	NR	Silver Local
Kaplan, Sandy	NR	Bronze Local
Welch, Sue	NR	Bronze Local
Burt, Deborah	NR	Local
Craig, David	NR	Local
Christie, Lyn	NR	Local
Barling, Kerry	NR	Local
Parry, Anne	NR	Local
Taylor, Anne	NR	Club
Isman, Karen	NR	Club
McHutchison, Harley	NR	Club
Parker, Margaret	NR	Club
Forbes, Caroline	NR	Club
Ewing, Patricia	NR	Graduate
Bos, Sara	NR	Graduate
Bulloch, Lynne	NR	Graduate
Beaumont, Anne	NR	Graduate
Wilson, Geoff	NR	Graduate



Mike Hughes reached the rank of "Gold Grandmaster" status.

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

2-074 (East Lindfield) Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved Mar 2021	Improv Rank
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Bronze Regional	750
Boyle, David	EL	Club	478
Shteyman, Marina	EL	Club	265
Osborne, Brian	EL	State	251
Kneprath, Marg	Brick	Bronze Regional	250
McSwiggan, Bill	EL	Local	214
Olevson, Janice	EL	Bronze Regional	184
Francis, Joan	EL	Silver Local	182
Mietzke, Craig	EL	Life	177
Halse, Tony	EL	Regional	175



Felix Shteyman Tops the EL improver ranks and promoted to **Bronze Regional**

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

2-120 (North Ryde) Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved Mar 2021	Improv Rank
Thompson, Sharon	NR	Local	820
Rutkowski, Sue	NR	Bronze Local	771
Zhang, Yixiang	NR	Bronze National	614
Mountjoy, Tim	NR	Bronze Life	490
Burt, Deborah	NR	Local	450
Narunsky, Jenny	NR	Regional	441
Camilleri, Joe	NR	Regional	416
Van Weeren, Hans	NR	Silver Life	415
Craig, David	NR	Local	414
Belcher, Sandra	NR	Silver Local	397
Beeby, Jane	NR	Silver Life	300
Cole, Suzanne	NR	Bronze National	298
Robinson, Peter	NR	Bronze National	297
Rogers, Robyn	NR	Regional	295
Bishop, Michael	NR	State	294
Roberts, Christine	NR	Club	271
Gallagher, Ashleigh	NR	Local	263



Shaz Thompson tops the NR improver ranks with some great results in Rookie, Restricted and Open sessions.



Which Finesse?

By Pat O'Connor

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ KQ5	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ KT5				1♠
♦ AQJT3	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
♣ 53	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
	Pass	6♠	All Pass	
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AJ6432	1♠	5+♠, Opening hand		
♥ AJ32	2♦	4+ D forcing		
♦ 4	3♣	6+♣ Enthusiastic!		
♣ A8	4NT	Keycard (♠)		
	5♣	3 or 0 Keycards (3 Aces)		
	6♣	To Play		

After an enthusiastic auction you land in 6♣. North's 4NT bid was Roman Key Card Blackwood for spades. South's 5♣ response showed zero or three keycards.

West leads the ♣K. Plan the play.

Analysis

You have a club loser and two heart losers.

You could take the diamond finesse and if it succeeds, discard your losing club on the ♦A, or you could take some other finesse.

What is the best way to proceed?



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	North	
	♠ KQ5	
West	♥ KT5	East
♠ 8	♦ AQJT3	♠ T97
♥ Q74	♣ 53	♥ 986
♦ 987		♦ K652
♣ KQJ742	South (D)	♣ T96
	♠ AJ6432	
	♥ AJ32	
	♦ 4	
	♣ A8	
6♠/S Lead ♣K		Vul Nil Dir: S

If you take a diamond finesse or a heart finesse and it loses, the opponents will cash a club and the contract will be set.

You should plan to use the diamond suit to provide discards for one of your losers. The best way to do it is a "ruffing finesse", which is a backward finesse. Win the ♣A and draw trumps. This time you can afford to draw all the trumps even if they split 4-0 because you have another entry to dummy.

Now lead a diamond to the ♦A and then play the ♦Q. If East covers with the ♦K, ruff it, return to dummy with the ♥K and discard your losers on the established diamonds. You will make thirteen tricks.

If East does not cover the ♦Q, discard your club. If West wins with the ♦K, the remaining diamonds are high, and your losing hearts can be thrown on the ♦JT. You will make twelve tricks.

So, you make your contract whether the ruffing finesse wins or loses! Magic!

Key Point

A ruffing finesse is sometimes better than a normal finesse.



Adapted from a hand on the ACBL bridge feed website, "Entries" by bridge Author **Mike Lawrence**

North (D)	Standard Bidding			
	West	North (D)	East	South
♠ J63		Pass	Pass	2NT
♥ T642	Pass	3C	Pass	3♦
♦ A542	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ 74				
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ T87	2NT	Bal 20-21		
♥ AQ3	3♣	Stayman		
♦ KJ73	3♦	No Major		
♣ AKQ	3NT	To Play		

Sitting South, you are in third seat with two passes. The normal bidding for this hand is to open 1♦ and then jump to 2NT on the next round if partner bids 1♥ or 1♠, and to raise to 3NT if partner responds with 1NT. That would be the correct bidding if you were in first or second seat.

In third seat, you have another useful option. Given you have a max 19 HCP, there are 21 missing points. Your partner is a big favourite to have six or more of them. I suggest you consider opening 2NT (20-21). This is not an attempt to swipe the hand, but rather to get to a game without telling the opponents much about your hand. You are safe in doing this because you know your partner will not have enough points to look for slam. Almost always, he will raise to 3NT or will use bidding tools such as Stayman or Jacoby or Texas. All these bids are fine with you. This is a very reasonable treatment (it can be used in fourth seat too) and is one that should earn you a few uneducated opening leads.

Your partner bids 3♣ (stayman) and you bid 3♦, denying a major. Partner's 3NT bid closes the auction. The lead is the ♠K and you see that this was not the most perfect moment to overbid.

T1-3 West, who was dealt the three top spades, has no trouble cashing **♠AKQ**.
 T4 West then cashed the last spade **♠2**. You discard a heart from each hand and East discards a small club. West exits with the **♣J** to your **♣K**.

Preliminary analysis

Tops: 1♥+2♦+3♣=6.

Top Losers 4x♠ already cashed!

Strategies for 9?

You are going to need some luck to make 3NT.

- East must hold the ♥K for an extra trick.
- you need the diamonds to behave too and find the ♦Q and a 3-2 break!
- You also need to get to table twice!

What is your line of play? If you see the problem, you will see that you need to make a wish. Assuming you are wishing for the right things, what card do you lead now? Be extremely specific. Only one card will do.

Solution

T6 Lead the ♦7 to the **♦A**.
 T7 Take the diamond finesse. ♦2 to **♦J** It wins, so the first part of your needs is home. The second part is that West follows with a second diamond. You also needed a **3-2 split**, which you get.
 T8 You now cash the **♦K**, clearing up the suit.

Now you can get to dummy with your remaining carefully preserved small diamond ♦3. Good thing you led the ♦7 earlier because if you still had that card, you would not be able to get into dummy now, which is where you must be. Here is the entire hand.

	North (D)	
	♠ J63	
West	♥ T642	East
♠ AKQ2	♦ A542	♠ 954
♥ J75	♣ 74	♥ K98
♦ T9		♦ Q86
♣ JT32		♣ 9865
	South	
3NT/S	♠ T87	Vul Nil
Lead ♠A	♥ AQ3	Dir: N
	♦ KJ73	
	♣ AKQ	

T9 You are in dummy after leading your $\spadesuit 3$ to dummy's $\heartsuit 5$.

T10, You take the heart finesse, $\heartsuit 4$ to $\heartsuit Q$, which wins, and you are home with nine tricks.

T11,12, 13 Are high in your hand $\heartsuit A, \spadesuit AQ$.

Note that on the fourth round of spades you had to keep all four diamonds in both hands. If you discarded a diamond, all the wishing in the world would not allow you take advantage of your good luck.



Pat Harrington

2-way Finesse

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

How would you play the club suit shown below for four tricks?

Dummy
$\clubsuit KT93$
Declarer
$\clubsuit AJ54$

You are likely to follow the saying “**eight ever, nine never**,” which applies to holdings missing the *queen*. This saying suggests taking a finesse when you have eight or fewer cards between declarer and dummy and playing for the queen to drop when you have more than eight cards between you.

What if you need only three club tricks to make your contract? Even if you fail to guess the location of the $\clubsuit Q$, you will have developed the needed trick. If you cannot afford to lose the lead, you are in the same position as the player who needs all four club tricks.

Sometimes, it is safe to lose the lead to one opponent but not to the other. Suppose West has a long suit ready to run in 3NT. Finesse as if West has the $\clubsuit Q$. Play the $\clubsuit A$ and then lead the jack and let it ride if the queen does not appear. Your finesse may lose, but you have determined that East cannot hurt you.

Nobody can ask you how to play the clubs shown above without giving you a lot more information. How many tricks do you need from the club suit? What was the bidding? How has

the play progressed to this point? Is there a dangerous opponent? Let us see how all this works in a complete deal.

North	Standard Bidding			
$\spadesuit 643$	West	North	East (D)	South
$\heartsuit 982$			$2\spadesuit$	2NT
$\diamonds A54$	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
$\clubsuit AJ85$	Bidding Notes			
South	$2\spadesuit$	Weak 2 $6\spadesuit$ <Opening		
$\spadesuit A75$	2NT	15-18 Bal + \spadesuit Stopper		
$\heartsuit AK6$	3NT	to play		
$\diamonds K63$				
$\clubsuit KT94$				

West leads the $\spadesuit 9$. East plays the $\spadesuit 10$.

Preliminary Analysis

Count winners: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. Two more tricks must be developed. If you can guess the location of the $\clubsuit Q$, you can finesse twice to get the needed tricks.

Winning all four club tricks is your only hope of making 3NT. What is your plan?

You may have decided to hold up winning the $\spadesuit A$ at trick one. It is safe to do so but is not going to help you make 3NT since your plan must be based on guessing clubs correctly. Moreover, it appears that West's lead is a singleton. A weak two-bid is usually made with a six-card suit.

The main issue is how you play clubs to avoid losing a trick. Although East is the dangerous opponent, it is best to finesse West for the $\clubsuit Q$. West is short in spades and probably has length in the remaining three suits. The $\clubsuit Q$ is more likely to be with the player having length in clubs.

Also, when a player shows a weak hand and reveals an extraordinarily strong suit, he is less likely to have high cards in other suits.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ 643	
West	♥ 982	East (D)
♠ 9	♦ A54	♠ KQJT82
♥ QT54	♣ AJ85	♥ J73
♦ JT972		♦ Q8
♣ Q63	South	♣ 72
	♠ A75	
3NT/S Lead ♠9	♥ AK6	Vul Nil Dir: E
	♦ K63	
	♣ KT94	

Now suppose North has the ♥Q instead of the ♥9. The auction and opening lead are the same, but now you need only **one extra trick** to make 3NT. Can you guarantee it? Yes. Duck one round of spades to make sure East has opened a six-card suit, then play a club to the ace and continue with the jack. West may win the ♣Q but he cannot hurt you. Contract made.

This is the proper play in teams or rubber bridge, but at match points, where overtricks count, you might still play West for the ♣Q because the bidding indicates he is more likely to have it.

When things go according to the odds, daring declarers come out on top, making 3NT with an overtrick. But my advice is to play it safe and finesse East for the ♣Q. At your level, you will do surprisingly well to bid to a good contract and make it. Go for overtricks only when your play to do so is safe or the odds are overwhelmingly in your favour.

Our Newer Player Team



Ever played in a Tournament?

The Metro Interclub event is in May at our North Ryde venue. Last year we fielded two full teams in the Under 15 and Under 100 Masterpoint categories, and we made a major contribution to our club winning the trophy. This year the Under 15 category has been removed, so we only have the Under 100 Masterpoints category, but we are fielding a strong team and hope to make another good contribution to the club's success. Having said that, for our team the most important thing is to enjoy the event.

Supervised Play Opportunities:

- Mondays at 7pm on RealBridge
- Tuesdays at 10:30am on RealBridge

These games continue to thrive on RealBridge and the volunteers who are now helping us to make up tables have proved invaluable. When Liz's Bridge Basics course at East Lindfield is finished, we will have 2 new Face to Face Supervised games available, that anyone could join. They will be at 7pm on Mondays and 10am on Tuesdays, at the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club.



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April Supervised Session Results:

Date		NSBC Event	T	Pos	Supervised Winners	Score
5-Apr	M				Easter Monday - No supervised	
6-Apr	Tu				Easter - No supervised	
12-Apr	M	7pm Supervised	3	1st	Lessa Abrams & Bev Caruana	60%
13-Apr	Tu	10:30am Supervised	3	1st	Owen Aubrey & David Cahill	63%
19-Apr	M	7pm Supervised	4	1st	Catrina Ling & Sally Drew	70%
20-Apr	Tu	10:30am Supervised	3	1st	Jill Johnston & David Rands	70%
26-Apr	M	7pm Supervised	3	1st	Gay Davies & Janine Bracka	67%
27-Apr	Tu	10:30am Supervised	2	1st	Heather Low & Owen Aubrey	67%

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.



Rookie Play Opportunities:

- Mondays at 2pm on RealBridge
- Mondays at 2pm, F2F at North Ryde
- Tuesdays at 2pm on RealBridge
- Tuesdays at 7pm on RealBridge
- Wednesdays at 2pm on RealBridge
- Thursdays at 10am, F2F at East Lindfield

Boards played in each session.

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

Restricted Play Opportunities

Ready for a bit more of a challenge? Try a Rookie / Restricted game:

- Thursdays at 1:30 on RealBridge
- Fridays at 1:30 on RealBridge
- Saturdays at 1:30 on RealBridge

Tips for Playing Match point Pairs:

Top **Match Point Pairs** players get their winning edge from:

- **Staying with the field:** bidding the game contracts and not trying the risky slams i.e. **scoring an average** on most boards.
- **Getting overtricks:** making extra tricks by good declarer play, or by taking advantage of poor defence by opponents. **Every trick counts** at match point scoring!
- **Not giving away any unnecessary tricks:** Ensuring that in defence you get the tricks you are entitled to, as **Every trick counts** at match point scoring!
- **Bidding the right contracts:** Major suit trump contracts when you can make some ruffing tricks, else NT contracts on flat hands, rarely minor suit contracts.
- **Staying out of poor contracts.**

Or a Restricted game:

- Fridays at 10am, F2F at North Ryde.

Note that new sessions are being added all the time, so for the latest, check the website or follow the link: <https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1546>

April Rookie Session Results:

Winners lists - See appendix or [Link to webpage](#)

April Current Rookie Monthly leaders

Pos	Winner April Rookie (<100 MP < Bronze Regional)	MP Rank	No Sess	Master Pts
1	Sharon Thompson	Local	23	3.34
2	Deborah Burt	Local	15	2.7
3=	Joe Camilleri	Regional	11	1.67
3=	Sandra Belcher	Silver Local	11	1.67
5	Tien Chey	Regional	7	1.26
6	Brian Emanuel	Bronze Local	8	1.21
7=	Charlie Algert	Club	5	1.2
7=	Christine Roberts	Club	8	1.2

Lessons



In 2021, our teachers are **Liz Wilkinson, Jessica Brake, Anita Curtis, and Jamie Thompson.**

Bridge Basics - F2F May 2021 Program

This **Bridge Basics** course of 10 F2F lessons, is also a useful refresher course for players that have not played for a while and want to get back into bridge. Liz Wilkinson is leading this "**Bridge Basics**" course at East Lindfield on Monday nights and repeated again on Tuesday mornings. Each week we tackle a new topic. You may come to any single lesson, but you will gain most from regular attendance. There are 10 Topics overall - the May Lessons are listed below.

Venue: F2F @ **East Lindfield Bowling Club**
 Monday Evening @ 7pm-9pm
 Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00-12:00 am (repeated)

For more information, - Email
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	Date	Lesson Topic
7	Mon May 3	More responses when Partner opens 1NT
	Tues May 4	
8	Mon May 10	Make more tricks by finessing
	Tues May 11	
9	Mon May 17	Being competitive: getting into the bidding after opponents open
	Tues May 18	
10	Mon May 24	More skills as Declarer and becoming a Strong Defender
	Tues May 25	

Costs \$15 Per Lesson

Broaden your Game Semester 2 May 2021 Program

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.

Broaden Your Game (BYG) includes topics for aspiring intermediate players who currently play in Rookies or Restricted sessions.

For more information, or to sign up - Email
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Date	Lesson Topic
Thur May 6	Build on the basics - end course Hand Analysis 5
Thur May 13	DYS end of course Hand Analysis 6
Thur May 20	No Lesson
Thur May 27	Build on the basics - end course Hand Analysis 6

Costs NSBC Members \$17, Visitors \$20 Per Lesson

Build on the Basics - May 2021 Program

This course will suit those who have been playing bridge for around 3-6 months, or have come back after a long break.

The two 1-Hour lessons are held on **ZOOM at 10am Sydney time** on Wednesdays (Part 1) and Thursdays (Part 2). The cost covers both hour sessions. Each lesson is recorded, so you do not have to come to the "live" zoom session. You can watch the recording at a time that suits you.

Each week we tackle a new topic. You may come to any single lesson, but you will gain most from regular attendance. There are 20 Topics overall - the **May Lessons** are listed below.

For more information, or to sign up - Email
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	Date	Lesson Topic
15	5-6 May	I can't count that high (2c-Game Force)
16	12-13 May	Establishing Long Suits
17	19-20 May	Overcalls Part 1
18	26-27 May	Overcalls Part 2
19	June 2-3	Takeout Doubles Part 1

Costs NSBC Members \$17, Visitors \$20 Per Lesson

Intermediate (Improver Hand Analysis sessions)

Semester 2 May 2021 Program

2 Sessions per month are **Hand Analysis** - the best way to improve ALL your skills at bridge, We bid & play 8 different hands on Zoom, focusing on bidding, declarer play & defensive techniques. Participants participate on Zoom (or watch the recording), receive the video, hand records with notes & computer file of the hands. The other two sessions per month are on **specific topics**.

Intermediate is more advanced and would suit aspiring players or those who have considerable experience in Restricted games. Even Open level players.

For more information, or to sign up - Email
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Date	Lesson Topic
Fri May 7	Gentle Hand Analysis
Fri May 14	The Losing Trick count - how to help your bidding
Fri May 21	Hand Analysis 26 for experienced intermediate & advanced players
Fri May 28	TBA

Costs NSBC Members \$17, Visitors \$20 Per Lesson



Brent Manley

Brent was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. 2 Challenge hands were adapted from a Brent Manley articles “Think it Over” and “Spot the Danger ” from the ACBL Bridge feed website

Challenge Hand 1 Solution

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AKQJ	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ K9752				Pass
♦ 4	Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
♠ A72	Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
South (D)	Pass	6♠	All Pass	
♠ T985	Bidding Notes			
♥ A3	1♥	5+♥ Opening hand		
♦ A98632	1♠	4+S, 6+hcp Normal response		
♣ 3	4♦	Splinter slamish Short ♦, 4+S		
	4♥	Cue (Short ♠ & two aces!)		
	4NT	Keycard (♠)		
	5♥	2 no Q		
	6♠	To play My ♠ are very good!		

Bidding

You are South and pass as the first bidder and partner opens 1♥. You respond 1♠ with your motley 4 spades to the ten, and partner leaps to 4♦. This shows a slamish hand in spades, and a singleton ♦. You like your 2 aces and your short club, so you co-operate by cue bidding 4♥. Partner now uses Keycard, and you show your 2 key cards (no ♠Q), and partner puts you into a 6♠ contract.

Against your slam, West starts the defence by leading a low trump (often best against hand wanting to ruff) ♠3.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4x♠+2x♥+1♦+1♣ = 8

Losers: None on top

Strategy options for 12 tricks

- Do some cross ruffing. Unfortunately, the spade lead has killed your chances of a complete crossruff. But 5 tops + 6 cross ruffs only makes 11 tricks.
- Set up the hearts, if 33 for 2 extra tricks
- Set up diamonds, if 33 for 3 extra tricks

After that trump lead, do you have a plan for getting to 12 tricks?

Best Solution

Rather than relying on hearts or diamonds to be 3-3, declarer decided to play for trumps 3-2 and both red suits no worse than 4-2.

- T1 After you won West’s ♠3 lead with the ♠J in dummy. East following ♠4, ♠5 from hand
- T2 You then played your diamond ♦4 to the ♦A, both EW following, West playing the ♦J
- T3 You then ruffed a diamond ♦2 in dummy with the high trump ♠Q. Both following West playing ♦K and East ♦7. Looks like diamonds are not 33.
- T4 Next, you cashed the ♥K in dummy, both EW following ♥8, ♥4
- T5 You then played a heart ♥2 to your ♥A in hand. East ♥J, West ♥6
- T6 You now led a second low diamond, ♦3 to another high trump ♠K on dummy. West throwing a club ♣4 and East following with the ♦T.
- T7 You now led a heart ♥5 and ruffed in hand with the high ♠8 as East discarded a club.
- T8 You then ruffed a third diamond ♦6 with dummy’s last trump ♠A, setting up two high diamond winners in hand.
- T9 After ruffing another heart ♥9 in hand high with the ♠9, thereby also establishing dummy’s ♥9.
- T10 You then drew a second round of trumps with the high ♠T, throwing a low club from dummy. Both EW’s followed. This leaves the defence with a high trump!
- T11 Then you led a good high diamond ♦9 and threw dummy’s remaining club on it as West ruffed with the last outstanding trump ♠7.
- T12-13 West had to lead a club, and you then took the last two tricks with the top ♣A and the high ♥9 in dummy.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AKQJ	
West	♥ K9752	East
♠ 732	♦ 4	♠ 64
♥ QT64	♣ A72	♥ J8
♦ KJ		♦ QT75
♣ QT54	South (D)	♣ KJ986
	♠ T985	
6♠/S	♥ A3	Vul EW
Lead ♠2	♦ A98632	Dir: S
	♣ 3	

Challenge Hand 2 Solution

North	2/1 Bidding			
♠ QT53	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 74				2NT
♦ AT764	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
♣ 94	All Pass			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ K42	2NT	20-21 Balanced		
♥ AK3	3♣	Puppet		
♦ QJ82	3NT	No 5 or 4 Major		
♣ AK6				

The Bidding

You open your flat 20 hcp with a 2NT bid (20-21 Bal) and partner respond with a 3♣ Puppet Stayman asking for Major suit holdings. You respond 3NT (No 4 or 5 card major) and partner passes.

This deal was played in a teams' match with identical, puppet Stayman auctions at each table. Both West players led a fourth highest ♥5 against your notrump game. East playing the ♥T. What is your plan for taking nine tricks?

Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 2♥+2♠+1♦ = 5 (4 Short)

Top Losers: ♠A

Strategies for 9 tricks

- Set up the long diamond for 3-4 tricks.
- Force spade trick
- May need to lose the lead twice.

Your Solution

- T1 West lead ♥5, and at your table, you (declarer) decided to duck East's ♥T, to protect against West having long hearts i.e., a 5/3 break.
- T2 On the auction and play to the first trick, East placed West with only the ♥Q and consequently saw that there was no future in continuing hearts as he held all the outstanding points. Instead, he shifted to the ♣Q. You won this in hand with the ♣K.
- T3 You then played a spade ♠2, West ♠6 to the ♠Q, which East won with the ♠A
- T4 East continued with the club attack ♣J to declarer's ♣A.
- T5 Next, you ran the ♦Q, but. East won the ♦K.
- T67 East then cashed two high club ♣T8 tricks to defeat your 3NT contract.

When your teammates returned and scored up this board:

Your Table	3NT	-1	-100
Their Table	3NT	+9	-600
Net Result:		-12 Imps	-700

They insisted there was nothing they could have done to stop declarer making the 3NT contract!

The Expert Declarer Solution

- T1 At the other table, the expert declarer saw the danger of a club shift if he allowed East to hold the first trick (He has two weakish suits ♥/♣), so he took the ♥T with his ♥K, he could still duck second time around.

- T2 Declarer then led the ♠K hoping that if West had the ♠A entry, he would be forced to take it early before hearts were established. But East had the card, could do no better than to win the trick with the ♠A
- T3 East then continued hearts with the ♥J, hoping that his partner had a six-card suit. Declarer played low ♥3 (ducking) on the ♥J, as West overtook with the ♥Q.
- T4 West decided there was no more future in hearts (he has no entry!), so he shifted to the ♠8. He knew from the auction that his partner had at least four spades as declarer had denied 4. But the expert declarer rose with dummy's ♠Q to limit the defence to at most two tricks in that suit.
- T5 Declarer then crossed back to hand via clubs ♣4, ♣8 ♣K ♣2.
- T6 Declarer then ran the ♦Q to East's ♦K.
- T7 East saw that cashing the high ♠J would present declarer an overtrick (♠T), so he exited with the ♣Q. Declarer took this with the ♣A in hand and claimed his 9-trick contract.

He was making 9 tricks, one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ QT53	
West	♥ 74	East
♠ 86	♦ AT764	♠ AJ97
♥ Q9852	♣ 94	♥ JT6
♦ 53		♦ K9
♣ 7532	South (D)	♣ QJT8
	♠ K42	
3NT/S	♥ AK3	Vul All
Lead ♥5	♦ QJ82	Dir: South
	♣ AK6	



This article is based on a Kantar 'Take all your Chances' series on the ACBL "Bridge Feed" website

Challenge Hand 3 Solution

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ KJT2	West	North (D)	East	South (D)
♥ 6		1♦		1♠
♦ KQJ93	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
♣ A32	All Pass			
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ Q9876	1♦	4+D, Opening Hand		
♥ KJ3	1♠	4+♠, 6+hcp		
♦ T2	3♠	4+♠, Invite, better than 2♠		
♣ K54	4♠	To Play		

You arrive at 4♠ after partner opens 1♦ and then leaps to 3♠ over your 1♠ response. The opening lead by West is the ♣J, East playing the ♣8, an encouraging card. Plan the play.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4♠+4♦+2♣ = 10 tricks Looks OK
 Losers: ♠A+♥A+♦A + maybe deep ♣ loser

You are off three aces, always a bit unsettling, and must dispose of your slow club loser before the opponents can get in twice. You do not have 'time' to drive out the ♠A as a club will come back and when either opponent eventually get in with a red ace, the setting trick in clubs will be right there on the table to haunt you.
 You have choices.

(1) Win the club lead in dummy and lead a heart hoping to guess the position if East plays low. If East rises, your troubles are over. Your ♥K provides a parking place for your club loser, the ♣K the entry to the ♥K. If East plays low, put on your guessing shoes, but there is more to this hand than a guess.

If East is a strong player, East may duck the ♥A. But if East is not a strong player, East will almost always go up with the ace looking at

that singleton lead from dummy. You must know your customers! In any case, the heart play is at least 50% (guessing correctly if East plays low) but far more for psychological reasons.

(2) Or win the club lead in your hand and drive out the **♦A**, win the club return in dummy, and play a second and third diamond hoping the suit divides 3-3 (36%). If it does, you can discard your losing club on a third diamond.

Percentage-wise (50% vs 36%) it is clearly better to win the opening lead in the dummy and lead a heart.

Tips:

- This hand illustrates how important it is **not to play too quickly** to the first trick from either the dummy or your hand because of entry considerations.
- Also, how **'timing' enters the calculations** when you have a slow loser.
- And, finally, how important it is to have an idea of the **skill levels of each opponent**.

	North (D)	
	♠ KJT2	
West	♥ 6	East
♠ A	♦ KQJ93	♠ 543
♥ Q9852	♣ A32	♥ AT74
♦ 8654		♦ A7
♣ JT9	South	♣ Q876
	♠ Q9876	
4♠/S	♥ KJ3	Vul Nil
Lead ♣J	♦ T2	Dir: N
	♣ K54	

Coming ABF National Events

Autumn Nationals – Adelaide	April 29 – May 3
Barrier Reef Congress – Mackay	April 30 – May 3
Western Senior Pairs – Perth	May 15-16
Zone 7 Playoffs – Online	May 22-23
Australia Wide Novice Pairs	May 25-31
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	June 10-14
Swan River Swiss Pairs – Perth	July 10-11
Australian National Championships – Perth	July 11-22
ANC Interstate Teams – Perth	July 12-16
Coffs Coast Gold Congress – Coffs Harbour	August 10-15 (TBC)

2021 Victor Champion Cup

THE VCC IS ON!

The VCC will be played at a new venue, the Marvel Stadium (Stark Room) on 10-14 June 2021. Some details are in the Brochure and full details and entries will be found on My ABF soon.

2021 Coffs Coast Congress Cancelled

The Coffs Coast Gold Congress for 2021 will be cancelled and transformed to online events,

NSWBA Congress Calendar

MAY 2021	
Bathurst and District Bridge Club - CANCELLED	
<i>Pairs</i>	May 1 (Sat)
<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	May 2 (Sun)
MasterBridge Online May Online Swiss Pairs	May 1 (Sat)
Trumps Bridge Centre Autumn Teams	May 2 (Sun)
NSWBA GNOT Direct Qualifier	May 10 (Mon) - Jun 7 (Mon)
NSWBA Seniors' ITS	
<i>Qualifying</i>	May 14 (Fri)
<i>Final</i>	May 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun)
Western Senior Pairs	May 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun)
Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Online Swiss Pairs	May 15 (Sat)
NSWBA SITS Swiss Pairs	May 16 (Sun)
Zone 7 Playoffs	May 22 (Sat) - 23 (Sun)
North Shore Bridge Club Metro North Interclub Teams	May 23 (Sun)
Finesse Airlie Beach Pairs	May 25 (Tue) - Jun 2 (Wed)
State Mixed Pairs Championships	
<i>Qualifying</i>	May 29 (Sat)
<i>Finals</i>	May 30 (Sun)
NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs	May 30 (Sun)