

NSBC Mid-June Update



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North Shore Bridge Club

2021 Festival of Bridge

1 Congress
6 Events
over 2 Weekends

NEW in 2021: RealBridge Restricted and Rookie Championships

Value of prizes in excess of \$5300!

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19th - 20th June
(Sat - Sun)
Lindfield Bowling Club
Two Men & A Truck Restricted & Novice Swiss Teams and Pairs

24th - 27th June
(Thu - Sun)
North Ryde RSL
Open MP Swiss Pairs Festival Swiss Teams Festival Swiss IMP Pairs TBIB Open Swiss Teams

21st - 26th June
(Mon - Sat)
RealBridge (Online)
Rookie Pairs Championship Restricted Pairs Championship Festival Mini-Swiss Pairs

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The Festival Program:

Event Capacity		EL 30 Tables , NR 40 Tables, RB no limit	Entries 14/6
19-Jun	Sat	EL @ 10am	NSBC Festival - "Two Men & a Truck" - Restricted Teams Congress. 9 Teams
20-Jun	Sun	EL @ 10am	NSBC Festival - "Two Men & a Truck" Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress. 34 Pairs
21-23 Jun	M, T, W	RB @ 2:00	NSBC Rookie Championship Pairs Walk-in
24-26 Jun	Th, F, S	RB @ 1:30pm	NSBC Restricted Championship Pairs Walk-in
24-Jun	Thr	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival - Open MP Swiss Pairs Congress 34 Pairs
24-Jun	Thr	RB @ 7:30	Festival Open Mini Swiss Walk-in
25-Jun	Fri	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival Swiss Teams Congress. 22 Teams
26-Jun	Sat	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival - Swiss IMP Pairs Congress. 50 Pairs
27-Jun	Sun	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival - TBIB Swiss Teams Congress 29 Teams

Have any of your friends or family been curious about your Bridge? Satisfy their curiosity and get them in to the wonderful game that is bridge, with **new bridge lessons** starting **19th July @ both the EL and NR Venues**. Contact Kay Moyes, on moyes_kay@hotmail.com

Challenge Hand (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints
♠ 53	Dealer East
♥ AT92	EW Vul
♦ J843	
♣ AK5	
	East Opens 2♥ (weak 2)
	How do you bid this to the best NS spot?
South	
♠ AKQJ98	How do you play the hand in 6♠/S on ♥5 opening lead?
♥ Q	
♦ AK	
♣ T764	

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Coming in July is the **Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs Championships**.

Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs Championships



Graded Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50 In each of the 5 Categories (<100MP, <300MP, <500MP, <750MP, and Open) of Stratified Pairs awarded over the 4 Saturday sessions.

4 Saturday afternoon Sessions in July: 1pm or 1:30pm 10th, 17th, 24th 31st July at EL, NR & RB

This match pointed event will be run over 4 consecutive Saturdays in July, to decide the Clubs 2021 Stratified Pairs Club Championship titles. The results will also count for 2021 NSBC Club Champion (Brownie Cup)

You can play in 1 or all 4 sessions, at any venue (EL, NR, RB) on these Saturday afternoons will be included in the competition. All will play the same hands.

Your category is defined by averaging your partnership Masterpoints (Your MPs + Partner MPs / 2). Your best 3 session percentage scores with the same partner, (Re-scored across the combined 50+ table field) will be counted towards the category awards & prizes.

Directors:

Open

NR Ronnie Ng

Open + Restricted

RB Brian Soutter

Open

EL Sue Crompton

Convenors: **Gary Barwick & Liam Milne**

We welcome visitors who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event. Yellow complex Systems are not permitted.

Red Points at all sessions

HYEGROVE
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2019 Winners:

Open	Pieter Kliffen & Marjorie Thomas
<750mp	Kay Moyes & Marlaiane Gahan
<500mp	Racheal & Maurice Loomes
<300mp	David Hagley & Bruce Edwards
<100mp	Kathryn Steward & Susan Feeney

Normal Table Fees apply

\$8/\$10 / RB Sessions

\$12/\$15 / NR, EL Sessions



Club Mini-Swiss Events

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

RealBridge in 2021

3 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm : 24th June, 1st, 8th July

- 3 Thursday nights will be played as 3 independent Swiss Pairs Events.
- The first event is included in NSBC Festival Mini-Swiss and the other 2 span the gap till the ABF Perth ANC events. You can play in 1, 2, or all 3 Mini-Swiss sessions.
- Pre-Registration requested for each night via the club website (up coming events) which closes at 10pm on the Wednesday before each event. Some flexibility to add additional pairs may be accepted on the day, at the convenor prerogative.
- 5 x 5 Board swiss matches (Imp scoring) each night, decides the winners of each nights and prizes

Director: **Ronnie Ng**

Convenor: **Gary Barwick 0413 884 805**

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

Red Points

Yellow Complex Systems are not permitted



Thursday Night Rates apply
\$10 Members (PP) & \$13 Visitors



Club ANC Goulash Events

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

RealBridge in 2021

2 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm : 15th & 22nd July

- 2 Thursday nights will be played as 2 independent Goulash Pairs Events. These events overlap ABF Perth ANC (Interstate & Butler events)
- Pre-Registration requested for each night via the club website (up coming events) which closes at 10pm on the Wednesday before each event. Some flexibility to add additional pairs may be accepted on the day, at the convenor prerogative.
- 15th July Matchpoint scoring, 22nd July IMP scoring, movements dependent on entries

Director: **Ronnie Ng**

Convenor: **Gary Barwick 0413 884 805**

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

Yellow Complex Systems are not permitted

Masterpoint Centre Ruling: NSBC cannot award B4c red points nor Green Points!



Thursday Night Rates apply
\$8 Members (PP) & \$10 Visitors



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Liam Milne

Club Session Results

These are updated regularly on the website.

- [Pianola](#) All Detailed session results
- [RB results](#)
- [June Monthly winners list](#)

Mini-Swiss Pairs and ANC Goulash Events

5 Thursday nights in late June and early July, are sandwiched between our **Festival** and the **ANC in Perth**.

- 24th June **Festival Mini Swiss (5x5b)**
- 1st July Mini Swiss (5x5b)
- 8th July Mini Swiss (5x5b)
- 15th July ANC Goulash (Match points)
- 22nd July ANC Goulash (Imps)

These are all independent Thursday night events with generous cash prizes. If you have not tried a Thursday night, this is an excellent opportunity! Any one or all five nights. Registration via our website.

June is a big month for our club, especially our face-to-face bridge operations. Beginning with the **Two Men and a Truck Restricted and Novice teams and pairs events at East Lindfield on the 19th and 20th June**, then continuing into the **four Open events over 24th-27th June at North Ryde RSL**. Our annual Festival of Bridge is a fantastic opportunity for you to compete and enjoy the game. It is also a major occasion for us to showcase everything that the best bridge club in Australia has to offer. The huge amount of work involved in preparing for this event is coming along nicely, and you can expect to hear a lot more from me about our Festival in coming weeks.

I am very excited about our new venue in the **Grand Pittwater Function Room at North Ryde**: it is spacious, well-lit, and luxurious, truly a premium congress site. Note that entries are strictly capped at **40 tables per event**, so please enter soon to avoid disappointment.

Three changes to the festival this year. Firstly, we have decided to include a catered lunch in the Open events at North Ryde and therefore entry fees have increased – we think it still represents good value for our players. Secondly, we are taking online entries through the NSWBA rather than our own website, which now simply points to the NSWBA entry form. Finally, some of our RealBridge sessions during Festival week will become part of two new online Rookie and Restricted Championships. See our brochure for more information.

Coming in July is the **Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs Championships**, with 4 Saturdays in July at both the East Lindfield and North Ryde venues.

Any questions, please do get in touch. Liam

New & Special Events at North Ryde RSL (NR)	
All bridge sessions at NR are red points during our June NSBC Festival week 19th-26th June	
24th June - NSBC Festival - Open MP Swiss Pairs Congress. Red Points at Congress level.	
25th June - NSBC Festival Swiss Teams Congress. Red Points at Congress level.	
26th June - NSBC Festival - Swiss IMP Pairs Congress. Red Points at Congress level.	
20th June - NSBC Festival - TBIB Swiss Teams Congress. Red Points at Congress level.	
HYEGROVE <i>Willoughby</i>	Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs Championships - 4 Saturday OPEN sessions in July at North Ryde RSL. Normal Pairs scoring with red points . Same hands played at all venues. All results are merged and rescored across whole field (EL, NR & RB) which leads to NSBC championship titles.
Beginners Lessons Emma Barnes (6 week Course) from Monday 19th July @ 7pm at NR	



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This year for the first time RealBridge will be participating in the NSBC Festival of Bridge. We are running a **Rookie Pairs Championship** (Mon-Wed) and a **Restricted Pairs Championship** (Thurs-Sat), also a **Festival Mini Swiss Pairs** open event on Thursday night, and all regular sessions during the festival will be **red points**. Coming on Saturdays is the **Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs** where both RB Open & RB Restricted sessions will play the same hands.

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	4-10	Jamie Thompson
		Restricted	10:00 AM	New	
		Rookie	2:00 PM	8-15 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	8-15 Tables	Tony Howes
		Restricted	10:00 AM		
		Rookie	2:00 PM	6-10 Tables	Liz Wilkinson
		EL Open	10:00 AM	New	Sue Crompton
Thur	NR				Future
		EL Rookie	10:00 AM	7+ Tables	Sue Crompton
	EL	Open	1:00 PM	20-30 Tables	
Fri	NR	Open	10:00 AM	6-10 Tables	Ronnie Ng
		Restricted	10:00 AM	6-10 Tables	
	EL				Future
Sat	NR	Open	1:00 PM	8-15 Tables	Ronnie Ng
		EL Open	1:00 PM	New	Sue Crompton
Sun	NR				No F2F Bridge
		EL			

New & Special Events at East Lindfield	
19th June - NSBC Festival - "Two Men & a Truck" - Restricted Teams Congress. Red Points at Congress level.	
20th June - NSBC Festival - "Two Men & a Truck" Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress. Red Points at Congress level.	
HYEGROVE <i>Willoughby</i>	Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs Championships - 4 Saturday OPEN sessions in July at East Lindfield. Normal Pairs scoring with red points . Same hands played at all venues. All results are merged and rescored across whole field (EL, NR & RB) which leads to NSBC championship titles.
The Supervised sessions (Monday @ 2pm) and (Tuesday Night @ 7pm) have been moved from RealBridge to East Lindfield	
Anita will be running "Improvers" course at East Lindfield on Wednesdays @ 2pm from July 7th. Attend or watch the recorded videos if you miss a lesson.	
Beginners Lessons with Emma Barnes (6 week Course) - from Monday 19th July 10am at EL	

New & Special Daytime Events on RealBridge	
Thursday Open Competition Nights - Booking required via website	
Festival Week June 24 Thursday night "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" - red points & Good cash prizes \$350 each night)	
Festival RB Rookie Pairs Championship (Mon, Tue, Wed 2pm sessions) Club Honour board for Champion, an overall Cash prize and red points	
Festival RB Restricted Pairs Championship (Thu, Fri, Sat 1:30 pm sessions) Club Honour board for Champion, an overall Cash prize and red points	
July 1st Thursday Night - "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" red points & Good cash prizes \$350 each night).	
July 8th Thursday Night - "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" red points & Good cash prizes \$350 each night). ABF - "ANC Perth" events are on	
July 15th Thursday Night - "ANC Goulash" Match point scoring, red points & Good cash prizes \$350 each night). ABF - "ANC Perth" events are on	
July 22th Thursday Night - "ANC Goulash" IMP scoring, red points & Good cash prizes \$350 each night). ABF - "ANC Perth" events are on	
July 29th, 5th 7 12th Aug Thursday Night - "RB Club Championship Pairs" 3 Nights red points & Good cash prizes).	
HYEGROVE <i>Willoughby</i>	Hyegrove Willoughby Stratified Pairs Championships - 4 Saturday played in both the RB OPEN & RB Restricted sessions in July on RB. Normal Pairs scoring with red points . Same hands played at all venues and sessions. All results are then merged and rescored across whole field (EL, NR & RB) which leads to NSBC championship titles.

Standard Daily "NSBC Online" RealBridge Sessions				
Day	Session	Play Start	Session Size	Director
Mon	Open	10.00 AM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Malcolm Martin
	Rookie	2.00 PM	15-20 Tables	Alan Pike
	Open (Mini Duplicate)	7:00 PM	New Trial	Sue Crompton
Tue	Open	10.00 AM	7-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	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
Wed	Open	10.00 AM	12-18 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	1.30 PM	15-21 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Rookie	2.00 PM	10-20 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	7:00 PM	8-15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
Thur	Open	10.00 AM	7-15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	10-20 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	8-15 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Open Competition Night	7:00 PM	20-30 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
	Open	1:30 PM	20-30 Tables	Brian Soutter
Sat	Open	1:30 PM	6-10 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM		
Sun	Closed			

Club Hybrid Men's, Women & Mixed Pairs Championships

Now on RealBridge in June 2021

19 tables are contesting the Hybrid on Thursday nights. The leaders after 2 of the 3 rounds are:

Mens Leader Board (11 Pairs)				
	R1	R2	R3	sum Best 2
1 Kevin Davies & Leo Goorevich	55.34%	60.42%	?	115.76%
Womens Leader Board (8 Pairs)				
	R1	R2	R3	sum Best 2
1 Judy Marks & Julianne Rocks	60.15%	59.39%	?	119.54%
Mixed Leader Board (19 Pairs)				
	R1	R2	R3	sum Best 2
1 Derek Maltz & Jeanette Abrams	61.65%	61.65%	?	123.30%
Outright Session Winners				
\$100 Derek Maltz & Jeanette Abrams				
\$50 Judy Marks & Julianne Rocks				
\$100 Kevin Davies & Leo Goorevich				
\$50 Wayne Zhu & Wei Zhang				

NSWBA

NSWBA - Online Restricted Pairs Championship			8Tables
1	Jay Novak & Richard Carter		58%
2=	Heath Henn & Mitch Dowling		57%
2=	Wei Zhang & Sherlock Shao		57%



Commiserations to Wei Zhang and Sherlock Shao who lost the tie-break for second place and the ABF paid trip to Perth.

NSWBA - Teams of Three (20T Open Grade)			VPS	WLD
1	Maurits Van Der Vlugt + Craig Mietzke, Phillip Edwards, Ian McClaren		84	5-0-1
2	Libman Lavy + Alexander cook, Heath Henn, Alex Kemeny		79	5-1-0
3	Fraser Rew + Neil Williams, Rob Holgate, Peter Fizmaurice		76	5-0-1
NSWBA - Teams of Three (12T Restricted Grade)			VPS	WLD
1	Susan Humphries + Michael Eysers, Richard Thode, Chris Hamam		88	5-0-1
2	Francis Lyons + Tony White, Jake Andrew, Mary Povnten		84	4-1-1
3	David Fryda + Victor Clarke, Paul Molloy, Joanne Morgan		78	3-1-2



Teams of 3 Winners Phillip, Maurits, Ian & Craig

Illawarra Bridge Association Chris Diment Memorial Congress				
Open Pairs (31Tables)			%	
NS-1	Paul Lavings & David Huson		63%	
NS-2	Andy Hung & Liam Milne		62%	
NS-3	Charles McMahon & John McMahon		60%	
EW-1	Ross Stuart & Chris Sundstrom		62%	
EW-2	Walt Davis & Helen Lavings		60%	
EW-3	Andrew Struik & Brian Thorp		60%	
Teams (30 Teams)			VPS	WLD
1	Liz Sylvester - Peter Gill - David Hudson - Paul Lavings		87	5-0-1
2	Nico Ranson - Matt Smith - John McMahon - Charles McMahon		86	5-0-1
3	Liam Milne - Andy Hung - Susan Humphries - Jessica Brake		79	3-1-2



Members doing well: David, Liam, Chris, Peter, Jessica

NSWBA - GNOT Direct (2 Teams to Nat Finals)		
1	Pauline Gumby - Warren Lazer - Jamie Thompson - Stephen Williams	
1	Patrick Jiang - Hui Li - Vicky Wei - Shijun Tian	

Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Teams (10Teams)			VPS	WLD
1	Leo Goorevich & Fiona Lavery, Kevin Davies & Steven Bock		78	3-0-3
2	Mark & Julie Guthrie, Margaret Owen & Ian McClaren		67	4-1-1



Leo, Steven, Fiona & Kevin

May Masterpoint Promotions

From 2-074 (East Lindfield):

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of May 2021
Stokoe, Valda	EL	Bronze Regional
Perry, David	EL	Bronze Local
Ryman, Gerry	EL	Local

And from 2-120 (North Ryde)

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of May 2021
Maclaren, Ian	NR	Gold Life
Lang, Geoff	Turra	Regional
Majedi, Iren	NR	Regional
Irwin, Debbie	NR	Silver Local
Ferris, Mary	NR	Silver Local
Summerhayes, Russell	NR	Silver Local
Gallagher, Ashleigh	NR	Bronze Local
Klug, Merle	NR	Bronze Local
Wakelin, Carol	NR	Local
Weiss, Margaret	NR	Graduate
Foster, Maxine	NR	Graduate
Friedlander, Denise	NR	Graduate



Ian Maclaren has been promoted to gold life master

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

2-074 (East Lindfield) Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved May 2021	Improv Rank
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Bronze Regional	1,142
Boyle, David	EL	Local	692
Shteyman, Marina	EL	Club	467
Osborne, Brian	EL	State	357
Kneprath, Marg	Turra	Bronze Regional	340
Halse, Tony	EL	Regional	320
Barnes, Jenny	EL	Bronze National	318
Olevson, Janice	EL	Bronze Regional	267
Ferster, Sara	EL	Club	266

ABF formula for Most Improved Player =

$$\frac{\text{Points This Year} * 10000}{\text{Total Points} + 100}$$

2-120 (North Ryde) Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved May 2021	Improv Rank
Thompson, Sharon	NR	Bronze Local	1,516
Zhang, Yixiang	NR	Bronze National	1,018
Burt, Deborah	NR	Local	871
Rutkowski, Sue	NR	Bronze Local	838
Van Weeren, Hans	NR	Silver Life	769
Craig, David	NR	Local	658
Narunsky, Jenny	NR	Regional	619
Mountjoy, Tim	NR	Bronze Life	608
Beeby, Jane	NR	Silver Life	596
Fawcett, Fiona	NR	National	586
Belcher, Sandra	NR	Silver Local	582
Roberts, Christine	NR	Club	538
Zhang, Wei	NR	Bronze National	525
Cole, Suzanne	NR	Bronze National	507

Congress Calendars

NSWBA

State Seniors Championships <i>Pairs</i> <i>Teams</i>	Jun 15 (Tue) - 16 (Wed) Jun 17 (Thu) - 18 (Fri)
Newcastle Bridge Club Congress - CANCELLED <i>Swiss Pairs</i> <i>Teams</i>	Jun 19 (Sat) Jun 20 (Sun)
NSBC@Lindfield Restricted & Novice Festival <i>Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams</i> <i>Two Men & A Truck Restricted Swiss Pairs</i>	Jun 19 (Sat) Jun 20 (Sun)
NSWBA City of Sydney Teams	Jun 21 (Mon) - Jul 5 (Mon)
North Shore Bridge Club Festival of Bridge @ North Ryde RSL <i>Open MP Swiss Pairs</i> <i>Festival Swiss Teams</i> <i>Festival Swiss IMP Pairs</i> <i>TBIB Swiss Teams</i>	Jun 24 (Thu) Jun 25 (Fri) Jun 26 (Sat) Jun 27 (Sun)
JULY 2021	
MasterBridge Online July Swiss Pairs	Jul 3 (Sat)
Trumps Bridge Centre Winter Teams	Jul 4 (Sun)
Swan River Swiss Pairs	Jul 10 (Sat) - 11 (Sun)
Australian National Championships	Jul 11 (Sun) - 22 (Thu)
ANC Interstate Teams Championship	Jul 12 (Mon) - 16 (Fri)
Finesse Murder Mystery Pairs	Jul 12 (Mon) - 16 (Fri)
NSWBA State Open Pairs Qualifying	Jul 12 (Mon) - 19 (Mon)

ABF

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 – CANCELLED	August 10-15
Australia Wide Open Pairs	August 25-31
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	August 26-29



Pat Harrington

2-way Finesse

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

When partner leads a king versus your opponents' notrump contract, what possible holding do you picture in partner's hand?

If the bidding has not suggested the lead of this particular suit, you expect partner to have length in the suit he has led. We tend to lead our own long suit versus notrump. We do not waste honours, so you also expect partner to have additional high cards in the suit.

The king might be a top of sequence lead from KQJx (x) or from KQT-x (x). We will focus on those primary possibilities.

You will always be in third hand, to play to the trick. Does "third-hand high" apply? One of the reasons for playing third-hand high is to attempt to win the trick. If the card partner led is already doing as good a job as you could do, it may not be necessary to play your high card. In these examples, West always leads the ♠K against 3NT. How should East play?

	♠ 653	
♠ KQJT2		♠ A8
	♠ 974	

Here, East-West are entitled to five spade tricks. If West has no entry to his hand outside of spades and East does not play the ace on partner's king at trick one, the suit will be blocked! And the defenders could end up winning only two spade tricks. East must make the *unblocking* play of the ♠A on partner's ♠K so he can return a spade ♠8 at trick two. West's spades do not have to be this strong but unblocking with a doubleton is still East's best play.

	♠ 653	
♠ KQJ9		♠ A8
	♠ T742	

Luckily, declarer's ♠T will be trapped by East's spade return at trick two, and the defenders will still win four spade tricks. Notice that declarer holding the East-West cards would not need this kind of luck.

Declarer can see his hand and dummy and knows that ***the best way to avoid blocking a suit is to cash the winners in the short hand first.***

Declarer would have led the ♠9 to the ace on the first spade lead. The defenders also must make sure that they do not get stuck in the shorthand, while the longer hand still has winning tricks coming. But they are at a disadvantage because they cannot see all their assets.

This disadvantage makes the unblocking play necessary even though it could cost a trick.

Give East one more spade and such extravagance is not needed.

	♠ 65	
♠ KQJ2		♠ A83
	♠ T974	

When your partner leads an honour, your job is often to signal attitude.

Rather than risk setting up a trick for declarer by playing the ace on East's ♠K, East gives an encouraging signal. Using standard signals, a **high spot card** is encouraging, a low spot card is discouraging and warns partner to continue leading the suit at his own risk. After winning the ♠K and seeing West's ♠8 on trick one, how should West continue at trick two?

East appears to have a high card in spades, and the defenders ***must find a way to avoid playing the winner in the shorthand last.***

West should lead the ♠2 next. East wins the ace, and the defenders take the first four tricks. Notice that continuing with a second high spade will make things awkward for East. If East unblocks, declarer gets a spade trick. If East does not unblock, West needs an outside entry to get the fourth spade.

Newcomers frequently lose tricks on holdings like this where they do not cash their winners in the correct order.

Paying close attention to partner's attitude signals can help you untangle your long suits by cashing winners in the shorthand early. East was fortunate to have been dealt the ♠8, a relatively high card to use to signal encouragement. In some cases, your cards will not let you make such a loud encouraging signal.

	♠ 965	
♠ KQ7		♠ 832
	♠ AJ4	

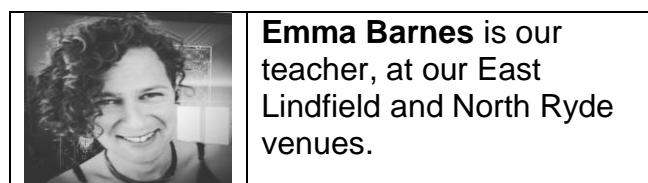
The king is the suggested opening lead from West's holding, but West must be cautious about continuing the suit — even when the king holds the first trick. Declarer often holds up the ace, hoping West will lead another spade. If that happens, declarer will win the ♠A and the ♠J. How can East stop West from being so generous? East signals with the discouraging ♠2. West should now recognize that it is unsafe to continue leading spades and switch to another suit.

Our Newer Player Team



Introduction to Bridge

Only 5 weeks until the next "Introduction to Bridge" course starts. Have any of your friends or family been curious about your Bridge? Sate their curiosity and get them in to the wonderful game that is bridge, lessons start 19th July.



North Shore Bridge Club Inc

Learn To Play Bridge

With Emma Barnes

6 weeks beginning Monday 19th July 2021

10am at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club
Or
7pm at North Ryde RSL

If Covid restrictions don't permit us to meet face to face, we are ready to deliver the course in a group online.

6 Lessons x 2 hrs
\$99

Whether you're looking for a positive outlet for your competitive spirit, or you're simply looking for a great way to make new friends and keep your mind active, bridge is your game. Emma has decades of experience with new players and a gentle touch that makes learning the game fun and easy

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The NSBC Festival of Bridge

Each year the club has a week of special events, and this year it starts on Saturday 19th June. All regular games and events played during this week earn red master points, instead of the usual green master points. There are events specially for our newer players, so we do hope that you will join in.

F2F Events for Restricted and Rookie players, sponsored by Two Men and A Truck

Over the first weekend we have 2 events for **Restricted** players at East Lindfield:

- Saturday 19th June: “**Restricted & Novice Teams**”
- Sunday 20th June: “**Restricted & Novice Swiss Pairs**”

Both these events use IMP scoring, see further on for an explanation of this. Anyone who played in the **Metro Interclub event** in May will have experience of playing “Teams”.

Restricted / Rookie events are for players with less than 300 master points.

Restricted and Rookie Championships

During Festival week we also run the Rookie (<100 MPs) and Restricted (<300 MPs) pairs championships. These events use match points scoring – which is how all the regular duplicate games are scored.

The RealBridge Rookie championship runs over the 3 regular 2pm games on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd June, on RealBridge. You can play in one, two or three of these games, and your combined best two scores out of three will be used to determine the winners.

The RealBridge Restricted championship runs similarly, over the regular 1:30pm Restricted sessions on Thursday 24th June, Friday 25th June, and Saturday 26th June.

NSBC Rookie Pairs Championships

Guaranteed Prizes: **\$100, \$50** for outright Rookie winners
3 “2:00pm Rookie” RB Sessions in NSBC Festival Week: 21st, 22nd, 23rd June

This Rookie **match pointed pairs** event will be run over the 3 x day time RealBridge sessions during **NSBC Festival Week** in late June, to decide the Clubs 2021 Rookie Club Pairs Championship title.

You can play in 1 or 2 or all 3 sessions. All sessions are 21 Boards. Your best 2/3 possible percentage scores will be counted towards the Rookie championship and the cash prizes. Both Partnership players must be “Rookie status” (ie <100 MP or less than Bronze Regional Master Point Ranking. This event is open to all Rookie players (Members or Visitors).

Directors: Mon: Allan Pike, Tues: Kim Neale; Wed: Ronnie Ng
 Convenor: **Gary Barwick**

We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF subject to MP status, to play in this event. Yellow complex Systems are not permitted

Red Points (B5)



Normal RB daytime rates apply
\$8 Members (PP) & \$10 visitors



NSBC Restricted Pairs Championships

Guaranteed Prizes: **\$100, \$50** for outright Rookie winners
3 x “1:30pm Restricted” RB Sessions in NSBC Festival Week: 24th, 25th, 26th June

This Restricted **match pointed pairs** event will be run over the 3 x day time RealBridge sessions during **NSBC Festival Week** in late June, to decide the Clubs 2021 Rookie Club Pairs Championship title.

You can play in 1 or 2 or all 3 sessions. All sessions are 24 Boards. Your best 2/3 possible percentage scores will be counted towards the Restricted club championship and the cash prizes. Both Partnership players must be “Restricted status” (ie <300 MP or less than Silver National Master Point Ranking. This event is open to all Restricted level players (Members or Visitors).

Directors: **Thur: Angie Boulton, Fri: Sue Crompton, Sat: Eric lam**
 Convenor: **Gary Barwick**

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The Metro Interclub Event

First a big thank you to all who played for us, you earned valuable points and made a serious contribution to our club retaining the trophy.

Kay Moyes had the chance to chat to one of our pairs, for whom it was a new experience. Here is a summary of their feedback.

Overall impression of the Metro?

Congratulations to Liam, Sue, and Ronnie for a thoroughly well organised event.

They said that Sue was extremely helpful in explaining how it all worked. They came to realise why scoring up at the end of a match was fun, and they really enjoyed being part of a team.

They were enormously relieved to realise that the matches were within categories, so that all the pairs they played were of a similar standard – even if they were more experienced at playing in teams.

They enjoyed meeting players from other clubs and the catering was all good.

Any criticisms? No! They had never played in an all-day event before and it was a bit long, but they survived!

Would they play next year? YES!

IMPs scoring is usually used for teams and Swiss pairs competitions, meaning that you don't care what happens at any table other than your teammates' table. You only compare your score to one other result. If you enter the Restricted & Novice events 19th and 20th June, they both use IMPs scoring, so here are some tips for you:

Tips for scoring well in IMP Teams / Swiss Pairs

Focus on making your contract, do not gamble for overtricks. The upside of making overtricks is much smaller, while the downside of going down in a contract you could have made, is large.

Bid towards the safest contract rather than going for a greedy notrump bid. With MPs, we often prefer NT contracts to minors, because of the scoring. At IMPs, the benefit of playing it safe much outweighs the small differences in trick scores between minors, majors, and notrumps.

Avoid going for penalties; bid more soundly at IMPs. Bidding aggressively (or unwisely!) to a bad contract is only one bad board at MPs. At IMPs, one disaster has a big impact.

But if game is possible, bid boldly – especially when vulnerable. At IMPs, bidding and making a game that others miss is rewarded more than at Matchpoints. When it is close, accept partner's invitations to game!

Do not double their part scores unless you can see them down two in your own hand.

And this means you have a fistful of trump tricks. Do not count on your partner for tricks, or double strictly on high-card points.

Supervised Play Opportunities:

F2F supervised play has started at East Lindfield, following the completion of Bridge Basics with Liz Wilkinson, on **Mondays at 7pm and on Tuesdays at 10am**. Some of the players from the RealBridge Supervised games have joined the game, plus other members are re-starting their Bridge careers. We strongly encourage our newest players to ignore their "results", as it is all about learning and not about winning! However, if you come first, well done!

Date	Pos	Supervised First place	%
Tue, 1 st Jun	NS	Les Owen & Nadine Fursman	78%
	EW	Shyam Malhotra & Greg Cooper	67%
Mon, 7 th Jun	NS	Ro Christie & Jenny Calo	67%
	EW	Julie Carroll & Allan Goldin	72%
Tue, 8 th Jun	NS	Joan Wilcox & Jillian Kelley	61%
	EW	Kathy Cocks & Marion Nicklin	64%

Rookie / Restricted Games:

RealBridge Rookie games:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2pm and Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

RealBridge Restricted games:

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1:30pm.

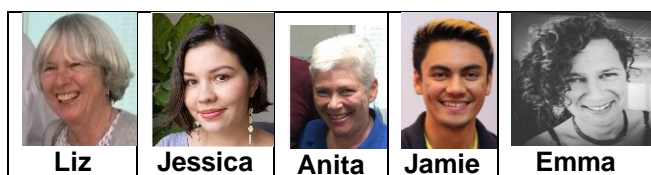
East Lindfield, Rookie game:

Thursdays at 10am.

North Ryde RSL, Rookie games:

Mondays and Wednesdays at 2pm.

Lessons



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

Emma will be running "Introduction to Bridge" from July 19th and Jessica will complete "Build On the Basics" this month, restarting in late July. Jamie will be giving half hour talks before the Open/Restricted game at North Ryde on Monday mornings, while Anita has moved some of her online Intermediate lessons to **Face to Face at East Lindfield** – highlighted opposite in yellow.

Beginners with Emma Barnes - F2F July 2021 Program

New 6 week Beginners course at both East Lindfield @ 10am or North Ryde RSL @ 7pm

For more information, - Email
moyes_kay@hotmail.com

Monday AM Talks at NR with Director/Teacher Jamie Thompson

These **30 minute system Bidding** talks are held before the **Open & Restricted Sessions** at 9:30am on Monday at North Ryde RSL.

Date	Lesson Topic
21-Jun	Opening Leads
28-Jun	Michaels cuebid
5-Jul	Unusual 2NT
12-Jul	
19-Jul	
26-Jul	

Costs Free - 30 mins before 10am session

Improvers - Develop Your Skills

June/July 2021 Program Wednesdays 2pm at EL

Develop Your Skills (DYS) follows on from the Build on the Basics course. It is aimed at players with at least 1 years' experience. It deals with a variety of bidding, declarer play & defensive topics that will extend knowledge. Each lesson is self-contained but participants will gain the most from regular attendance. The course continues through until January 2022 with a break for Xmas/New Year. It is available as a recording or you can **attend face to face lessons at East Lindfield on Wednesdays at 2pm.**

For more information or to register: email
ac210927@bigpond.net.au

Date	Lesson Topic
Thur Jun 17	BoB end of course Hand Analysis 7
Thur Jun 24	DYS end of course Hand Analysis 8
Wed July 7	Develop Your Skills lessons restart face to face at East Lindfield. Interfering over 1NT – what do I need to know?
Wed July 14	Going to Slam with Blackwood
Wed July 22	"They aren't going to steal this contract" – bidding over pre-empts
Wed July 29	I can support you but not now! Delayed raise – the Canberra convention

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

Intermediate/Broaden Your Game

June/July 2021 Program (Fridays @ 10am)

1 session per month is **Hand Analysis** - the best way to improve ALL your skills at bridge. We bid & play 8 different hands, focusing on bidding, declarer play & defensive techniques. Players participate on Zoom (or watch the recording), receive the video, hand records with notes & computer file of the hands.

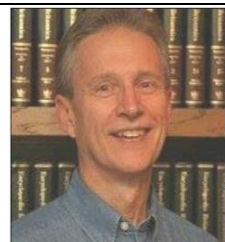
Gentle Hand Analysis is for aspiring intermediate players (Rookies/Restricted).

Hand Analysis is for Restricted & Open players with considerable experience. The other sessions each month are on specific topics.

For more information, or to register - Email
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Date	Lesson Topic
Fri Jun 18	F2F @ EL Gentle Hand Analysis 19
Fri Jun 25	NO LESSON (NSBC Congress)
Fri July 2	Make more contracts
Fri July 9	Develop Your Skills restarts from lesson 1
Fri July 16	Hand Analysis 27
Fri July 23	Covering Honours

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. The Challenge hand was adapted from a **Brent Manley** article “**Think Outside the Box**” from the ACBL Bridge feed website

Challenge Hand Solution

Think Outside the Box

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ 53	West	North	East (D)	South
♥ AT92			2♥	3♠
♦ J843	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
♣ AK5	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
	Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
	Pass	6♣	All Pass	
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ AKQJ98	2♥	Weak 2, 6♥ <opening		
♥ Q	3♣	Strong ♠ hand		
♦ AK	4♣	Cue		
♣ T764	4♦	Cue		
	4NT	Keycard (♠)		
	5♣	3 or 0 Keycards (♠AK +♦A)		
	5♦	Q♠ ask		
	6♦	yes have ♣Q & the ♦K		
	6♣	to play		

The Bidding

Your jump to 3♠ over East's weak two-bid showed strength, not weakness. After a couple of control-showing bids, your Partner (North) used Roman Key Card Blackwood to discover that you had three key cards plus the trump queen and ♦K. Places you in a 6♣ Contract.

West starts the defence by leading the ♥5.

How will you get to 12 tricks on this deal?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 6♠+1♥+2♦+2♣=11 - one short.

Top Losers: None, but a deep Clubs.

Strategies for 12 tricks

- Maybe the clubs break 3-3 (1♣ extra)
- Maybe the ♦Q comes down in 3 for an extra ♦ trick.
- Heart + some minor suit squeeze on West?

- Set up a heart trick?

Your Solution

As you surveyed dummy at trick one, you counted 11 top winners. The problem was finding a safe 12th. At first sight, it seemed to be one of those deals where declarer thinks he would probably have to guess which squeeze to execute in the endgame. Then rather suddenly, a new idea struck you! The Hearts were probably 2-6 and you could setup a heart for the vital 12 trick!

- T1 West led the ♥5, so you called for the ♥2 from dummy. East took the trick with his ♥K and you followed with the ♥Q.
- T2 East exited with his singleton club ♣3, ♣4, ♣8, ♣K in dummy.
- T3 You as Declarer made no mistake at this point. As there was only one entry left to dummy. So, you called for the ♥9 from Dummy next to immediately setup your 12 trick. East played his ♥J and you ruffed it with the ♠8, whilst West following ♥3.
- T4-6. You then drew all outstanding trumps with the ♠AKQ.
- T7 You then claimed 12 tricks as you still had a club entry to the ♥T.

You made 6♠+2♣+2♦ and 2♥ = 12 tricks
Six trumps along with two tricks in each of the side suits.

The full deal:

		North		
		♠ 53		
		♥ AT92		
		♦ J843		
		♣ AK5		
West				East (D)
♠ T42				♠ 76
♥ 53				♥ KJ8764
♦ 752				♦ QT73
♣ QJ982				♣ 3
		South		
		♠ AKQJ98		
		♥ Q		
		♦ AK		
		♣ T764		
6♠/S				Vul Nil
Lead ♥5				Dlr: East



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19th - 20th June (Sat - Sun)
Lindfield Bowling Club
 28 Carlyle Rd
 East Lindfield
 Venue ph: (02) 9415 8344

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Programme

East Lindfield and RealBridge

DATE	TIME
19th June (Sat)	10:00am - 5:00pm
	1:00pm - 4:30pm
20th Jun (Sun)	10:00am - 6:00pm
21-23 June	2:00pm - 4:30pm
24-26 June	1:30pm - 4:30pm



2019 Two Men & A Truck Restricted Pairs 1st
 Susan Feeney & Kathryn Stewart
 (flanked by John Mottram (NSBC Pres.) and Richard Kuipers)



2019 Two Men & A Truck Novice Pairs 1st
 Colin Speller & Jodie Gudaitis




NSBC Lindfield hosts the Novice & Restricted Teams and Pairs events.

EVENT	MATCH FORMAT
Two Men and A Truck Restricted & Novice Swiss Teams	2 Sessions RED masterpoints
Regular Walk-In RED Point Duplicate @ EL	RED masterpoints
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2019 Two Men & A Truck Novice Teams 1st
 Michael Hogan, Jay Novak, Clare Ainsworth & Mary Poynten



2019 Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams 1st
 Ellen Borda, Jane Biscoe, John Russell & Judith Parsons

Depending on entries there will be separate events for both Novice & Restricted pairs and teams.

- Novice is for players with less than 100 MP's and Restricted is for players with less than 300 MP's as at 1st May 2021.
- North Shore Bridge Club reserves the right to deem players ineligible for novice and restricted classifications and adjust prize money according to player numbers.

All players are subject to the NSWBA Congress Disciplinary Regulations Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA.



2021 North Shore Bridge Club Festival of Bridge

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24th - 27th June (Thu - Sun)
North Ryde RSL
 27-41 Magdala Rd
 North Ryde
 Convenor ph: 0478 626 393.ry

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Programme

North Ryde RSL

DATE	TIME
24th June (Thu)	10:00am - 5:00pm
	7:00pm
25th Jun (Fri)	10:00am - 6:00pm
	10:00am - 1:00pm
26th June (Sat)	10:00am - 6:00pm
	1:00pm - 4:00pm
27th June (Sun)	10:00am - 6:00pm




2019 Festival Swiss Pairs 1st NS - Lavy & Tomer Libman
 2019 Festival Swiss Pairs 1st EW - Julian Foster & David Weston



2019 TBIB Swiss Teams 1st
 Peter Buchen, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer & Matthew Thomson



The Grand Pittwater Function Room at North Ryde RSL. Spacious, well-lit and includes catered lunch.

EVENT	MATCH FORMAT
NSBC Festival Matchpoint Open Swiss Pairs	2 Sessions RED masterpoints
RealBridge Festival Mini-Swiss Pairs	Red masterpoints
NSBC Festival Swiss Teams	2 Sessions RED masterpoints
Regular Walk-In RED Point Duplicate	RED masterpoints
NSBC Festival Swiss Pairs - separate N/S and E/W fields	2 Sessions Red masterpoints
Regular Walk-In RED Point Duplicate	RED masterpoints
TBIB Open Swiss Teams	2 Sessions RED masterpoints



2019 Swiss MP Pairs 1st - Marlene Watts & Mike Prescott



2019 Festival Swiss Teams 1st - Peter Gill, David Adams, Elizabeth Adams, Tony Nuem & Jane Dawson (not pictured)

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- The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4