

# NSBC Mid-July Update



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## NSW Lockdown Continues

NSW again extends the lockdown by another **2 weeks at least!** Hence the closure of our F2F venues; East Lindfield and North Ryde RSL will continue.

But for now, sit back in the comfort of your homes, dress nicely, grab a coffee, turn your cameras and microphones on and bring the atmosphere of playing bridge at the club into your home. **NSBC has expanded RealBridge playing sessions by another 12 sessions each week.**

## Editors' Comments

The **Mid Month Update** will focus more on articles for **Rookie** players, whilst the Newsletter (start of month) will focus more on **Open** player articles.

## Links to other Newsletters

NSWBA's [eCongress Newsletter](#)  
ABF's [ABF Newsletter](#)

## Links to Our Club Session Results

These are updated regularly on our website.

- [Pianola](#)
- [RB results](#)
- [July Monthly Full Winners List](#)

## Rookie Challenge hand (Bid & Play)

North	Matchpoints
♠ K742	Uncontested Auction
♥ A76	
♦ Q65	
♣ JT2	
South (D)	
♠ AQJ	Assuming you can bid to the par 3NT contract
♥ KT2	West leads ♥Q
♦ J73	<b>What is your best line to make 3NT? Decide how you would play before looking at the solution.</b>
♣ KQ75	

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## Open Challenge Hand (Bid and Play)

North	A Teams event (IMPS) Uncontested auction
♠ AT	
♥ AJT3	
♦ KJ875	
♣ A2	
South	Assuming you get to 3NT by South
♠ 874	
♥ 962	
♦ A4	
♣ KJT74	West leads ♠3. What is your best line to make this contract?

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♠ **Record Numbers Again!** So many of you are escaping the lockdown and isolation blues by playing on RealBridge and our session sizes are exploding. Weekends and mornings have become immensely popular, so to provide you with even more opportunities to play, **12 new sessions have been added**. Please visit our [RealBridge Sessions](#) page on the NSBC website to see the new session times.

## ♦ Major Competition Night Changes

[Club Open MP Pairs Championships](#) is underway, and no new entries are allowed.

Two Major National events have been postponed until later in the year (VCC & ANC) and as such we have had to reorganise our events calendar. Starting in late July we have [Club Teams Championships](#) and following is the [Club Board a Match Teams](#) in August Information about all Thursday night events can be found on our new [Thursday Night Events](#) page on the website.

## ♦ Major Daytime Competitions

The Hyegrove [Stratified Pairs](#) has been pushed back due to the covid lockdown and now is planned to start on 28/Aug.

Information about all daytime competition events can be found on our new [Daytime and Congress Events](#) page on the website.

## ♣ Require a Partner?

If you are looking for someone to play with on RealBridge please login to the session about 30 minutes before start and type into the chat window ***"Director I would like a partner today, please"*** and wait in the lobby. The director will do their best to find you a partner. There is rarely a time we cannot accommodate those looking for a game.

## ♣ Visitors and Guests are Welcome

Visitors and guests are welcome, members can pay for a guest via the PP system ***just let the director know at the start of the session, that you will accept charge on your PP account for your guest.*** Guests and visitors can also pay directly online see **Visitor Payments** below.

♦ **New NSBC Memberships** Please contact Margaret Owen on 0410 657 048 for membership enquiries. The NSBC has created two new NSBC memberships.

- A \$40 membership for Sydney based bridge players covering NSBC membership till 31 December 2021
- For remote & interstate visitors, a new \$20 online-only membership has been introduced again covering membership till 31 December 2021.

NSBC membership allows you to create and manage your own PP credit account, to enable easy "play & pay" in all our sessions.

♦ **Online PP credit Top-ups** You can pay for topping up your credit PP Account via our [Online Payments](#) page. (Please make sure you are always in credit; this saves Margaret a lot of work).

♦ **Offline PP credit Top-ups.** Please contact Margaret Owen on 0410 657 048 for topping up your PP (Prepayments) credit by phone.

♦ **Visitor Payments** They can pay for one off events on our [Online Payments](#) page (the \$ sign on our homepage). Or over the phone with Margaret.

Face to face bridge will return soon, but for now sit back in the comfort of your homes, dress nicely, grab a coffee, turn your cameras and microphones on and bring the atmosphere of playing bridge at the club into your home.

**General and Technical Help** Please contact Gary Barwick on 0413 884 805 if you have technical issues or would like to know more about RealBridge and how it works. If it is your first time playing on RealBridge or you are trying to fix an existing issue, please call Gary earlier in the day and **not 5 minutes before the session starts** as I have more time to help you then 😊.

## Technical Help – Browsers iPad/Wi-Fi users

It appears a part of the RealBridge system that supports iPads had crashed on 12/7 and left players with no video or microphone. RealBridge apologises for this issue and has fixed the server and made it more resilient in future.

iPad users please use the **Safari browser** for the time being.

PC/Mac users please use **Google Chrome** or **Microsoft Edge** as these are still the best performing of the browsers.

**WIFI signal strength** is the biggest issue I deal with. Please make sure you are not too far away from your WIFI modem when playing on RealBridge. While you might have a great Internet connection, however it can be compromised by weak WIFI signal within your home. If you do suffer from freezes or dropouts move closer to the modem first.

Covid Daily "NSBC Online" Expanded RealBridge Sessions				
Day	Session	Play Start	Session Size	Director
Mon	Open	10.00 AM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	10.00 AM	New Trial	
	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Malcolm Martin
	Rookie	2:00 PM	15-20 Tables	Alan Pike
	Supervised	7:00 PM	5 Tables	Kay Moyes
Tue	Open (Mini Duplicate)	7:30 PM	6 tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	10.00 AM	7-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Kay Moyes
	Open	1.30 PM	15-20 Tables	Sue Crompton
Wed	Rookie	2:00 PM	12-15 Tables	Kim Neale
	Rookie	7:00 PM	5-10 Tables	Kim Neale
	Open	10.00 AM	12-18 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	Ronnie Ng
	Open	1.30 PM	15-21 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Thur	Rookie	2:00 PM	10-20 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	7:00 PM	8-15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
	Open	10.00 AM	7-15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
	Supervised	10:30 AM	New Trial	Kay Moyes
Fri	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
	Open	10.00 AM	10-20 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
Sat	Open	1.30 PM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	8-12 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open (Imp Scored)	7:00pm	New Trial	
	Open	10.00 AM	New Trial	
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	20-30 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	6-10 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	10.00 AM	New Trial	
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
	Open	1:30 PM	Reopened	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	2:00 PM	New Trial	



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**Liam Milne**

Have you been playing more online bridge over the last few weeks? Us too!

## NEW: [North Shore Online Winter Congress](#)

**BREAKING NEWS:** NSBC has just received permission from the NSWBA to run a two-day congress on RealBridge on 7-8 August! With Orange Bridge Club sadly having to cancel their congress on that weekend, North Shore will be running a full weekend of bridge with both Open and Restricted/Novice events to suit all. [Check out the flyer here to see all the details.](#)

Stay safe and enjoy your bridge.

**Liam Milne**

New & Special Daytime Events on RealBridge
New Rookie Sessions being Opened on <b>Tues-Sun @ 10:30am</b>
New Restricted+Rookie Sessions Opened on <b>Monday mornings @ 10:00am</b>
New Open Sessions Sat, Sun <b>mornings @ 10:00am</b>
New Open <b>IMP Scored</b> Sessions Fri evening <b>@ 7pm</b>
Thursday Open Competition Nights - Booking required via website
<b>Underway</b> - July 8th, 15th & 22nd Thursday Night - " <b>Club Open Pairs Championship</b> " <b>3 Nights</b> red points & Good cash prizes.
July 29th, 5th, 12th, 19th August Thursday Night - " <b>Club Open Teams Championship</b> " <b>4 Nights</b> red points & Good cash prizes.
Stratified Pairs - Deferred to start on 28/Aug for 4 weeks



## Open Thursday Night Tournaments

Online Open Mini Swiss - 1st July		VPS	WLD
1 - \$200	Patrick Neary & John Scotford	51	4-0-1
2 - \$100	Witold Chylewski & Wieslaw Przewozniak	43	4-0-1
3 - \$50	Brenda Kaplan & Helene Jacobson	39	3-0-2



## Leaders- Open Club MP Championships

57th Club Open Pairs Championship - Leaders after 2 rounds		MP
1	Wayne Zhu & Yixiang Zhang	1959
2	Bob Sebesfi & Richard Douglas	1939
3	Witold Chylewski & Wieslaw Przewozniak	1927
4	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	1918



## June Masterpoint Promotions

### From 2-074 (East Lindfield):

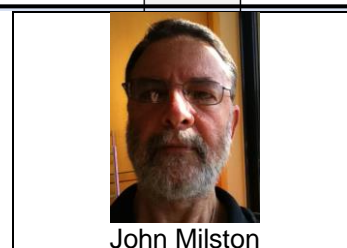
Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of June 2021
Olevson, Janice	EL	State
Tennant, Pierre	EL	Regional

Janice

Pierre

### And from 2-120 (North Ryde)

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of June 2021
Soh, Shirley	NR	Bronze State
Milston, John	NR	Bronze State
Rogers, Robyn	NR	State
Story, Elizabeth	NR	State
Belcher, Sandra	NR	Regional
Chisholm, Don	NR	Regional
Campbell, Eric	NR	Regional
Rutkowski, Sue	NR	Silver Local
Thompson, Sharon	NR	Silver Local
Sandler, Glenda	NR	Bronze Local
Craig, Anne	NR	Local
Galgut, Sharon	NR	Local
Cassin, Peter	NR	Club
Burton, Peter	NR	Graduate





## Suit Preference Signals

*By Pat O'Connor*

Extract from Pat's Book – "Demystifying Defense".

We are sitting West. Our hand is:

♠975 ♥2 ♦8642 ♣65432.

We have had much better hands!

Standard Bidding			
West	North	East (D)	South
		1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
Bidding Notes			
1♥	5+♥, normal opening		
1♠	5+♠, Sound overcall		
3♠	3+♠, Limit raise		

Partner deals, and opens 1♥, South overcalls 1♠, we pass and North raises to 3♣. All pass, and it is our lead. It seems that our only hope is to lead our singleton in partner's suit, ♥2.

North	
♠ J864	
♥ K95	
♦ QJ3	
♣ A98	
West	
♠ 975	
♥ 2	
♦ 8642	
♣ 65432	

On our lead dummy plays low and partner wins with the ♥A as declarer plays the ♥6. Partner continues with the ♥J on which South plays the ♥3. We ruff with the ♠5 and you must decide what to do next.

*Is there any significance in partner's return of the ♥J?*

This is the classic situation in which a suit preference signal is used. Partner wants to tell us which suit to return. The way to do it is to return a high card to indicate the higher of the other two suits (diamonds) or a low card to show the lower suit (clubs).

*Which suit is partner indicating with the ♥J?*

It is a high card, so partner is showing diamonds. We now lead the ♦8, a high card indicating that we have no help in the suit and partner wins with the ♦A.

Partner then leads the ♥4 and declarer follows with the ♥Q. We gratefully ruff with the ♠7. That is four tricks to the good guys!

*Is there any significance in partner's return of the ♥4?*

Partner is now asking for a switch to the lower suit, clubs. So, we lead a club and declarer eventually loses another club trick and goes down.

## The Full Deal

North		East (D)	
	♠ J864		♠ 2
	♥ K95		♥ AJT874
	♦ QJ3		♦ AT9
	♣ A98		♣ KQJ
West	South		
♠ 975	♠ AKQT3		
♥ 2	♥ Q63		
♦ 8642	♦ K75		
♣ 65432	♣ T7		
3♠/S Lead ♥2			Vul Nil Dir: E

Despite our poor hand we managed to hold declarer to eight tricks. If we had made the wrong switch at the third trick, declarer would have made the contract.

## Post Mortem

This deal shows the power of the suit preference signal.



This article was based on a Bridge feed article “**Playing Keep Away**” by

**Pat Harrington.**

[Link to full article](#)

Previously, we have learned about how dangerous our opponents are. Sometimes only one opponent is dangerous, sometimes it is both, and sometimes neither opponent is particularly threatening. We have learned to diminish the threat of a dangerous opponent by holding up on the opening lead or by playing to keep the danger hand off lead. Let us see how “keep away” works on the next two deals.

North	You are South, in 3NT.  West leads the ♥5 and East plays the ♥Q.  How do you plan to make this contract?
♠ T64 ♥ T7 ♦ 9732 ♣ AJ65	
South	
♠ AKQ ♥ A82 ♦ AK5 ♣ KT92	

## Preliminary Analysis

Count winners: 3♠+1♥+2♦+2♣. 1 short

Count losers: 2+♥, maybe ♣Q, ♦x

Strategy for 9 Tricks

- The best place to do that is in clubs. A winning finesse can be repeated to make an overtrick, but even a losing finesse may work for 9 tricks.
- The only concern is that a defender will win the ♣Q and run enough hearts to set you.
- Holding up on winning the ♥A can create a safe opponent to finesse into.

## Solution

You are not sure from the lead how the hearts will split, but it is reasonable to assume that West started with four or five of them. If the missing hearts split 4–4, there is

nothing to fear. The most the defenders can win is three hearts and the ♣Q.

A holdup play caters to a 5–3 or 6–2 heart split. Let the defenders win the first two heart tricks. It is now safe to let East (with short hearts) gain the lead, which tells you how to play clubs.

You have a two-way finesse for the ♣Q and should finesse to keep the dangerous opponent, West, off lead. Finesse West for the ♣Q. You should make 3NT whether the finesse wins or loses.

Here is the complete deal.

North		East
West		
♠ J72 ♥ KJ954 ♦ T6 ♣ Q74	♠ T64 ♥ T7 ♦ 9732 ♣ AJ65	♠ 9853 ♥ Q63 ♦ QJ84 ♣ 83
South		Vul Nil Dir: South
3NT/S Lead ♥5	♠ AKQ ♥ A82 ♦ AK5 ♣ KT92	

Notice that you actually guessed the ♣Q correctly, but you would still have made your contract if the finesse had lost to East.

Finessing clubs, the other way will lead to declarer's demise. The defenders win four hearts and the ♣Q.

North	Now try this one.  You are South, in 3NT. West leads the ♣5 and East plays the ♣J.  How do you make this contract?
♠ AKQ3 ♥ 54 ♦ AJ9 ♣ T642	
South	
♠ 76 ♥ K63 ♦ KT852 ♣ AK9	

## Preliminary Analysis

Count winners 3♠+2♦+2♣. 2 tricks short

Count losers: ♥A, maybe ♦Q, ♣x

Strategy for 9 tricks.

- Two more tricks must be developed in diamonds.

- Is there any concern about losing the lead? You decide the safe way to play diamonds. Finesse East for the ♦Q, although you do not need it to win to make 3NT.

## Solution

The important thing is that West, if he wins the ♦Q, cannot hurt you in any suit. Here is the complete deal.

North		East	
♠ AKQ3	♥ 54	♠ J954	♥ QJT9
♦ AJ9	♣ T642	♦ Q743	♣ J7
South		Vul Nil	
♠ 76	♥ K63	Dir: South	
♦ KT852	♣ AK9		
West			
♠ T82	♥ A872		
♦ 6	♣ Q8753		
3NT/S			
Lead ♣5			

If you finesse diamonds the other way, East will have no trouble switching to the ♥Q. Your ♥K will be trapped and 3NT goes down.

Do not get the wrong idea from these examples. You guessed the queen each time, but that was not your main objective. You could afford to lose a trick to the queen as long as it was lost to the **safe opponent**. You would still have made 3NT if West had held the ♦Q.

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Brent was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article. Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website. [Link to the original Article](#)

## Rookie Challenge Hand - Solution

North		Standard Bidding			
♠ K742	♥ A76	West	North	East	South (D)
♦ Q65	♣ JT2				1NT
		Pass	3NT	All Pass	
South (D)		Bidding Notes			
♠ AQJ	♥ KT2	1NT	15-17 Bal		
♦ J73	♣ KQ75	3NT	To Play		

This deal is from an intermediate class on entries. Against your standard three notrump Contract by south, West starts the defence by leading the ♥Q.

## Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 4♠+2♥+force 3♣ = 9 looks OK

Top Losers: ♦AK and ♠A

What is your best plan for getting to nine tricks?

## Solution

T1 West leads the ♥Q, and all the classroom declarers **failed to make the contract!** All took the first trick in hand with the ♥K and thereafter did not have the entries to make the 3NT contract (thanks to the teacher's instructing all the Wests to take the ♣A on the third round of the suit).

In the review, the teacher explained that you should make four tricks in spades, two in hearts and three in clubs, provided that the **entries were used appropriately**. The teacher continued by pointing out that if declarer is to make certain of three club tricks, he may need a side-suit entry to into hand, to cash an established final club winner. So, considering that the spade suit will need to be unblocked if declarer is to make four tricks when the suit is not 3-3 (as



expected), the only late entry to the closed hand will be in hearts. Accordingly, the teacher pointed out that the correct play:

- T1 West leads the ♥Q and the first trick must be won with dummy's ♥A.
- T2-4 The next move must be to cash the three blocked spade winners ♠AQJ in hand.
- T5 You then followed by a low club to dummy's ♣T which holds as West keeps control.
- T6 After cashing the high ♠K and throwing a low diamond ♦3 from hand.
- T7 You continue with the ♣J. Which West again allows to hold.
- T8 When you play a third club ♣2 to the ♣Q and West wins the ♣A.
- T9 West now shifts to a diamond. East winning the trick with the ♦A.
- T10 East switches to a heart. But you rise with ♥K.
- T11 You cash the ♠K: You made four spades, two hearts and three clubs for a total of nine tricks and the contract.

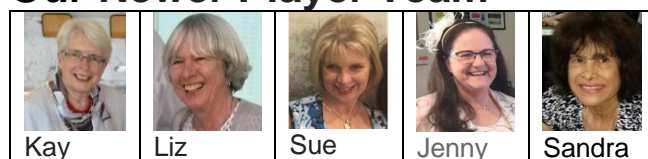
The full deal:

West		North	East
♠ 93		♠ K742	♠ T865
♥ QJ95		♥ A76	♥ 843
♦ K98		♦ Q65	♦ AT42
♣ A983		♣ JT2	♣ 64
3NT/S Lead ♥Q		South (D)	Vul All Dir: South
		♠ AQJ	
		♥ KT2	
		♦ J73	
		♣ KQ75	

## Congress Opportunities

- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> **Sydney Bridge Centre** – Online (BBO) Charity Pairs is planning Restricted & Rookie sections.
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> **Peninsula** Online (BBO) Swiss Pairs is offering a Restricted Prize.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> **NSBC** Restricted Matchpoint Pairs
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> **NSBC** Restricted Swiss Pairs

## Our Newer Player Team



The club has introduced many new sessions for the newer players, see below, or follow this link for the latest session schedule:

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

## Supervised Sessions (on RealBridge):

- Mondays at 7pm
- Tuesdays at 10:30am
- A new session, Thursdays at 2pm**

## July Supervised Results

Date	NSBC Event	Tables	Pos	July Supervised Winners	Score
5-Jul	M 7pm Supervised	6	NS	Andrea & Anthony Frankel	70%
			EW	Louise James & Kathy Cocks	65%
6-Jul	Tu 10:30am Supervised	5	NS	Sandra Nori & Jacqui Lowe	60%
			EW	Cathy Widdup & Belinda Clark	60%
12-Jul	M 7pm Supervised	7	NS	Oonagh Roles & Eamonn Roles	66%
			EW	Sandra Nori & Sandra Da Silva	60%
13-Jul	Tu 10:30am Supervised	6	NS	Marion Nicklin & Maxine Foster	59%
			EW	Alan Kaye & Ann Pettigrew TD	61%
15-Jul	Th New Supervised		NS	Judith Dutton & Anne Cooper	59%
			EW	Peter Hewitt & Lydia Merrill	60%

## Rookie Sessions (on RealBridge):

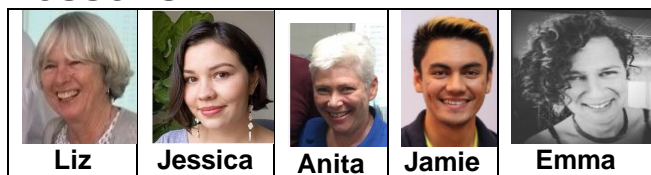
- Mondays at 2pm
- A new session, Tuesdays at 10:30am**
- Tuesdays at 2pm and 7pm
- A new session, Wednesdays at 10:30am**
- Wednesdays at 2pm
- A new session, Thursdays at 10:30am**
- A new session, Fridays at 10:30am**
- A new session, Saturdays at 10:30am**
- A new session, Sundays at 10:30am**
- A new session, Sundays at 2pm**

## Restricted Sessions (on RealBridge):

- A new session, Mondays at 10am**
- Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 1:30pm



## Lessons



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

## Emma - Introduction to Bridge

Have any of your friends or family been curious about your Bridge? Satisfy their curiosity and get them into the wonderful game that is bridge, with lessons now starting **16<sup>th</sup> August at both EL and NR Venues** – Covid willing. Contact Kay Moyes, on [moyes\\_kay@hotmail.com](mailto:moyes_kay@hotmail.com)

**Beginners with Emma Barnes - F2F**  
**August 2021 Program**

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

**For more information, - Email**

	Date	Lesson Topic
1	Mon 16th Aug 10am @ EL	Week 1 / 6
	Mon 16th Aug 7pm @ NR	
2	Mon 23rd Aug 10am @ EL	Week 2 / 6
	Mon 23rd Aug 7pm @ NR	

**Costs \$99 - 6 Lessons & Materials**

## Anita – Intermediate

**NSBC Intermediate schedule – July-Oct 2021: 10am on Fridays currently ON-LINE**

To register, email Anita: [ac210927@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ac210927@bigpond.net.au)

Members: \$17. Non-members: \$20.

**Hand analysis** is the best way to improve ALL your skills at bridge. Bid & play 8 different hands, focusing on bidding, declarer play & defensive techniques. The level of the session can be seen via the number after it (ascending order).

**Broaden Your Game (BYG):** aspiring intermediate players who play in Rookies/Restricted.

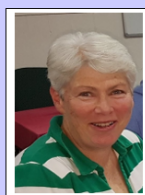
**Intermediate:** aspiring open players or those with considerable experience in Restricted.

Date	Lesson Topic	Description
Jul-16	Hand Analysis 27	8 challenging hands - advanced players
Jul-23	To cover an honour or not?	Defence - BYG
Jul-30	Gentle Hand Analysis 9 F2F/video	8 hands for aspiring intermediate players
Aug-06	Overcalling with 2 suited hands: Michaels cue bids & Unusual 2NT	BYG/Intermediate bidding
Aug-13		NO LESSON
Aug-20	Make the pressure bid	BYG/Intermediate competitive bidding
Aug-27		NO LESSON
Sep-03	Gentle Hand Analysis 20	8 hands for BYG/intermediate players
Sep-10	Get back into the bidding: balancing & re-opening doubles	A must to succeed in competitive bidding for intermediate/BYG players
Sep-17	Gentle Hand Analysis 10 F2F/video	8 hands for aspiring intermediate players

[Link to Anita's Intermediate Schedule](#)

## Anita – Develop Your Skills

**NSBC ONLINE Develop Your Skills July - October 2021 Program**  
**WEDNESDAYS at 2pm with Anita Curtis**



**Develop Your Skills (DYS)** is aimed at players who have completed the Build on the Basics course or who have been playing for at least one year. Bidding, declarer play & defence are all targeted, as well as hand analysis to consolidate skills learnt. These lessons will be held **on-line** until we are able to return to **face to face** at our East Lindfield venue **or** you can watch the video. The course will continue until **January, 2022**.

Date	Lesson Topic
July 14	Interference over 1NT
July 21	We're going to Slam – Blackwood
July 28	They aren't going to steal this contract (over pre-empts)
Aug 4	I CAN support you but not now! (Delayed raises – the "Canberra convention")
Wed Aug 11	Managing Entries – declarer play
Wed Aug 18	Let's get into the bidding – Weak Jump Overcalls
Wed Aug 25	Whose hand is it? One more for the road? (Competitive bidding)
Wed Sep 1	DYS Hand analysis 1 – practise what you have learnt
Wed Sep 8	Signalling is Legal (defence)
Wed Sep 15	Brilliant switches (defence) with Liz W
Wed Sep 22 & 29 NO LESSONS	

[Link to Anita's Develop Your Skills schedule](#)

## Jessica – Build on Basics

### Build on the Basics - Semester 2 Program

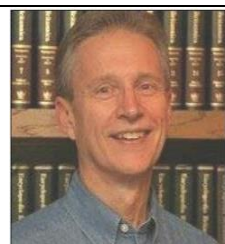
This course will suit those who have been playing bridge for around 3-6 months, or have come back after a long break. The two 1-Hour lessons are held on **ZOOM at 10am Sydney time** on Wednesdays (Part 1) and Thursdays (Part 2). The cost covers both hour sessions. Each lesson is recorded, so you do not 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 **July/Aug Lessons** are listed below.

**For more information, or to Register - Email**  
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	Date	Lesson topic
1	July 14-15	1NT & 2NT Opening
2	July 21-22	Opener's NT Rebids
3	July 28-29	Supporting Opener's Major
4	Aug 4-5	Shortage Points & ruff in the short trump hand
5	Aug 11-12	Responders Priorities
6	Aug 18-19	Managing Entries & Review

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

[Link to Jessica's Build on the Basics schedule](#)



**Brent Manley**

Brent was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor. This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article "**The Right View**". Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website.

[Link to the original Article](#)

## Open Challenge Hand Solution

North		Standard Bidding			
♠ AT		West (D)	North	East	South
♥ AJT3		Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
♦ KJ875		Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ A2					
South		Bidding Notes			
♠ 874		1♦	4+d. Opening Hand		
♥ 962		1NT	6-9 bal no 4 card major		
♦ A4		3NT	to play		
♣ KJT74					

### The Bidding:

You are playing in a Teams game sitting south. Your Partner opened 1♦ (4+♦) and you responded 1NT (6-9 Bal). Partner takes a liking to this semi-balance 17hcp and bids the 3NT game!

Both North players in this teams' game made the same aggressive drive to game, to what turned out to be quite dodgy! The lead was the same at both tables, a fourth highest ♠3.

### Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 1♠+1♥+2♦+2♣ = only 6 **Lots of work!**

Top Losers; none, but too many deep losers.

- T1 Both declarers played dummy's ♠T at trick one. Both Easts took the trick with ♠K
- T2 Then both Easts returned the ♠J, suggesting that the spade suit was originally 5-3 as West played the ♠2, and you win with your ♠A.

Strategies for 9 tricks

- One of the minors must come in for 5 tricks to make this game!

With six cards outstanding in a suit and you have the AK.

3 – 3	36%	x 1/2	Q on the right side
4 – 2	48%	x 2/6	Short Qx any hand
5 – 1	15%	x 1/6	Single Q drops
6 – 0	1%		losing combination

How should declarer proceed at trick three?

### Your Solution

You as declarer decided that his best chance for nine tricks lay in the club suit rather than diamonds. So:

T3 You cashed the ♣A.

T4 You led a ♣2 to the ♣J. but West won this with the ♣Q.

T5-7 West then cashed three top -spade tricks to defeat your contract.

Your partners came back to your table and scored up the board.

You	3NT/S ♠3 Lead	<b>-50</b>
They	3NT/S ♠3 Lead	<b>-600</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>		<b>-650 -12 Imps</b>

Your partners said there was nothing they could do to defeat the contract! The declarer at the other table was a more experienced operator. He knew that in this type of situation it was normal to cash the ace and king of one of the minors and, if the relevant queen did not appear, use the fallback position of working on the other minor for five tricks.

As a doubleton queen diamonds would yield only one extra trick in diamonds compared to three extra in clubs. So, the expert declarer:

T3 Declarer cashed the ♣A

T4 Then cashed the ♣K, and when the ♣Q fell, he had nine tricks — the major-suit aces, the two top diamonds and **five clubs**.

What are the odds of the plays chosen by the two declarers? On the assumption that the spades are indeed 5-3.

Your line (♣A and Club finesse if east does not drop the ♣Q) has about a one-in-four chance of success.

You Win if

Single ♣Q drops 15% x 1/6 = 2%  
 ♣Qx with East 48% x 2/6 x 50%(East) = 8%  
 ♣Qxx with East 36% x 50% = 18%  
 Your Total Win% = 2% + 8% + 18% = **28%**

The second expert declarer's combination play (Cash ♣AK and then if ♣Q has not dropped take the Finesse in diamonds) raised his chance of making nine tricks to over one-in-three.

Expert Wins if

Single ♣Q drops 15% x 1/6 = 2%  
 ♣Qx Drops East or West hand 48% x 2/6 = 16%  
 ♦Qxx with West 36% x 50%(west) = 18%  
 Total Win% = 2% + 16% + 18% = **36%**

The full deal:

West (d)		North	East
♠ Q6532		♠ AT	♠ KJ9
♥ 754		♥ AJT3	♥ KQ8
♦ T92		♦ KJ875	♦ Q63
♣ Q8		♣ A2	♣ 9653
3NT/S Lead ♠3		South	Vul All Dir: West
		♠ 874	
		♥ 962	
		♦ A4	
		♣ KJT74	

## Congress Scene

### Members Congress Successes

MasterBridge			
July Open Swiss MP Pairs (17T)		VPS	W-L-D
1	David Fryda & David Hudson	62	5-0-1
2=	Mathew Vadas & George Fleischer	50	3-1-2
2=	Bijan Assae & Alexis Ngan	50	4-2-0



David Fryda



David Hudson

Trumps Teams on BBO		VPs
1	Susan Humphries, <b>Jessica Brake</b> , Avi Kanetkar, Ron Klinger	89
2	<b>Margaret Foster</b> , Colin Clifford, Kinga Moses, Nazife Bashar	81
3=	<b>Joe Barda</b> , Gisela Fletcher, Eva Shand, Les Varadi	78
3=	Peter Livesey, <b>Peter Gill</b> , Renda Zhang, Tim Kiss	78

NSWBA City of Sydney Teams		Imp
1	<b>Martin Bloom</b> , Nigel Rosendorff, <b>Liz Adams</b> , <b>Peter Gill</b>	40
2	Peter Buchen, <b>Avril Zets</b> , <b>Wayne Zhu</b> , <b>Yixiang Zhang</b>	38



Martin



Liz



Peter



Jessica

## Congress Calendars

### NSWBA – [Link to Calendar](#)

Sydney Bridge Centre Online Charity Swiss Pairs	Jul 17 (Sat)
Finesse Murder Mystery Pairs	Jul 19 (Mon)
State Online Veterans Pairs - CANCELLED	Jul 23 (Fri)
Peninsula Bridge Club Online Swiss Pairs	Jul 25 (Sun)
NSWBA State Open Teams Qualifying (Online)	Jul 26 (Mon)
Individual	Jul 31 (Sat)
AUGUST 2021	
MasterBridge Online August Swiss Pairs	Aug 1 (Sun)
State Wide Pairs	Aug 1 (Sun)
North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Open Congress	
Teams Stage I	Aug 7 (Sat)
Swiss Pairs	Aug 8 (Sun)
Teams Final	Aug 8 (Sun)
North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Restricted Congress	
Matchpoint Pairs	Aug 7 (Sat)
Swiss Pairs	Aug 8 (Sun)

### ABF – [Link to Calendar](#)

Coffs Coast Gold Congress – Coffs Harbour – CANCELLED	August 10-15
Australia Wide Open Pairs	August 25-31
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne	August 26-29
Territory Gold Bridge Festival – Alice Springs	September 8-12
HGR Memorial Congress – Perth	September 18-19
NZ National Congress – Mt Maunganui	September 25 – October 2
Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival	October 1-4 (TBC)
Spring Nationals – Sydney	October 13-22





# North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Congress



RealBridge

**10am, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Restricted/Novice and Open events on both days**

\$25 per player each day

Start 10am, finish 4:30pm most events

Played online on RealBridge

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## Two Open events

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August*

### Online Winter Open Teams Stage 1

- Six nine-board matches, IMP scoring
- Top 6 teams qualify for Sunday final (withdrawals permitted)

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August*

### Online Winter Open Swiss Pairs

- Six nine-board matches, IMP scoring
- **1<sup>st</sup> \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100**

### Online Winter Open Teams Final

- Round robin final between top 6 teams
- **1<sup>st</sup> \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$200**
- Open Teams final finishes approx. 5:15pm

## Two Restricted/Novice events

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August*

### Online Restricted Matchpoint Pairs

- Two 27-board sessions, matchpoints
- **1<sup>st</sup> \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$120, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$80**
- ♥ Prizes awarded for best Novice pairs

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August*

### Online Winter Restricted Swiss Pairs

- Six nine-board matches, IMP scoring
- **1<sup>st</sup> \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$120, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$80**
- ♥ Prizes awarded for best Novice pairs

Restricted (all players <300 MP) and Novice (all players <100 MP) determined as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

North Shore Bridge Club reserves the right to deem players ineligible for restricted and novice classifications and adjust prize money based on player numbers.

Enter via the NSWBA website:

[North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Open Congress](#)

[North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Restricted Congress](#)

💰 Pay your entry in advance using our [Payments Portal](#) 💰

NSBC members can pay on the day using their prepaid (PP) accounts

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