



Is it time to come back?

North Shore Bridge Club cordially invites you to come back to the bridge table.

If you haven't checked out our new venue at North Ryde RSL, you are missing out!

It is a wonderful venue for playing bridge.

Many of you who used to play at Willoughby have not yet given North Ryde a try.

Those who have tried are now coming regularly.

But there are many of you who we haven't seen face-to-face in a while.

So please come along, it's not that far away and there is ample free parking.

The facilities on offer at the RSL make it a great place to play bridge.

Alternatively face-to-face sessions are also available at East Lindfield and for those of you who prefer to play online we run sessions on RealBridge six days a week.

Need a partner?
We can help!

Rookie, Restricted and
Open Sessions available

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Come to one of our free pre-game talks with Jamie Thompson, member of the winning Australian Youth Team in the Zone 7 Playoffs @North Ryde every Monday morning at 9:30am

David Fryda – President

John Mcilrath – Vice President



NSBC Newsletter



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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, with new lessons starting **19th July @ EL & NR Venues**. Contact Kay Moyes, on moyes_kay@hotmail.com

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This next **Thursday night event** will combine the three postponed Club Men's, Women's & Mixed Pairs championships, producing three winners! The VCC is also running in June with the Swiss Pairs coinciding with our event on the 10th June, so the Pairs champions will be decided with best 2/3 results. This allows NSBC pairs to attend the VCC but still contend in their selected category.

Club Hybrid Men's, Women & Mixed Pairs Championships

Now on RealBridge in June 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 combined match pointed pairs event will be run over 3 Thursday nights in early June, to decide the Clubs 2021 Men's, Women's & Mixed Pairs Club Championship titles.

Overall results also count for 2021 NSBC Club Champion (Brownie Cup)
You can play in 1 or 2 or all 3 nights. Outright Session Cash prizes available to be won each night. Your best 2/3 possible percentage scores will be counted towards the category awards & overall 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 and title!

Director: **Ronnie Ng**

Convenor: **Gary Barwick**

Red Points

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

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





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

Convenor **Liam Milne** Mobile: 0478 626 393 Chief Tournament Director **Matthew McManus**

19-Jun	Sat	EL @ 10am	NSBC Festival - "Two Men & a Truck" - Restricted Teams Congress.
20-Jun	Sun	EL @ 10am	NSBC Festival - "Two Men & a Truck" Restricted Swiss Pairs Congress.
21-23 Jun	M, T, W	RB @ 2:00	NSBC Rookie Championship Pairs
24-26 Jun	Th, F, S	RB @ 1:30pm	NSBC Restricted Championship Pairs
24-Jun	Th	RB @ 7:30	Festival open Mini Swiss
24-Jun	Th	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival - Open MP Swiss Pairs Congress
25-Jun	Fri	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival Swiss Teams Congress.
26-Jun	Sat	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival - Swiss IMP Pairs Congress.
27-Jun	Sun	NR @ 10am	NSBC Festival - TBIB Swiss Teams Congress

Challenge (Play) Hand 1 (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints
♠ 54	Dealer West
♥ Q532	EW Vul
♦ 9632	
♣ 864	
South	West Opens 1NT (15-17)
♠ AKQJ97	Partner Passes
♥ --	East bids 2♦ (transfer to ♥)
♦ AQ4	Your Bid? & play
♣ AKT5	

Challenge Hand 2 (Bid and Play)

North	Teams
♠ JT8	Dealer south
♥ AJT	Both Vul
♦ JT54	
♣ 852	
South (D)	Can you bid this hand to the best spot?
♠ AKQ943	
♥ Q6	How do you play this hand in 4♠ on a ♥9 lead by West?
♦ AK	
♣ K73	

Challenge Hand 3 (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints
♠ T652	Dealer North
♥ AJ7	EW Vul
♦ AK	
♣ AK84	
South	East opens 4♥.
♠ AKQJ3	Can you bid this hand to the best spot?
♥ 63	
♦ T953	
♣ T6	Can you play this 6♠ contract on a ♥2 lead by west?



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Liam Milne

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, 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.

Any questions, please do get in touch. Liam

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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.
All bridge sessions at EL are red points during our June NSBC Festival week 19th-26th June
Note: All EL Festival Congress Event entries are via the NSWBA Website, which can be reached via by our Upcoming events registration website

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
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 Bidge
	EL				



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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**.

The Sunday session has been closed, and the Supervised players from RealBridge are moving into Rookie sessions or joining the face-to-face supervised starting up at East Lindfield.

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.**

Note: All NR Festival Congress Event entries are via the NSWBA Website, which can be reached via by our Upcoming events registration website

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
Sat	Open	1:30 PM	20-30 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	6-10 Tables	Brian Soutter
Sun	Closed			

Queens Birthday Weekend Sessions

ven	Saturday 12th June
RB	All Sessions open as Normal
EL	Red points - EL 1:00pm Open
NR	Red points NR 1:00pm open
	Public Holiday: Monday 14th June
RB	All Sessions open as Normal
EL	Red points - EL 1:00pm Open
NR	Closed - 10am Open & 2pm Rookie Cancelled

New & Special Daytime Events on RealBridge

Thursday Open Competition Nights - Booking required via website

All bridge sessions on RB are **red points** during our June NSBC Festival week 19th-26th June

June - 3,10,17 Thursday Nights - **Hybrid Club Pairs Championships** (Men's Pairs + Women's Pairs + Mixed Pair titles) **red points** best 2/3 scores

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**

Festival June 24 Thursday night "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" - **red points** & Good cash prizes)

July 1st Thursday Night - "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" **red points** & Good cash prizes).

July 8th Thursday Night - "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" **red points** & Good cash prizes). ABF - "ANC Perth" events are on

July 15th Thursday Night - "RB Mini Swiss Pairs" **red points** & Good cash prizes). ABF - "ANC Perth" events are on



**NSBC
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Chairman**
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The state of play in the Club Championship after 8 events so far this year is:

Rank	Player	CC Points	Played
1	DAVID FRYDA	40	8
2=	WAYNE ZHU	34	7
2=	YIXIANG ZHANG	34	6
4	WITOLD CHYLEWSKI (J)	32	8
5=	DAVID BEAUCHAMP	30	3
5=	MICHAEL CARTMELL	30	7
5=	WIESLAW PRZEWOZNIAK	30	4
8	MARTIN BLOOM	26	3
9	DAVID WESTON	24	4
10	PETER GILL	22	3

The clubs next 6-month Thursday night programme and CC events has been firmed up to the end of the year. See new **Thursday nights menu item** under "Upcoming Events" on the website.

Month	Day	Event	Notes
June	Thursday Night	RB	Hybrid Pairs (Men, Women & Mixed Titles)
Jun	Thursday Daytime	NR	Festival Open MP Swiss Pairs
Jun	Friday Daytime	NR	Festival Swiss Teams
Jun	Saturday Daytime	NR	Festival IMP Swiss Pairs
Jun	Sunday Daytime	NR	TBIB Open Swiss Teams
Jul	Saturday Daytime	RB, EL, NR	Stratified Pairs (same hands, same time)
Aug	Thursday Night	RB	Club Open Pairs Championship + SOP
Aug	Sun Daytime	EL	EL Swiss Teams Congress
Aug	Thursday Night	RB	NSBC Club Teams Championship + SOT
Sep/Oct	Thursday Night	RB	BAM Teams
Oct	Mon Daytime	EL	EL Labour Day Matchpoint Congress Pairs
Oct/Nov	Thursday Night	RB	Club Matchpointed Swiss Pairs Championship
Nov	Thursday Night	RB	Club Real Mixed Teams
Dec	Thursday Night	RB	Club XMAS Teams Championship

4x Mini-Swiss Pairs

Some Thursday nights in late June and early July coincide with our Festival or the ANC in Perth. Four Thursday night events during this period will therefore be individual one-night mini swiss events with generous cash prizes.

Club Mini-Swiss Events

Now on RealBridge in 2021

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

4 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm : 24th June, 1st, 8th 15th July

- 4 Thursday nights will be played as 4 independent Swiss Pairs Events.
- These events overlap the NSBC Festival week and the ABF Perth ANC (Interstate & Butler events)
- You can play in 1, 2, 3 or all 4 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



This will be followed by the **Club Open Pairs Championships** in July/Aug.



57th Club Open Pairs Championship



Now on RealBridge in 2021

Prizes 1st \$400, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100

3 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm

22nd, 29th July 5th Aug

You must enter for all 3 nights (subs are allowed) via club website by 10pm Wednesday 21st. Late entries may be allowed by Convenor at his discretion.

This is a match pointed event, structure dependant on entries

This is also a qualifying Event to represent NSBC in the State Open Pairs (SOP) at the NSWBA clubrooms on 20/21 November.

A qualifying event for 2021 Club Championship (Brownie Cup)

Red Points

We welcome all players who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event.
Yellow Complex Systems are not permitted

Director: **Ronnie Ng**

Convenor: **Gary Barwick** 0413 884 805

56th Winners CW 2019: **Les Grewcock & Peter Jeffery**

\$30 / 3 nights Members (\$10 PP)

\$39 / 3 nights Non Members (\$13 pp)

Then the Club Teams Championship will follow.

Stratified Pairs - Saturdays in July

Club 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 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 Open results will also count for 2021 NSBC Club Champion (Brownie Cup) You can play in 1, 2, 3 or 4 sessions. All Open Restricted or Rookie sessions at all venues EL, NR, RB run on the Saturday afternoons will be included in the competition. All sessions will play the same hands.

Your category is defined by averaging your partnership Masterpoints (Your MP's + Partner MP's /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 + Rookie/Restr **RB Gary Barwick**
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

2019 Winners:

Open Pieter Kliffen & Marjorie Thomas
<750mp Kay Moyes & Marlene Gahan
<500mp Rachael & 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

NSWBA - State Mixed Final		MP
1	Liz Sylvester & Peter Gill	372
2	Kim Morrison & Marilyn Chadwick	342
3	Susan Humphries & Paul Dalley	338
NSWBA - Country Mixed Final		MP
1	Karen & Andrew Creet	373
2	Sally & Gary Clarke	334
3	Matt Raj Mal & Felicity Fame	331
NSWBA - Autumn Swiss Pairs		VPS
1	Lalitha & Jagdish Gupta	90
2	Terry Brown & Jeanette Reitzer	78
3	Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	75



Peter



Sally



gary



Terry



Jeanette

Inter-club results

NSBC win the interclub Teams event, and will again host the event in 2022. 24 teams competed at our North Ryde clubrooms.

Northern Suburbs Interclub	1	NSBC 9 points (Host in 2022)	
	2	Peninsula 6 points	
Teams @ NR on Sunday 23rd May 2021	3	East Lindfield 5 points	
	4	Trumps 4 points	
>750 Open	1st	NSBC (Helen Lowry, Mischa Solar, Julianne Rocks, Francis Lyons)	
<750 Intermediate	1st	NSBC (Patrick Neary, Lois Chambers, Fiona Ballard, John Scotford)	
<300 Restricted	1st	Peninsula (Nerida Gillies, Sandy carter, Robert Scott, John Simmonds)	
<100 Rookie	1st	Trumps (Sally Morton, Derek Ponsford, Barry Feyder, Anthony Smuts)	

NSBC Competitive Event Results

State Mixed Qualifier @ North Ryde RSL		%
1	David Burton & Janet Rowlett	124%
2	Mischa Solar & David Smea	123%
3	Malcolm & Kathy Clift	108%



David & Janet



Winning NSBC Open & Intermediate Teams



Winning Peninsula & Trumps Teams



State Mixed Pairs – Finals @ NSWBA

NSWBA -State Mixed Quads (Our Reps)		%
NR	Janet Rowlett, David Burton	88%
RB	Julianne Rocks, Kevin Davies	102%
EL	Kay Tennant, Pierre Tennant	71%

Morgans Swiss Pairs



"Morgans" Club Swiss Pairs Championship		Vps	W-D-L	CC
1 - \$1000	Witold Chylewski (Jun) & Wieslaw Przewozniak	169	10-0-2	20
2 - \$500	George Finikiotis & Steven Bock (Sub Fiona Lavery)	151	10-0-2	14
3 - \$300	Martin Bloom & Les Grewcock	143	9-0-3	10
4 - \$200	Wayne Zhu & Yixiang Zhang	140	8-0-4	8
5	Tony Hutton & Malcolm Carter	140	7-1-4	6
6	Margaret Foster & Robbie Feyder	139	7-1-4	4
7	Bill Nash & James Wallis	139	6-1-5	
8	Rakesh Kumar & Kevin Davies	138	7-2-3	2

Club Members are highlighted



Winners: Witold & Wieslaw



George, Steven & Sub Fiona



Martin & Les,

Simon & Wayne

NSBC members - Congress Success

Adelaide ABF Autumn Nationals

Autumn Nats - Open Swiss Pairs		VP
1	Avinash Kanetkar & Zolly Nagy	113
2	Howard Melbourne & Peter Reynolds	109
5	Axel Johannsson & Avril Zets	100
6	James Coutts & Liam Milne	99
7	Johnno Newman & Jamie Thompson	99

Autumn Nats - Mixed Swiss Pairs		VP
1	Anita Curtis & David Hudson	107
2	Pam & Ross Crichton	106
4	Jane Beeby & Michael Wilkinson	94



Mixed Winners: David & Anita

Autumn Nats - Under Life Swiss Pairs		VP
1	Sue Falkingham & Sue Martin	106
2	Jake Andrew & Jacky Gruszka	102
3	Kit Meyers & Kerry Rymer	100

Autumn Nats - Under Life Teams		VP
1	Wardie Adamson, Sully Detmold, Margaret Rex, Cherry Trengove	126
2	Penny Bowen, Bevin Brooks, John Lokan, Rodney Macey	123
3	Jenny Barnes, Fiona Fawcett, Kit Meyers, Kerry Rymer	106

Autumn Nats - Open Teams Qual		VP	Final
1	James Coutts, Paul Dalley, Liam Milne, Tony Nunn	123	115 imp
2	Julian Foster, Kim Morrison, Bruce Neill, David Weston	122	68 imp
5	Nabil Edgton, Andy Hung, Johnno Newman, Matt Smith, Jamie Thompson	118	
6	Sophie Ashton, Helena Dawson, Sartaj Hans, David Wiltshire	116	
8	Andrew Braithwaite, Terry Brown, Peter Buchen, Arjuna De Livera	112	
9	Anita Curtis, David Hudson, Sue Lusk, Viv Wood	110	



Open Team Winners: James Coutts, Liam Milne, Paul Dalley, Tony Nunn

Australian Team playoffs vs New Zealand

Australia vs New Zealand Playoff matches 2021			Results
Open	Peter Gill - Sartaj Hans - Michael Courtney - Paul Wyr		162/220
Women's	Jessica Brake - Susan Humphries - Marianne Bookallil - Jodi Tutty - Giselle Mundell - Rena Kaplan		116/221
Seniors'	Robert Krochmalik - Paul Lavings - Stephen Burgess - Gabi Lorentz - George Kozakos - George Smolanko		238/165
Mixed	Trevor Fuller - Leone Fuller - Stephen Fischer - Pele Rankin - Hugh Grosvenor - Tania Lloyd		160/201
Youth	Andrew Spooner - Renee Cooper - Jamie Thompson - David Gue - Bertie Morgan - George Bartley		320/168

Cancellation of the 2021 World Championships

The WBF has announced the cancellation of the 2021 World Youth Teams Championship and World Teams Championship and are now looking at holding the World Teams Championship (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy and Wuhan Trophy) in 2022 between the end of February and beginning of March. The ABF Tournament Committee will look at the impact of this announcement, especially on the Playoffs, and make recommendations for the Board to consider at the meeting on 28th May. Allison Stralow ABF President

Seniors ITS

A whole swag of NSBC Members tried to get into the 2021 NSW senior's Team for the Perth ANC. Well Done - **Terry Brown & Mike Hughes**. And thanks to our **John McIlraith** selected as the non-playing captain for the Seniors Team for the Perth ANC.

NSWBA - Senior's Interstate Team Selection			IMP
1	Bruce Neill & Mike Hughes		75
2	Robert Krochmalik & Paul Lavings		58
3	Peter Buchen & Terry Brown		31
Michael Courtney - Mathew Vadas			
Liz Sylvester - Peter Gill			
Cevat Emul - Peter Jeffery			
Sally Clarke - Garry Clarke			
Rakesh Kumar - Kevin Davies			
Steven Bock - Kinga Moses			
Nigel Rosendorff & Martin Bloom			
Wayne Zhu - Bob Sebesfi			
Jane Beeby - Philip Beeby			



Terry, Mike, and John (npc Senior's Team)

Open ITS

We also want to congratulate and acknowledge our **David Fryda** who has accepted selection as the non-playing captain of the NSW Open Team for the Perth ANC.

Club Session Results: Open - May Monthly Winner

Link to [Full May Session Winners](#) list

May Open Winners

Pos	May Open Monthly Winners	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Marlaine Gahan	Gold Life	22	6.07
2	Prue Siemsglue	Gold Life	16	4.04
3	Mischa Solar	Silver Grand	21	3.99
4	John Mottram	Gold Grand	26	3.7
5	Alicia Mercer	Grand	20	3.53
6	David Burton	Silver National	7	3.1
7	David Smee	Silver Grand	11	2.87

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



[Marlene](#)



[Prue](#)

Open Events NSBC Festival Week

NSBC Festival - Open MP Swiss Pairs Congress		
24-Jun	Thr	NR @ 10am
		EL @ 1pm
		RB 10am
		RB 1:30pm
NSBC Festival Swiss Teams Congress.		
25-Jun	Fri	NR @ 10am
		RB 10am
		RB 1:30pm
NSBC Festival - Swiss IMP Pairs Congress.		
26-Jun	Sat	NR @ 10am
		EL @ 1pm
		RB 1:30pm
NSBC Festival - TBIB Swiss Teams Congress		
27-Jun	Sun	NR @ 10am

Note: All club duplicates during Festival week attract **red points**.



Defence

By Pat O'Connor

We are sitting East. Our hand is.

♠32 ♥A3 ♦T9865 ♣8754.

Standard Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
1NT	15-17 NT Bal hand		
2♣	Stayman		
2♠	4♠, denies 4♥		
4♠	To Play		

South opens 1NT, partner passes and North bids 2♣, Stayman. We pass, South bids 2♣ showing four spades and denying four hearts, partner passes and North jumps to 4♣. All pass, partner leads the ♥K and dummy comes down.

	North	
	♠ J765	
	♥ J72	
	♦ 72	
	♣ AKQ6	
Lead ♥K		
		East
		♠ 32
		♥ A3
		♦ T9865
		♣ 8754

Dummy plays the ♥2 and we pause to plan the defence.

How many points does partner have from the bidding?

South has 15-17 for the 1NT opening, dummy has 11, a total of 26-28 for them. We have only four so partner has 8-10. Partner's lead looks like it is from ♥KQ so that's five of them. So, she has 3-5 points outside hearts.

What are our prospects in hearts?

Partner has the king and queen, and we have the ace, three tricks if we can unravel them.

Can you see the best way of taking our three heart tricks?

We must overtake the ♥K with our ♥A and return a heart.

Partner wins the ♥Q. This makes dummy's ♥J high but partner reads the situation and returns another heart for us to ruff. Declarer meekly follows with the ♥8 and we have taken our three tricks. We return the ♦T, hoping that partner has something in diamonds. Declarer wins with the ♦A and then goes to the ♠A in dummy and leads the ♠J for a trump finesse. Unfortunately for declarer the finesse loses to partner's ♠K and the contract is set.

Overtaking the ♥K with the ♥A is known in the trade as an unblocking play. If we had failed to do it here, declarer would have been able to discard a heart on a club winner before playing trumps. This would have allowed declarer to make the contract.

The full deal

	North	
	♠ J765	
	♥ J72	
	♦ 72	
	♣ AKQ6	
		East
		♠ 32
		♥ A3
		♦ T9865
		♣ 8754
West	South (D)	
♠ K84	♠ AQT9	
♥ KQT94	♥ 865	
♦ J4	♦ AKQ3	
♣ T32	♣ J9	
4♠/S Lead ♥K		Vul Nil Dir: S

Post Mortem

Unblocking is a play that is available to defenders as well as declarer. Play high honours from the short side first.



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
♣ **KT93**
Declarer
♣ **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 ♣**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 ♣**Q**. Play the ♣**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			
		West	North	East (D)	South
♠ 643				2♣	2NT
♥ 982					
♦ A54					
♣ AJ85					
South		Bidding Notes			
♠ A75		2♣	Weak 2 6♣ <Opening		
♥ AK6		2NT	15-18 Bal + ♠ Stopper		
♦ K63		3NT	to play		
♣ KT94					

West leads the ♠**9**. East plays the ♠**T**.

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 ♣**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 ♠**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 ♣**Q**. West is short in spades and probably has length in the remaining three suits. The ♣**Q** is more likely to be with the player having length in clubs.

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

Online Restricted Pairs Championship



There are two fabulous prizes on offer. Winning pairs will be offered grants to attend the **ANC Restricted Butler Pairs** in Perth on 17-18 July. These prizes, worth up to \$2200 per pair, are generously donated by the Australian Bridge Federation.

The full deal:

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



The Teams of Three is one of the well-liked events in NSWBA! It offers a great experience of learning by playing with an advanced player. We can't thank enough to all these selected Captains who volunteer their time to

support the growth of the bridge community. This event always filled the NSWBA clubroom in the past, this year we can only accommodate 32 tables, so please enter early. We intend to run two or even three fields – Open, Novice & Restricted divisions, please nominate the field you would like to compete in. \$50 per player, a delicious light lunch is included.

Beginners' Lessons

The current group of beginners has now completed 16 lessons, and from the beginning of June they will be playing a Supervised game at East Lindfield, on Monday evenings at 7pm and on Tuesday mornings at 10am.

The next set of lessons is coming closer, with a start date of 19th July. This next semester, the daytime session has moved to Monday mornings at East Lindfield, while the evening sessions remains Mondays at 7pm, but has moved to North Ryde.

If you know anyone who would like to learn, please do encourage them to contact Kay Moyes on moyes_kay@hotmail.com. A personal referral is our best source of new students.

North Shore Bridge Club Inc

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With Emma Barnes

6 weeks beginning Monday 19th July 2021

10am at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club
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The NSBC Festival of Bridge

Each year the club has a week of special events, and this year it is the week starting Saturday 19th June. All regular games and events played during this week earn red master points, instead of the usual green master points. Next month are more detailed explanation of the master point scheme. There are events specially for our newer players, so we do hope that you'll join in.

Events for Restricted players, sponsored by Three Men and A Truck

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

- Saturday 19th June: It is "Teams"
- Sunday 20th June: It is "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 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 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 Restricted championship runs similarly, over the regular 1:30pm Restricted sessions on Thursday 24th June, Friday 25th June and Saturday 26th June.

Our Newer Player Team



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: Alan Pike, Tues: Kim Neale; Wed: Ronnie Ng
 Convenor: **Gary Barwick**

Red Points (B5)

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



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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May Monthly Results:

Restricted (<300 MPs)

Pos	May Winners Restricted <300 MP < National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	Bronze Regional	8	1.31
2	Tien Chey	Regional	6	1.19
3	Deborah Burt	Local	9	1.08
4	Sharon Thompson	Local	7	0.84
5	David Craig	Local	5	0.72
6	Brian Osborne	State	6	0.67
7	Brian Emanuel	Bronze Local	7	0.62



Rookie (<100 MPs):

Pos	Winner May Rookie <100 MP < Bronze Regional)	MP Rank	No Sess	Master Pts
1	Christine Roberts	Club	10	1.91
2	Charlie Algert	Club	8	1.68
3	Marina Shteyman	Club	11	1.33
4	Ashleigh Gallagher	Local	8	1.17
5=	Peter Napier	Local	7	1.09
5=	Russell Spear	Bronze Local	7	1.09
7	Lorna Davies	Local	7	1.04
8	Noni Glew	Silver Local	10	0.99



May Supervised Session Results:

Date	NSBC Event	T	P	May Supervised Winners	Score
3-May	M Supervised 7pm	3	1	Jackie Coles & Sandra Da Silva	67%
4-May	Tu 10:30am Supervised	2	1	Jill Johnstone & David Rands	70%
10-May	M 7pm Supervised	3	1=	Andrea Frankel & Anthony Frankel	58%
			1=	Mark Field & Peter O'Donnell	58%
11-May	Tu 10:30am Supervised	2	1	Heather Low & David Cahill	67%
17-May	M 7pm Supervised	3	1	Anthony Frankel & Andrea Frankel	73%
18-May	Tu 10:30am Supervised	3	1	David Cahill & Heather Low	70%
24-May	M 7pm Supervised	3	1	Sally Dews & Catriona Ling	65%
25-May	Tu 10:30am Supervised	3	1	Owen Aubrey & Allan Pike TD	78%
31-May	M 7pm Supervised	4	1	Louise James & Director 2	

Link to [Full May Session Winners](#) list

Supervised Play Opportunities:

For a while now, we have been running Supervised games on RealBridge on Monday evenings and on Tuesday mornings, but as players have gained experience and moved up to Rookie, and since we didn't have a beginners' class in the second half of last year to feed into this group, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain enough tables to make a game.

In the meantime, the current group of new players has been moving through the 16-week beginners' program, and as from Monday the 31st May at 7pm, and Tuesday the 1st June at 10am, they will be starting to play a supervised game at the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club (2b Carlyle Road, East Lindfield).

In light of the declining numbers in the RealBridge supervised game, and the fact that there would be RealBridge and Face To Face supervised games at the same time, the committee has decided that we can't continue with the RealBridge games. The options for our RealBridge current players are therefore to join us at East Lindfield, or move up to Rookie.

We have thought long and hard about this decision, and we hope that one of the above options will suit our players.

Rookie Play Opportunities:

RealBridge:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at 2pm.
- Tuesdays at 7pm.

East Lindfield:

- Thursdays at 10am

North Ryde:

- Mondays and Wednesdays at 2pm

Restricted Play Opportunities

RealBridge:

- Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 1:30

North Ryde:

- Fridays at 10am.

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>

Playing in a normal game at the club (MPs scoring), as opposed to a Teams or Swiss Pairs event (IMPs scoring)

First, don't panic if you play in an IMPs event! If you just play exactly as you do at the club, nothing bad will happen!

Scoring in a normal duplicate game at the club, an example:

You get to a contract of 4♠. Everyone gets to the same contract and most make 10 tricks, except for 1 pair who make 11, and 1 pair who only make 9. The pair who got the overtrick will get 100% because their score was higher (even though it is only by a small margin) than all the others. The pair who went down one get 0%, as their score was not higher than anyone else's, or even the same as anyone else's. The rest of the field get 50%. In other words, that overtrick made a huge difference to the result, as did the undertrick.

IMPs scoring (teams or Swiss Pairs), using the same example

With IMPs scoring, it is the actual number (+450, -50, +420,) that counts. Scoring +420 for making 10 tricks in 4♠ is little different to scoring +450 for making 11 tricks. However, going down one, for -50, or stopping the bidding at 3♠, still making 10 tricks, but scoring only +170, is a big difference from +420 or +450.

Playing as a team, rather than as a pair

You will have another pair as teammates. When the event starts, your team will be playing a "match" against another team, and your EW pair (EW1) will swap seats with the opponents' EW pair (EW2). NS1 and NS2 remain where they are. So, we have NS1 versus EW2, and NS2 versus EW1.

At both tables you play through the same set of boards without moving. At the end of the match, the EWs return to home base and you compare results. Using the earlier example, say at your table, NS1 bid and made 4♠ for +420, but at the other table, NS2 bid 4♠ but EW1 launched a

brilliant defence and NS2 only made 9 tricks. EW1 will return with +50 for that board. The scores are added together, and you have +470 (+420+50) for that board, while table 2 have -470. That absolute number is used by the computer to work out the results. You will play several matches during the event.

IMP's scoring is usually used for teams and Swiss pairs competitions. What this means is that you do not care what happens at any table other than your teammates' table. You only compare your score to one other result.

Tips for scoring well in IMP Teams / Swiss Pairs

Focus on making your contract, don't 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's 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.

Try an IMPs event in the Festival!

Lessons



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

Improvers

June 2021 Program

These hand analysis sessions are for players who have finished the Build on the Basics course (Improvers 1) or the Develop Your Skills course (Improvers 2). They consolidate knowledge gained in the courses by bidding & playing 8 hands each session and also extend skills.

For more information, or to register - Email ac210927@bigpond.net.au

Date	Lesson Topic
Thur Jun 3	DYS end of course Hand Analysis 7
Thur Jun 10	No Lesson
Thur Jun 17	BoB end of course Hand Analysis 7
Thur Jun 24	DYS end of course Hand Analysis 8
Thur July 1	Develop Your Skills restarts from lesson 1

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

Intermediate/Broaden Your Game

June 2021 Program

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 ac210927@bigpond.net.au

Date	Lesson Topic
Fri Jun 4	2 over 1 Game Force - time to upgrade for advanced players
Fri Jun 11	NO LESSON (VCC)
Fri Jun 18	Gentle Hand Analysis 19
Fri Jun 25	NO LESSON (Festival)
Fri July 2	Make more contracts

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

Build on the Basics - June 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 **June Lessons** are listed below.

For more information, or to Register - Email jessicabrakebridge@gmail.com

	Date	Lesson Topic
19	June 2-3	Takeout Doubles Part 1
20	June 9-10	Takeout Doubles Part 2
1	June 16-17	1NT & 2NT Openings
2	June 25-26	I prefer a suit
3	June 30-July 1	Opener's NT rebids

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

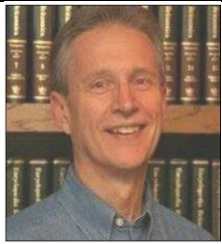
Monday AM Talks at NR with Director/Teacher Jamie Thompson

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

Jamie's talks focus on a variety of topics that will appeal to both improving and experienced players. The goal is to come up with useable tools for everyday bridge situations. Come along and find out how the pros get their results.

Date	Lesson Topic
7-Jun	Inferences from the Auction
14-Jun	None - Public Holiday (VCC)
21-Jun	Opening Leads
28-Jun	Michaels cuebid
5-Jul	Unusual 2NT

Costs Free - 30 mins before 10am session



Brent Manley

Brent was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. 3 Challenge hands were adapted from a **Brent Manley** articles “**Bold bid, Expert Play**”, “**Risk Reduction**” and “**Get the Count**” from the ACBL Bridge feed website

Challenge Hand 1 Solution

Bold Bid, Expert Play

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ 54	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ Q532	1NT	Pass	2♦	4♠
♦ 9632	All Pass			
♣ 864	Bidding Notes			
South	1NT	15-17 Balanced		
♠ AKQJ97	2♦	Transfer to Hearts		
♥ --	4♠	To Play		
♦ AQ4				
♣ AKT5				

The Bidding

You blast into game despite the strong 1NT opening on your left & East's weak transfer to hearts. West starts the defence by leading the ♥K.

As expected, dummy is anaemic. How will you get to your 10 tricks?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 6♠+1♦+2♣=9 **One trick short**

Top Losers: None

Strategies for 10 tricks

- West must all the outstanding 15 HCP for his 1NT opening bid.
- If you duck the first Heart, say dumping the ♦4, then West will just exit in trumps.
- Maybe both the club honours will drop short (2-3 cards in the West hand?) for your 10th trick.

Solution

- T1 West leads the ♥K, ♥2 dummy, ♥4 (odd reverse count) by East, and you (Declarer) ruff with the ♠7 on the opening lead.
- T2-4 You draw all the outstanding trumps with ♠AKQ, West following twice and then discards ♥8 along the way. East follows 3 times.
- T5-6 The bidding suggests that all the 15-missing high-card points would be with West, so you played the ♣AK in the hope that a club honour would fall. No luck, the ♠72 & ♠93 come down.
- T7 The failure of either the ♣Q or ♣J to appear helped you place West with four clubs. So, you then exited a club ♠5, to put West on play with the ♣J.
- T8 West then just cashes his ♣Q winner, as you follow with the ♠T from hand.
- T9 But West is endplayed, and now must lead a red suit, something you (declarer) knew would not be to the defence's advantage. West did not want to lead a diamond, so he played the ♥A next. But you just discarded your loser ♦4 from hand.
- T10 This left West still endplayed, on lead with again only red-suit cards remaining. West now has the choice of:
- leading a diamond from his king into your ♦AQ
 - Or leading a third heart to dummy's now-established high heart ♥Q.(ditching ♦Q).

Either way, you as declarer had 10 tricks: six spades, two clubs and two tricks in the red suits. The full deal:

	North	
	♠ 54	
West (D)	♥ Q532	East
♠ T8	♦ 9632	♠ 732
♥ AKJ8	♣ 864	♥ T9764
♦ KJ7		♦ T85
♣ QJ72	South	♣ 93
	♠ AKQJ97	
4♠/S	♥ --	Vul EW
Lead ♥K	♦ AQ4	Dir: West
	♣ AKT5	

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 6x♠+1♥+2x♦=9 tricks, 1 short

Losers: ♠A, likely ♥K & maybe 2 more clubs

Strategies for getting the 10th.

- Force an extra heart trick.
- Force an extra diamond trick.
- Lead up to the ♠K win if ♠A is onside.

Risks: If you lose the ♥K, East may return clubs.

Solution at your table

T1 On West's ♥9 lead, you as declarer decided to try and setup the hearts, relying on the ♠A being right if the heart this lost to East. So, you finessed the heart and it lost to the ♥K in East's hand.

T2-4 East switched to the ♣J and you were quickly set, with 1♥+3♣ lost for **-100**

At the Score-up

When your team partners came back, and you scored up the match. Your partners said they could not defeat the 4♠ contract.

Your Table 4♠/S ♥9 **-100**

Other Table 4♠/S ♥9 **-620**

Net -720

Result -13 Imps lost

Declarers Solution at the other table

The expert declarer at the other table, also counted nine top tricks, with many possibilities for a 10th. Rather than playing low from dummy and risking East winning the trick with ♥K and shifting to a club, declarer embarked on a plan that would yield 10 tricks if trumps were no worse than 3-1 and diamonds 4-3. So,

T1 On West's ♥9 lead, Declarer rose with the ♥A

T23 Then lead a small ♦4 to hand and unblocked diamonds by cashing both the ♦AK. EW following

T4 Declarer then crossed back to dummy with a low trump ♠3, ♠5 to your ♠8, ♠2,

T5 Declarer led the ♦J. This plan was to finesse the ♦Q or ruff it high if it was covered. After East followed with a low

Challenge Hand 2 Solution

Risk Reduction

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
	West	North	East	South (D)
♠ JT8				2♦
♥ AJT				3♣
♦ JT54	Pass	2♥	Pass	
♣ 852	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
Bidding Notes				
South (D)	2♦	Multi (Weak (Major) or Acol2 or Bal 22-23)		
♠ AKQ943	2♥	Pass or Correct if weak(M)		
♥ Q6	3♣	Acol2 - Good 4/5 Loser hand		
♦ AK	4♠	To play		
♣ K73				

This hand occurred in a team's match.

Bidding

At your table, you south opened a Multi 2♦ (weak Majors or strong Acol2 or 22-23 Bal), North responded 2♥ (Pass or Correct), when you bid 3♣ showing a string Acol2 (4/5 loser hand) in spades. It was converted into a 4♠ game.

At the other table, South opened 1♠, and was limited raised to 2♠, then South quickly bid 4♠.

Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

Against South's 4♠ contracts, **both Wests** start with the lead of the ♥9. How do you plan to get to 10 tricks?

card, declarer threw the ♥Q from hand. With West winning the trick with the ♦Q

T6 West exited with the ♦9 trying to prevent the ♦T from scoring a trick. East ruffed ♠6 and declarer overruffed with a high trump ♠A.

T7 Crossing back to dummy with another low trump ♠4, ♥2 to ♠T, ♠7 drawing all outstanding trumps.

T8 Declarer then led the ♥J. East covered with the ♥K and declarer ruffed again with the high trump ♠K.

T9 Declarer returned to dummy yet again with his last low Trump ♠9 to dummy's ♠J.

T10 The high ♥T was cashed for a club discard from hand ♣3. This was the 10th trick.

T11 A club ♣2 was then led towards the ♣K to make an overtrick, but this hope was dashed when West produced the ♣A.

No matter: Declarer had taken **10 tricks** safely: six trumps, two hearts and two diamonds.

Note: Had East at Trick-8 followed with a low heart when the ♥J was led from dummy, declarer would have finessed ♥K, discarding a low club loser from hand.

Now, even if West had taken the ♥K, declarer would have still made 10 tricks! As West would be end played and must lead either another heart (♥T a winner) or a club (Setting up the ♣K). All he would have lost would have been a heart, a diamond, and a club.

The full deal:

		North		
West		♠ JT8	East	
♠ 5	♥ 98732	♥ AJT	♠ 762	♥ K54
♦ Q982	♦ AK4	♦ JT54	♦ 763	♦ JT96
♣ 852		♣ 852		
		South (D)		
4♠/S		♠ AKQ943	Vul Both	
Lead ♥9		♥ Q6	Dir: S	
		♦ AK		
		♣ K73		

Challenge Hand 3 Solution

Get the Count.

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ T652	West	North	East (D)	South
♥ AJ7			4♥	4♠
♦ AK	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
♣ AK84	Pass	6♣	All Pass	
	Bidding Notes			
South	4♥	Good Vul Pre-empt		
♠ AKQJ3	4♠	Overcall against Vul pre-empts		
♥ 63	4NT	Keycard (♠)		
♦ T953	5♠	2 Keycards + ♠Q		
♣ T6	6♣	To play		

East opens a vulnerable pre-empt 4♥, in first seat. You, South overcalled 4♠, as these vulnerable overcalls are often very solid openings. Partner has a 19hcp with support, checks Keycards (2+♠Q) and settles for a small 6♠ slam contract.

West leads the ♥2 against your slam. What is your plan to take 12 tricks?

Preliminary Analysis

The opening lead looks like a singleton heart.

Top Winners: 5♠+1♥+2♦+2♣=10 + ruffs

Top Losers: None + Deep ♥

Declarer saw that the easiest road home was to ruff two diamonds in dummy. The danger was that East might ruff a diamond.

Solution

T1 Declarer rose with the ♥A

T2 Then played the ♠2 to his ♠A, East discarding a heart (a 4-0 trump break).

East's discard meant he was marked with exactly seven hearts and had six cards in the minors. There were seven cards outstanding in each minor, so declarer took the 100% safe play of cashing the ♣A and the ♦A (West had to have at least one of each) so.

T3 ♣6 back to Dummy ♠A (all followed)

T4 Cashed ♦A (all following)

Once East followed to both these cards, he was known to have started with at worst a five cards in one of the minors. Continuing to analyse the deal, declarer knew that in such

a case, West should have at least two cards in each minor. Declarer could then safely cash the minor-suit kings in complete safety.

T5 $\heartsuit K$ was cashed (all followed)

T6 $\clubsuit K$ was cashed, but east drops a \heartsuit

When East discarded a heart on the second club, declarer counted the West hand as starting with 4=1=2=6 shape & East with 0=7=5=1 shape.

T7 After ruffing a club safely with the $\spadesuit 3$ in hand.

T8 Declarer led the $\heartsuit T$. West saw that if he discarded a club declarer would easily have 12 tricks, so he ruffed in with the $\spadesuit 7$, forcing dummy to overruff with the $\spadesuit T$.

T9 After ruffing dummy's remaining club with the $\spadesuit J$ in hand

T10 Declarer drew a second round of trumps with the $\spadesuit K$, leaving both West & North with a singleton \spadesuit each.

T11 Declarer then led $\heartsuit 9$. When West ruffed this with the $\spadesuit 9$, he was end played. Declarer discarded a $\heartsuit 7$ from dummy. At this point, West had only two clubs left and had to lead one of them.

T12 West exited a high club, and Declarer ruffed the exit in dummy with the $\spadesuit 6$ and discarded his remaining losing heart loser $\heartsuit 6$ from hand.

T13 He took the last trick with the high $\spadesuit Q$ trumps to make his contract.

Declarer's plan of cashing his minor-suit winners in steps would also have succeeded if East had shown out on the second diamond. Declarer would have placed West with six diamonds, allowing declarer to adopt a foolproof plan for taking 12 tricks: cash dummy's $\spadesuit T$ and crossruff the minors.

If East had followed to all four of the minor-suit tops, West would have had at least three cards in each minor and it would have been safe to ruff a club with the $\spadesuit 3$. Twelve tricks would have come from crossruffing the minors as cheaply as possible. The full deal:

	North	
	\spadesuit T652	
West	\heartsuit AJ7	East (D)
\spadesuit 9874	\diamondsuit AK	\spadesuit -
\heartsuit 2	\clubsuit AK84	\heartsuit KQT9854
\diamondsuit 74		\diamondsuit QJ862
\clubsuit QJ9732	South	\clubsuit 5
6\spadesuit/S	\spadesuit AKQJ3	Vul EW
Lead $\heartsuit 2$	\heartsuit 63	Dir: E
	\diamondsuit T953	
	\clubsuit T6	

Coming ABF National Events

2021 Victor Champion Cup
Melbourne, June 10-14, 2021

2021 Swan River Swiss Pairs
Perth, July 10-11, 2021

2021 Australian National Championships
Perth, July 11-22, 2021

2021 ANC Interstate Teams
Perth, July 12-16, 2021

2021 Coffs Coast Gold Congress - CANCELLED
Coffs Harbour, August 10-14, 2021

NSWBA Congress Calendar

JUNE 2021	
MasterBridge Online June Swiss Matchpoint Pairs	Jun 5 (Sat)
NSWBA Directors Course	Jun 5 (Sat)
NSWBA Teams of Three	Jun 6 (Sun)
Victor Champion Cup	Jun 10 (Thu) - 14 (Mon)
Illawarra Bridge Association Chris Diment Memorial Congress	
MP Pairs	Jun 12 (Sat)
Teams	Jun 13 (Sun)
Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Teams	Jun 13 (Sun)
State Seniors Championships	
Pairs	Jun 15 (Tue) - 16 (Wed)
Teams	Jun 17 (Thu) - 18 (Fri)
Newcastle Bridge Club Congress - CANCELLED	
Swiss Pairs	Jun 19 (Sat)
Teams	Jun 20 (Sun)
NSBC@Lindfield Restricted & Novice Festival	
Two Men & A Truck Restricted Teams	Jun 19 (Sat)
Two Men & A Truck Restricted Swiss Pairs	Jun 20 (Sun)
NSWBA City of Sydney Teams	Jun 21 (Mon) - Jul 5 (Mon)
North Shore Bridge Club Festival of Bridge @ North Ryde RSL	
Open MP Swiss Pairs	Jun 24 (Thu)
Festival Swiss Teams	Jun 25 (Fri)
Festival Swiss IMP Pairs	Jun 26 (Sat)
TBIB Swiss Teams	Jun 27 (Sun)



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19th - 20th June (Sat - Sun)
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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
Two Men and A Truck Restricted & Novice Swiss Pairs	2 Sessions RED masterpoints
RealBridge Rookie Pairs Championship. Best 2 out of 3 sessions, all sessions "walk-in", play as many or as few sessions as you like.	3 Duplicate Sessions RED masterpoints
RealBridge Restricted Pairs Championship. Best 2 out of 3 sessions, all sessions "walk-in", play as many or as few sessions as you like.	3 Duplicate Sessions RED masterpoints



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.

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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