



NSBC Newsletter



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NSW Lockdown Continues

NSW again extends the lockdown by another **4 weeks at least!** Hence the closure of our F2F venues, East Lindfield and North Ryde RSL, will continue. We played a total of **1942 Tables** on RealBridge in July. NSBC has expanded RealBridge regular playing sessions. We are also running

- **Club Teams Championship** on Thursday nights.
- **Online Winter Congress** (Open & Restricted Events) on 7/8 August
- **Online Teams Congress** on 22/Aug.

Links to other Newsletters

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ABF's [ABF Newsletter](#)

Our Club Session Results

These are updated regularly on our website.

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- [RB results](#)
- [July Monthly winners list](#)

Editors Comments

This Newsletter (start of month) will include more on **Open Bridge** player articles, whilst the *Mid-Month Update* will include on more **upcoming player** bridge articles.

Open Challenge Hand 1 (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints
♠ K864	Uncontested Auction
♥ K87	
♦ 98	Assuming you can bid to the par 4♠ contract
♣ KT32	
South (D)	
♠ AQT932	West leads ♦Q which East wins with the ♦A, then returns the ♦7.
♥ 632	
♦ K	What is your best line to make 4♠?
♣ AQ7	

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Open Challenge Hand 2 (Bid and Play)

North (D)	Matchpoints
♠ KQ5	All non Vul
♥ Q94	East will make a weak 2♥ jump.
♦ K64	
♣ AT74	Assuming you can bid to the par 6♠ contract
South	
♠ AJ983	West leads ♥2 What is your best line to make 6♠?
♥ A	
♦ AJ83	
♣ KQ6	

Open Challenge Hand 3 (Bid and Play)

North	Matchpoints
♠ 83	NS Vul
♥ 32	EW do not contest your auction.
♦ 87653	
♣ AK74	Assuming you reach the 4♠ game, West leads ♦Q.
South (D)	
♠ AKJT94	What is your plan to make this contract?
♥ Q64	
♦ AK	
♣ 86	



Update from the President

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David Fryda

Dear Members,

When I wrote to you in June, I had no idea that a month later we would still be looking at face-to-face bridge being unavailable. I fear that when I sit down to write my next article, we may still be looking at an uncertain timing for the end of lockdown, but I will try not to think those negative thoughts.

On the plus side we are all so fortunate to have such a strong online presence at NSBC and an amazing team of managers, directors, teachers, and support staff with such great skills. It means that we have seamlessly (well almost) transitioned our bridge games to be one hundred percent online for the moment. It wasn't that long ago we were considering the move from BBO to RealBridge and personally I must say I think it makes the playing experience so much better in these lockdown days to be able to see and hear you all as we play. I know from my chats that most of you feel the same way.

I want to give a big shout out to Gary and Liam as well. We are so lucky to have them both managing our club for us. They are expertly and enthusiastically steering us through the highs and lows of playing bridge during a pandemic. This is evidenced by the number of players we are attracting from other clubs around the country to both our regular sessions and congress events. It is great to see we have had record numbers of players across more sessions than we have ever offered. We are now not only Australia's largest bridge club by members we clearly have the highest number of players playing online!

It would be remiss of me not to mention the teaching team as well. I know that those amongst us who are relatively early in their bridge playing career are thankful of being able to continue to develop their skills. And the groups who took Emma's beginners classes earlier this year have also been able to continue during lockdown with online lessons and supervised play!

The current lockdown, caused by the Delta variant, has created another set of inputs for the club to consider. Your committee agreed at its most recent meeting to consider:

- The viability of the North Ryde venue
- A policy with regard to vaccinations
- How much playing space we would require at the Chatswood premises?
- The club's medium to long term strategy given the significant changes imposed by COVID

These matters are all in addition to several others that are a work-in-progress!

I encourage all members with views on the above topics to feel free to reach out to Liam, Gary, or me or to any of the committee members for that matter.

Finally, I provided you all with an update last month on the property situation. Unfortunately, not much has happened in the past month as the lockdown has slowed our progress. I am waiting on the Owner's Corporation for the building in Thomas Street to complete their actions, once that is done, we will submit to Council.

Happy bridging!

David



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Gary Barwick

♠ **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, (**42 Tables in an open July session!**) so to provide you with even more opportunities to play, 12 new sessions were introduced. Some have been withdrawn due to lack of interest. Please visit our [RealBridge Sessions](#) page on the NSBC website to see the new RB session times.

♣ RealBridge Weekly Schedule

Covid Daily "NSBC Online" Expanded RealBridge Sessions				
Day	Session	Play Start	Session Size	Director
Mon	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	10.00 AM	5 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Malcolm Martin
	Rookie	2:00 PM	25 Tables	Alan Pike
	Supervised	7:00 PM	5 Tables	Jenny Barnes
Tue	Open (Mini Duplicate)	7:30 PM	6 tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	10.00 AM	17 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	10:30 AM	5 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Kay Moyes
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Sue Crompton
Wed	Rookie	2:00 PM	20 Tables	Kim Neale
	Rookie	7:00 PM	10 Tables	Kim Neale
	Open	10.00 AM	18 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Rookie	10:30AM	5 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Thur	Rookie	2:00 PM	28 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	7:00 PM	15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10:30 AM	7 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Angie Boulton
Fri	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	15 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Supervised	2pm	6 Tables	Allan Pike
	Open Competition	7:00 PM	30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10:30 AM	7 Tables	
Sat	Open	1.30 PM	22 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	12 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open (Imp Scored)	7:00pm	Trial	
	Open	10.00 AM	no Interest	Closed
	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Jenny Barnes
Sun	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
	Open	1:30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	10.00 AM	no Interest	Closed
	Rookie	10:30 AM	no Interest	Closed
	Open	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	2:00 PM	8 Tables	Brian Soutter

🖥 **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 😊.

♦ Major Competitions on Thursday Nights

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

Starting in late August we have the [Club BAM \(Board a Match\) Teams](#)



7th Club BAM (Board a Match) Teams Championship

RealBridge in 2021

1st \$600, 2nd \$300 3rd \$150, 4th \$80,

4 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm

26th Aug, 2nd 9th & 16th September



Information about all Thursday night events can be found on our new [Thursday Night Events](#) web page on the website.

♦ Major Daytime Competitions

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

The **Stratified Pairs** has been postponed because of the extended lockdown.

The [RB Open Pairs Championship](#) will be played on Wednesdays from 11th Aug in the 1:30 Open Sessions for 3 weeks. No formal entry, but with **cash prizes** and the winner gets the **option** of representing NSBC in the "State Open Pairs" final at the NSWBA in November.



RB Open Pairs Championship

Prizes 1st \$100 + SOP, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60

3 Wednesday Sessions: 1:30pm

11th, 18th, 25th Aug



♣ Require a Partner?

If you are looking for someone to play with on normal RealBridge sessions, 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 very welcome, members can pay for a guest via their 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.

🖥 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.



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Liam Milne

Hi everyone,

With face-to-face bridge on hold, my job description has changed a bit, but there is still plenty of work to do and I am keeping busy from home.

One thing that I have been working on is a new event that many of you will have seen mentioned or promoted: our upcoming **Online Winter Congress**. This event has been organised at relatively short notice in response to the ongoing lack of face-to-face competitions, but we have a top-notch team running this event. Matthew McManus is our chief tournament director and scorer, we have Ronnie Ng as a second tournament director and the convenors are Gary Barwick and myself.

Dates: 7-8 August

Venue: RealBridge

Table fees: \$25 per player each day

For our two Open events, Saturday has the Open Teams Stage 1. This is a six-round Swiss event which can be played as a one-day congress but also qualifies the top six teams to the Teams Final on Sunday. Also on Sunday, we are offering an Open Swiss Pairs in the

usual six-match format. [Click here for more info and to enter.](#)

Restricted Online Winter Congress

As well as the Open events, we are committed to providing our Restricted and Rookie players with plenty of congress opportunities. On Saturday 7th August, we have our Restricted Matchpoint Pairs, while on Sunday 8th August there is our Restricted Swiss Pairs. **You do not need previous congress experience and both of these events are suitable for Rookies!** [You can see more information about these Restricted/Novice events by clicking this link.](#)

EL Online Teams Congress

The NSBC East Lindfield Swiss Teams congress was scheduled for 22 August. Based on recent COVID-19 developments, have made the decision to move this event online to our RealBridge platform. [Enter online through the NSWBA website.](#)



Online Swiss Teams

Now on RealBridge

Host Club: [NSBC@Lindfield](#)

Guaranteed Prizes 1st \$400, 2nd \$200 3rd \$140

Best Restricted Team <300MP Best Rookie Team <100MP
Other Prizes are dependent on Entries

Sunday 22nd August

2 Session Event: 10am Start

I trust you are enjoying your bridge online and I hope to see you at our upcoming online congresses.

Liam Milne

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Call for interest – NSBC Welfare Officer

North Shore Bridge Club is reviving the role of our Welfare Officers. This volunteer position will help our club to stay in touch with and keep an eye out for members who have fallen ill, been hospitalised, or suffered bereavement. Would you be able to help?

If you have the gentle touch required to help us out, or if you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with Elana Kohn at elana@eventity.com.au.

NSBC Club Administration

✚ **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.

✚ Snapshot NSBC Memberships Statistics

2021 NSBC Memberships	NSBC Home Club	Other Home Club
2-120 NR	1096	205
2-074 EL	380	29
Online Members		13
Sub Total	1476	247
Grand Total	1723	

✚ **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.



NSBC Tournament Chairman

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John McIlrath

The Club 2021 Tournament Programme



The table below shows the adjusted club major events program following the **VCC cancellation** over the run up to Christmas. This program is subject to change with the Covid lockdowns.

CC	Sess	Date	When	Venue	NSBC 2021 CC Events List
17	1/4	29-Jul	Thursday Night	RB	NSBC Club Teams Championship + (SOT Qual)
	2/4	5-Aug	Thursday Night		
	3/4	12-Aug	Thursday Night		
	4/4	19-Aug	Thursday Night		
	4	8-Aug	Winter Teams Congress	RB	Winter Teams Congress
	2	8-Aug	Restr Pairs	RB	Winter - Restricted Pairs
	2	9-Aug	Restr Swiss Pairs	RB	Winter - Restr Swiss Pairs
	2	9-Aug	Winter Swiss Pairs Congress	RB	Winter Swiss Pairs Championship
16	2x	22-Aug	Sun Daytime	RB	Swiss Teams Congress has been moved online onto RealBridge.
18	1/4	26-Aug	Thursday Night	RB	BAM Teams
	2/4	2-Sep	Thursday Night		
	3/4	9-Sep	Thursday Night		
	4/4	16-Sep	Thursday Night		
20	1/3	23-Sep	Thursday Night	RB	Club Matchpointed Swiss Pairs Championship
	2/3	30-Sep	Thursday Night		
	3/3	7-Oct	Thursday Night		
19	2x	4-Oct	Mon Daytime	EL	EL Labour Day Matchpoint Congress Pairs
		14-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	Spring Nats Filler Duplicates
		21-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	
21	1/5	28-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	Club Real Mixed Teams (Qual)
	2/5	4-Nov	Thursday Night		
		11-Nov	Thursday Night	RB	Filler events for New ANC Dates
		18-Nov	Thursday Night		
		25-Nov	Thursday Night		
21	3/5	2-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	Club Real Mixed Teams (Qual)
	4/5	9-Dec	Thursday Night		
	5/5	16-Dec	Thursday Night		Finals - Club Real Mixed Teams

The Club 2022 Tournament Programme

Very difficult with the current COVID mess, but starting early planning:

- RB retained as major platform
- CH Chatswood F2F hopefully opened
- EL East Lindfield F2F venue
- NR North Ryde unsure?

The Club Championship Race

The **Club Matchpoint Pairs Championship** was completed, and CC points allocated. Current leader board with only 7 out of 21 events remaining to be played. Wayne Zhu seems to have the 2021 race stitched up!

Pos	Player	CC Points	Events played
1	Wayne Zhu	74	12
2	David Fryda	58	14
3	Peter Jeffery	52	11
4	Michael Cartmell	48	11
5	Yumin Li	44	10
6	David Weston	43	10
7	David Beauchamp	42	6
8	Yixiang Zhang	41	7

The 2021 Club Champion leader currently is **Wayne Zhu**

[Honour Board CC Winners](#)



Club Open Matchpoint Pairs Results

A field of 58 pairs played in the Open Matchpoint Pairs championships on Thursday nights in July. The winners were **Dennis Wan** with visitor **Henry Chu** (from the Pennant Hills club). They managed a big 68% score on the final night of the event to snatch victory. Well done!

Club Matchpoint Pairs Championships		MP	SOP	CC
1	\$400 Dennis Wan & Henry Chu	2868		10
2	\$200 Wayne Zhu & Yixiang (Simon) Zhang	2846	Y	7
3	\$100 Helene Pitt & Ruth Tobin	2845	Y	5
4	Tony Hutton & Malcolm Carter	2826	Y	4
5	Witold Chylewski & Wieslaw Przewozniak	2818	Y	3
6	Yumin Li & Peter Jeffery	2814	Y	2
7	William Powell & Marjorie Askew	2764	Y	1
8	Joan Butts & Joey Machotka	2758		
9	Susan Humpries & Venessa Brown	2734		
10	Bob Sebesfi & Richard Douglas	2729		



Dennis Wan



Henry Chu



Wayne Zhu



Simon Zhang



Helene Pitt



Ruth Tobin

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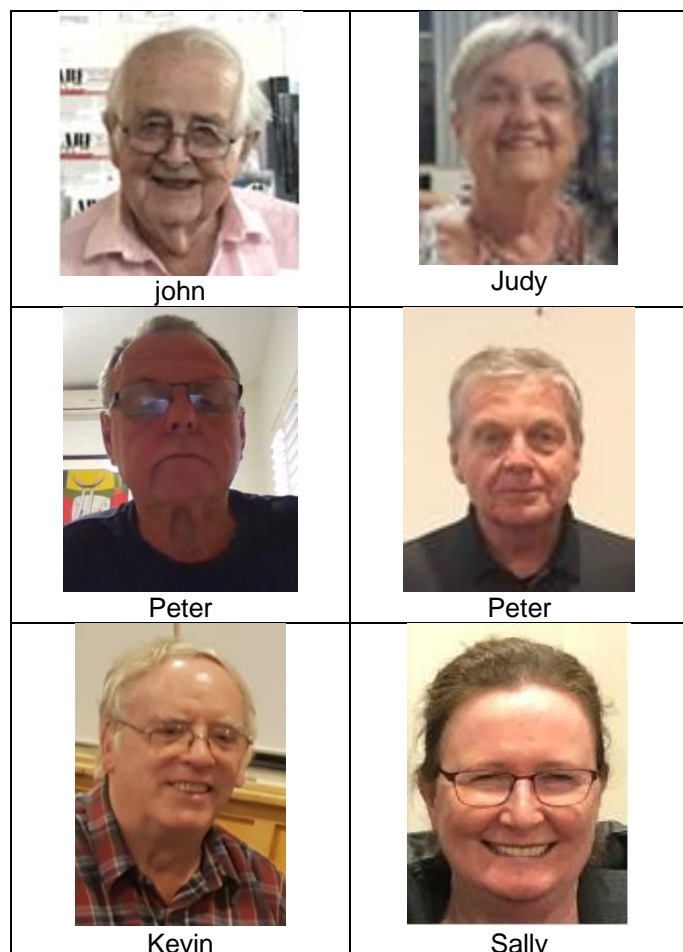
Club Session Results: Open –July Monthly Winner

- [July Monthly Full Winners List](#)

July Open Winners

Pos	July Open Monthly Winners	No. Sess	Master Pts
1	John Mottram	35	7.27
2	Judy Osie	18	6.75
3	Peter Bendelstein	37	6.74
4	Peter Robinson	33	6.09
5	Kevin Davies	24	5.8
6	Sally Clarke	20	5.66
7	Hymie Osie	30	5.18
8	Liz Wilkinson	12	5.09
9	Garry Clarke	17	4.97
10	Alasdair Beck	18	4.81

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



john

Judy

Peter

Peter

Kevin

Sally

North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Congress

10am, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th 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

Directors: Matthew McManus & Ronnie Ng
Convenors: Liam Milne & Gary Barwick
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<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/>

Two Open events

Saturday 7th August

Online Winter Open Teams Stage 1

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

Sunday 8th August

Online Winter Open Swiss Pairs

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

Online Winter Open Teams Final

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

Online Swiss Teams

Now on RealBridge



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Best Restricted Team <300MP Best Rookie Team <100MP
Other Prizes are dependent on Entries

Sunday 22nd August
2 Session Event: 10am Start

Director: **Ronnie Ng**
Convenor: **Liam Milne**

Complex Yellow Systems
are not permitted

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

2019 Winners: **George Fleischer, Anthony Burke, Ron Speiser, Andrew Peake**

Our Newer Player Team



Supervised Sessions (on RealBridge):

- Mondays at 7pm
- Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Thursdays at 2pm
- **Saturdays at 10:30am (New)**

July Supervised Results can be found on
[July Monthly Full Winners List](#)

Rookie Sessions (on RealBridge):

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

Restricted Sessions (on RealBridge):

- Mondays at 10am
- Thursdays at 1:30pm
- Fridays at 1:30pm
- Saturdays at 1:30pm

New playing sessions are being added all the time, so for the latest, check the website or follow the [link to the weekly RB schedule page](#):

Aug Congress Opportunities

- Sat 7th **NSBC** RB Restricted Matchpoint Pairs
- Sun 8th **NSBC** RB Restricted Swiss Pairs
- Sat 21st **CCBC** Restricted Swiss Pairs
- Sun 22nd **CCBC** Restricted Teams
- Sun 22nd **NSBC** RB Teams (Restricted Prize)



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◆ <https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/> ♥

Two Restricted/Novice events

Saturday 7th August

Online Restricted Matchpoint Pairs

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

Sunday 8th August

Online Winter Restricted Swiss Pairs

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

Restricted (all players <300 MP) and Novice (all players <100 MP) determined as at 1st 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.

Restricted Prizes in our Teams Congress



Online Swiss Teams

Now on RealBridge

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Best Restricted Team <300MP Best Rookie Team <100MP

Other Prizes are dependent on Entries



This article was based on a Bridge feed article “**Attack with the Jack**” by Pat Harrington.
[Link to full article](#)

You are East. South opens 1NT and is raised to 3NT by North. Partner leads the ♠J.

Assume your opening leads are standard. (You should be aware that there are other options – options that your opponents may choose) **What is your plan for defending the 3NT?**

North		East	
♠ 85		♠ K732	
♥ Q53		♥ 972	
♦ KQT84		♦ 97	
♣ KJT		♣ 8642	
Lead ♠J			

What is your play to trick one? Believe it or not, you are about to make your poor hand look even worse! On partner's lead of an honour, third hand sometimes signals to encourage or discourage that lead. We encourage with an equal honour. Is your ♠K an equal to partner's jack?

The ♠J lead shows the ♠T and possibly another high card, which could be the ♠9 or the ♠A, but it cannot be the ♠Q because we lead the top of touching honours. The lead of the ♠J denies the ♠Q. If you follow with the ♠7 to signal encouragement, declarer will win the ♠Q at trick one. Declarer may or may not deserve to win that queen. The full deal:

North		East	
♠ 85		♠ K732	
♥ Q53		♥ 972	
♦ KQT84		♦ 97	
♣ KJT		♣ 8642	
South (D)			
♠ Q64		Vul Nil Dir: S	
♥ KJT8			
♦ AJ5			
♣ AQ5			
West			
♠ AJT9			
♥ A63			
♦ 632			
♣ 973			
3NT/S Lead ♠J			

First, a note on leading top of an internal sequence, a lead that you may not yet have met. When you hold three honours with the lower two touching (including at least the '10'), you should lead the higher of the touching cards. Let's see an example.

If you play anything but the ♠K, declarer will grab the ♠Q and run eight tricks in the minors to make 3NT.

Once you realize that partner cannot have the ♠Q, you step up with your ♠K, hoping that partner also has the ace. When that holds, return a spade, and the defenders can cash four spade tricks plus the ♥A to defeat 3NT.

Here is another deal to show why the jack can be a deadly lead.

North		East	
♠ 84		♠ 752	
♥ Q43		♥ 9862	
♦ K432		♦ QT6	
♣ T632		♣ A84	
South (D)			
♠ KQ9		Vul Nil Dir: S	
♥ AKJ			
♦ A75			
♣ KQJ5			
West			
♠ AJT63			
♥ T75			
♦ J98			
♣ 97			
3NT/S Lead ♠J			

South is again declarer in 3NT. This time the ♠J opening lead does not find partner with the king or the queen, but the jack still works better than the fourth best ♠6, which would have been won by declarer's ♠9, giving declarer two sure spade stoppers.

Leading the ♠J forces declarer to win with an honour and makes declarer's holding vulnerable to attack by East. Holding up does not help declarer as long as West persists with another low spade, but that is a story for another article.

When holding three high cards in the suit you choose to lead, leading the top of a pair of touching high cards often avoids giving declarer an undeserved trick.

How does East play to the first trick? With no card that can possibly win the trick and no card equal to the card led by partner, East sends a warning with a discouraging attitude signal – the ♠2. If West gains the lead first, it would be unsafe to lead another spade.

Luckily for the defence, East gets in with the ♣A. As long as East does not assume that the ♠J is the highest card in West's suit, he will return a spade and trap declarer's remaining honour to defeat 3NT. The next time your partner attacks with a jack, stop and consider what holding partner could be leading from before you follow to the opening lead. Sometimes you signal. Sometimes you play third-hand high with two honours going on the same trick. Your play at trick one could make all the difference.



This article was based on a Bridge feed article "Rule of 11" by

Larry Cohen.
[Link to full article](#)

Rule of 11

The Rule of 11 is used for declarer play (or defence play) at trick one. It assumes that the opening lead was "4th-best."

It is usually used at notrump, when the lead is assumed to be the 4th-highest card in the suit. By subtracting from 11, the declarer can tell how many cards higher than the card led are in the other three hands. For example

	♥ J97	
♥ KT852		♥ Q
	♥ A643	

When West leads the ♥5, Declarer (South) does the following calculation:

$$11 - 5 = 6$$

So, there are 6 cards higher than the ♥5 in the three other hands (North, East, and South). South can see 5 of those 6 cards (the A,J,9,7,6). So, he knows that East has only one card higher than the 5. He can then also use bridge logic. He can assume that with ♥KQT, West would have led the king. So, probably East's one card above the 5 is one of the ♥K or ♥Q or ♥T.

Declarer (South) will probably play the ♥9 (or ♥7) from dummy, in the hopes that East's high card is the ♥K or ♥Q (twice as likely as the ♥T).

A defender can also use the Rule of 11. Say that partner leads the ♦7 in this situation:

	♦ K65	
♦ QT87		♦ AJ92
	♦ 43	

Declarer plays low from dummy. What should East do? Assuming 4th-best, East uses the Rule of 11 to get

$$11 - 7 = 4.$$

East knows there are 4 cards higher than the card led by partner, in the North, East and South hands. East can see all 4 of them (A,K,J,9). He knows that South has no card higher than the ♦7, and accordingly lets the ♦7 win the first trick so that West can continue the suit.

The Rule of 11 is reliable and easy to remember. Frankly, though, it doesn't come up very often. It is worth knowing, but don't expect to use it more than once every dozen sessions you play.

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Lessons for new Bridge Players

Unfortunately, due to the extended lockdown, the 6-week "Introduction to Bridge" course for new players has had to be delayed again. The start date is now **September 13th**. The morning session remains at East Lindfield on Mondays, while the evening session will also be on Mondays, but at North Ryde. If you know anyone who would like to learn to play, please could you encourage them to contact Kay Moyes on moyes_kay@hotmail.com. A personal referral has always been our best source of new students."

July Monthly Rookie Winners: Rookie (<100 MPs):

- [July Monthly Full Winners List](#)

Pos	Winner July Rookie (<100 MP < Bronze Regional)	No Sess	Master Pts
1	Sharon Thompson	22	3.62
2	Christine Roberts	13	3.25
3	Tien Chey	9	2.98
4	Charlie Algert	11	2.55
5	Sue Rutkowski	17	2.27
6	Marina Shteyman	17	2.09
7	Sandra Belcher	11	2.04
8	Felix Shteyman	9	2.03
9	Verity Furness	6	1.96
10	Richard Cross	8	1.93

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

July Monthly Restricted Winners:

- [July Monthly Full Winners List](#)

Pos	July Winners Restricted <300 MP < **National	No. Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	13	3.72
2	Owen Aubrey	11	3.00
3	Peter Napier	16	2.51
4	Russell Spear	16	2.51
5	Sharon Thompson	17	2.46
6	David Craig	14	2.42
7	Brian Osborne	11	2.40
8	Simon Vinson	9	2.21
9	Tien Chey	13	1.83
10	Mary Harrington	10	1.72

Restricted (<300 MPs)

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



Lessons



In 2021, our teachers are **Liz Wilkinson, Jessica Brake, Anita Curtis, 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 **13th September at both EL and NR Venues** – Covid willing. Contact Kay Moyes, on moyes_kay@hotmail.com

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

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

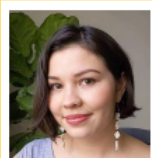
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	Date	Lesson Topic
1	Mon 13th Sept 10am @ EL	Week 1 / 6
	Mon 13th Sept 7pm @ NR	
2	Mon 20th Sept 10am @ EL	Week 2 / 6
	Mon 20th Sept 7pm @ NR	

Costs \$99 - 6 Lessons & Materials

Jessica – Build on Basics

Build on the Basics – with Jessica Brake **START: JULY 2021**



This course will suit those who have been playing bridge for around 3-12 months, or who 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. We recommend you attend the entire course, but you may also attend individual weeks. There are approximately 22 topics.

4	August 4-5	Shortage Points and Ruff in the Short Trump Hand
5	August 11-12	Responder's Priorities
6	August 18-19	Managing Entries & Review
7	August 25-26	Opener's Rebids - "I can't support you!"
8	September 1-2	Responder's NT Bids
9	September 8-9	Leads against suit contracts
10	September 15-16	Weak Twos

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

Anita – Intermediate

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

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
Aug 6	Overcalling with 2 suited hands: Michaels cue bids & Unusual 2NT	BYG/Intermediate bidding
Aug 12 Thu 10am	Make more suit contracts	Declarer play for BYG/Intermediate players
Aug 20	Make the pressure bid	BYG/Intermediate competitive bidding
Aug 27	Opener's strong 2 suiters: reverses & jump shifts	BYG/Intermediate bidding
Sep 3	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

[Link to Anita's Full 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 from last year's zoom course. The course will continue until January, 2022.

Date	Lesson Topic
Wed 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 Full Develop Your Skills schedule](#)



Liam Milne

Defence in Detail

Accurate Defence is the hardest part of our game. A series of articles written for the Gold Coast Newsletter by our F2F Manager.

When all looks well, it is time to check your sums. Sitting East and playing match points, you pick up the following hand:

♠ 653 ♥ Q43 ♦ K93 ♣ A1076

You hear the following auction utilising 2-way checkback:

Standard Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Your partner leads a low spade ♠4 and an unusual dummy comes down:

Dummy	East (You)
♠ AT	♠ 653
♥ A82	♥ Q43
♦ AQ82	♦ K93
♣ 9842	♣ AT76

- T1 Declarer wins the ♠A on the dummy.
- T2 He continues with a low club ♣2 to his ♣K.
- T3,4 He cashes ♠KQ drawing all the trumps.
- T5 He continues with the ♥J around to your ♥Q. What now?
- T6 Seeing no need to play a club, you return a heart ♥4 to declarer's ♥T, ♥K and ♥A.
- T7 Declarer plays a ♥8 to his ♥9 (partner following up the line to show that he originally held an even number of hearts).
- T8 Now comes a low club ♣3 to partner's ♣J. How should you defend?

Declarer is marked with five spades and three hearts. With ♣KQx, declarer would have led a second round of clubs towards his hand rather than playing on hearts, so partner holds ♣QJx and

declarer is down to two spades and three diamonds at this point.

Having worked this all out, it is easy to see that there is no pressing need to do anything on a double dummy basis. Partner can simply play a third club and declarer will be forced to play the diamonds himself. No problem, right?

The full deal:

		North (D)		
West		♠ AT ♥ A82 ♦ AQ82 ♣ 9842	East	
♠ 984 ♥ K765 ♦ J75 ♣ QJ5			♠ 653 ♥ Q43 ♦ K93 ♣ AT76	
		South		
3♠/S Lead ♠4		♠ KQJ82 ♥ JT9 ♦ T64 ♣ K3	Vul Nil Dir: South	

The hand looks a little different to your partner after you leave him on lead. Unsure about declarer's distribution in the minors, partner is worried about playing a third club in case clubs are 4333 around the table and the thirteenth club provides declarer with a diamond discard.

When partner eventually produces a low diamond, a cheerful declarer runs this around towards his ten to make his overtrick for +170 and a VERY good score. Nevertheless, if you weren't awake, it was you taking the blame for this sad outcome. All that was required was for you to overtake partner's jack of clubs with the ace and return a low club, thereby destroying any chance of a misdefence.

Point to remember:

When you can see the winning line, take charge of the defence. Leave partner to guess enough times and they will eventually guess wrong.



Eddie Kantar

This article was based on a Kantar 'Take your chances' series article in the ACBL "Bridge Feed" website. [Link to article](#)

Challenge hand 1 - Solution

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ K864	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ K87				1♠
♦ 98	Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
♣ KT32	All Pass			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AQT932	1♠	5+♠ Opening hand		
♥ 632	3♦	Bergen 4♠, 9-11 Hcp		
♦ K	4♠	To Play		
♣ AQ7				

The Bidding

After you (south) open 1♠, your partner makes a Bergen limit raise 3♦ (showing exactly 4 card spade support and 9-11hcp), this sequence lands you in 4♠.

South=6 loser, North= 8 loser LTC=24-14=10 Tricks

West gets the defence underway with a ♦Q opening lead.

Preliminary Analysis

Probably a standard contract duplicated around the room.

Top Winners: 6x♠+3x♣=9 tricks, 1 trick short

Top losers: ♥A, ♦A, 2x deep ♥

Strategies for 10 Tricks

- The clubs could be 33, then an extra club
- The ♥A onside, then an extra heart
- Draw trumps, Strip diamonds & endplay East to lead hearts or Ruff / Discard.

- T1 West leads ♦Q, dummy ♦8, East winning the ♥A and from your hand ♦K.
- T2 East continues with the ♥7, you ruff in-hand ♠2, West dropping ♥T and Dummy ♦9.

Plan the play.

After ruffing the diamond return and drawing trumps, you have a **100% play to make your contract**. Did you spot it? It illustrates a theme known as the "safety play finesse."

T3-4 Draw all outstanding trumps by cashing the high Spades in-hand ♠AQ, West ♠5♦J, Dummy ♠64, East ♠J7.

T5-6 Cash the high clubs ♣AQ in-hand, West ♣64. Dummy ♣32 and East ♣85

T7 You now lead a low club ♣7 towards dummy's ♣KT.

If West shows out, rise with the ♠K and use the ♠T to endplay East (whilst dropping a ♥2 loser from your Hand) What can East do? If East leads a heart, the most you can lose is one heart trick. If East leads a diamond, giving you a ruff and discard, you know what to do. Discard another heart ♥3 from your hand, the shorter heart hand, and ruff in dummy ♠8. With one heart remaining in your hand the most you can lose is one heart trick. You wind up losing a club, a diamond, and a heart.

You win $7x♠+3x♣=10$ tricks (extra Trump)

If West follows to the third club, finesse and stick in the ♠T.

If the finesse wins, discard a heart ♥2 on the ♠K and then cross back to hand with trumps and lead up to the ♥K trying for an overtrick! If the finesse loses to the ♠Jxx with East, (clubs broke 33), East is faced with a choice of evils, leading a heart up to dummy's king or giving you a trick-costing ruff and discard. Keep in mind you still have the ♠K in dummy for a heart discard. You cannot lose this contract regardless of who has the ♠J, as long you take a **safety-play finesse**.

The full deal:

	North	
West	♠ K864 ♥ K87 ♦ 98 ♣ KT32	East
♠ 5 ♥ QT95 ♦ QJT4 ♣ J964		♠ J7 ♥ AJ4 ♦ A76532 ♣ 85
	South (D)	
	♠ AQT932 ♥ 632 ♦ K ♣ AQ7	
4♥/S Lead ♠A		Vul All Dir: S



Brent Manley

This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article "**Back up the bold bidding**". Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website. [Link to the original Article](#)

Challenge hand 2 - Solution

North (D)		Standard Bidding			
		West	North (D)	East	South
♠ KQ5			1♠	2♥	2♠
♥ Q94			PASS	3♠	PASS
♦ K64			PASS	4♦	PASS
♣ AT74			PASS	5♠ ⁽²⁾	PASS
			ALL PASS		
South		Bidding Notes			
♠ AJ983		1♠	2+C, Opening		
♥ A		2♥	6+H, Weak two		
♦ AJ83		2♠	5+♠, forcing		
♣ KQ6		3♠	3+ ♠, fit Min		
		4♠	Cue		
		4♦	Cue		
		4NT ⁽¹⁾	Keycard (♠)		
		5♠ ⁽²⁾	2 + ♠Q		
		6♠	To play		

The Bidding:

You (South), pick up a nice shapely 19 Hcp, but partner opens the bidding 1♠, and East makes a weak jump overcall of 2♥. You force with a 2♠ bid, which partner raises with a limited 3♠. Unfazed by East's weak jump overcall, you pressed on with a Club Cue, and partner co-operates with a Diamond cue. You check keycards (you are cueing first or second round cards) and partner shows 2+♠Q (he must have ♠A, ♠K) so you press on to the slam 6♠.

West starts the defence with the ♥2 lead, confirming that hearts are likely 6-3. What is your plan for earning plus 980 on this board?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 5♠+1♥+2♦+3♣ = 10 Lots of work

Losers: no tops, maybe ♦

Strategies for 12 tricks

- The diamond finesse if ♦Q onside for 1 or even 2 tricks
- Clubs may break 3-3 or take the finesse.
- If spades are 3-2, Ruff 2 hearts in hand drawing trumps in dummy.

Your Solution

- T1 West starts the defence with the ♥2 lead, you win the first trick with the ♥A.
- T25 You drew all four rounds of trumps, ♠KQAJ throwing a low heart from the

dummy, while East also parted with hearts.

T67 You then cashed the ♠KQ, everybody following.

T8 You then led ♠6 towards the dummy. But West had to throw a heart! Otherwise, you would have played the ♦AKx and another diamond to set up a long diamond for his 12th trick. At this point, you counted West for an original 4=3=4=2 shape and deduced that West had one heart and four diamonds remaining. You won the ♠A as East followed,

T9 With that in mind, you now ruffed a heart ♥4 to hand ♠3 extracting West's last heart.

T10 You now and played a ♦3 diamond to the ♦K in Dummy.

T11 Then a low diamond ♦4 toward your hand, intending to cover whatever East's card cheaply. When East produced the ♦9, you covered it with the ♦J. West won with the ♦Q.

T12 West was end played, and then had to lead away from the ♦Tx into your ♦A8.

Note that if West had followed to the third club with three low cards, and East with two low ones, declarer intended to rise with the ♠A. In that case, if East dropped the ♠J, declarer would have cashed the ♠T and taken the diamond finesse for an overtrick. If, instead, it turned out that West still held the ♠J, his original distribution would have been 4=3=2=4. In that case, Diamonds are 3-3 and declarer would have made certain of three diamond tricks by cashing the ♦AK before leading a low diamond towards his ♦J8.

The full deal:

		North (D)			
		♠ KQ5			
West		♥ Q94		East	
♠ T642		♦ K64		♠ 7	
♥ 752		♣ AT74		♥ KJT863	
♦ QT52				♦ 97	
♣ 95		South		♣ J832	
		♠ AJ983			
		♥ A			
		♦ AJ83			
		♣ KQ6			
6♠/S				Vul Nil	
Lead ♥2				Dir: North	



Brent Manley

This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article “**Your Best Chance**”. Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website. [Link to the original Article](#)

Challenge hand 3 – Solution

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ 83	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 32				1♠
♦ 87653	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
♣ AK74	Pass	4♠	All Pass	
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AKJT94	1♠	5+♠ Opening		
♥ Q64	1NT	5-9 < 3♠		
♦ AK	3♠	Strong 6+♠		
♣ 86	4♠	Game		

The Bidding

You (South) pick up a good 17hcp hand with 6 good spades, so you open the bidding 1♠. Partner responds 1NT (some limited values, but not 3 spades). You stretch with a jump to 3♠ (6+♠ and reversing strength) and partner raises you to game in 4♠.

West leads the ♦Q against your spade game. What is your plan for taking 10 tricks?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 5-6x♠+2x♦+2x♣ = 9-10 tricks

Losers: 2♥ & maybe 3rd ♥ and maybe ♠Q

Strategies for 10th trick

1. The ♠Q could drop on the ♠AK cash.
2. East could have ♠Q and can be finessed using the 2 club entry finesses.
3. Try & ruff a heart in dummy with the short spades. The defenders will switch spades for you which may pick up the ♠Q.
4. East could have ♥AK, and you could lead up to the ♥Q twice via club entries.

Your Solution

You as declarer, counted nine sure winners – five trumps and the four tops in the minors. A 10th could come if East had started with the queen of trumps, but that was at best, only a 50% chance, even if one discounted the possibility of minor-suit ruffs.

Declarer decided that a better approach was to try to ruff a heart in dummy. Obviously, leading a heart from hand would succeed only if West were forced to win on both heart leads – an unlikely situation. If East could gain the lead twice – much more likely – he could lead trumps twice without sacrificing his side's trump trick (if West held the guarded queen).

Declarer had such a possibility in mind, so his plan was to combine options 3&4. Lead up to his ♥Q but was more likely way to get a ♥ ruff.

- T1 You win West's ♦Q lead, ♦3, ♦4 with the ♦K in-hand.
- T3 You then crossed to dummy with a small club ♣6, east's ♣2, to your ♠K, and West's ♠T.
- T4 You now led a small heart ♥2 off dummy towards his hidden hand. East rose with the ♥A, ♥4, ♥5.
- T5 East then exited a low trump ♠2 to stop the likely heart ruff in dummy and Declarer took this in hand with the ♠A, ♠5, ♠3.
- T6 You then crossed back to dummy with another club ♣8, East's ♣3 your ♠A, and West's ♠Q.
- T7 You then lead the dummy's last heart ♥3. This would have been a winning play if East had had both the ♥AK along with two low trumps. Instead, East just followed with ♥J, West took your ♥Q with the ♥K.
- T8 West could not profitably continue with a trump without sacrificing his winning ♠Q. Out of clubs, so West exited with another diamond ♦J, dummy's ♦5, East's ♦9 with no diamond ruff available to the defence, you won with the ♦K.
- T9 You lead your losing ♥6 from hand and ruff this with the remaining trump, ♠8 in dummy as EW follow with hearts.
- T10. You re-entered your hand by ruffing a diamond ♦6 back to hand with a middle trump ♠9. This looks safer re-entry than a club, as West has played ♠TQ.
- T11+ You then cashed the ♠K and conceded a trick to West's high ♠Q when they broke 2-3.

But you made your contract of 4♠.


Notice that declarer's approach would have succeeded any time there was no defensive ruff and trumps were 3-2. Had trumps been 4-1 with West, West could have continued with a second trump without cost.

The full deal:


	North	
	♠ 83	
West	♥ 32	East
♠ Q75	♦ 87653	♠ 62
♥ K875	♣ AK74	♥ AJT9
♦ QJT2		♦ 94
♣ QT		♣ J9532
	South (D)	
	♠ AKJT94	
4♠/S	♥ Q64	Vul All
Lead ♦Q	♦ AK	Dir: S
	♣ 86	

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SBC Charity Swiss Pairs (BBO) Open		VP
1	George Fleischer & Mathew Vadas	77
2	Eric Lippey & Kerry Boytell	55
3	Nick Hughes & Nicoleta Giura	54
NSWBA - SOP qualifying		
1 NS	Tony Nunn & Paul Dalley	117
2 NS	Liz Adams & Andrew Peake	108
1EW	Dagmar Neumann & Susan Humphries	115
2EW	Fraser Rew & Nick Rodwell	112



George



Tony



Liz

Peninsula OPEN Swiss Pairs		W-L-D	VP
1	Heath Henn & Mitch Dowling	6-0-0	75
2	David Hudson & David Fryda	4-0-2	59
3	Susan Humphries & Jessica Brake	4-1-1	57
4	Eva Shand & Les Varardi	5-0-1	55
Peninsula Intermediate Swiss Pairs		W-L-D	VP
1	Vivien Eldridge & Alan Davies	5-0-1	63
2	Patrick Jiang & Henry Tan	5-1-0	61
3	Bev Peters & Christine Vinson	3-1-2	52
4	Margaret & John Rogers	4-0-2	45
Peninsula Restricted Swiss Pairs		W-L-D	VP
1	Julie Alliston & Patrick Morgan	4-0-2	66
2	Colin Kleing & Berence Air	4-0-2	63
3	Kerry Rymer & Kit Myers	5-0-1	59
4	Marie Pickering & Carolyn Githens	4-0-2	58



Mitch & Heath

Congress Calendars NSWBA – [Link to Calendar](#)

AUGUST 2021	
MasterBridge Online August Swiss Pairs	Aug 1 (Sun)
North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Open Congress	
<i>Teams Stage 1</i>	Aug 7 (Sat)
<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	Aug 8 (Sun)
<i>Teams Final</i>	Aug 8 (Sun)
North Shore Bridge Club Online Winter Restricted Congress	
<i>Matchpoint Pairs</i>	Aug 7 (Sat)
<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	Aug 8 (Sun)
Orange Bridge Club Congress - CANCELLED	
<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	Aug 7 (Sat)
<i>Teams</i>	Aug 8 (Sun)
Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Coffs Online Super Congress	
<i>Championship Pairs</i>	Aug 13 (Fri) - 14 (Sat)
<i>Championship Teams</i>	Aug 14 (Sat) - 15 (Sun)
Wagga Wagga Bridge Club	
<i>Walk-In Pairs</i>	Aug 13 (Fri)
<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	Aug 14 (Sat)
<i>Teams</i>	Aug 15 (Sun)
Parkes Bridge Club Muriel Waddell Mini Congress Teams - CANCELLED	Aug 15 (Sun)
Sydney Bridge Centre Mid-Week Online Swiss Pairs	Aug 18 (Wed)
Central Coast Bridge Club Novice and Restricted	
<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	Aug 21 (Sat)
<i>Teams</i>	Aug 22 (Sun)
Grafton Bridge Club Online Swiss Pairs	Aug 21 (Sat)
NSBC@Lindfield Online Swiss Teams	Aug 22 (Sun)
Glen Bridge Club Pairs	Aug 28 (Sat) - 29 (Sun)

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Coffs Coast Gold Congress – Coffs Harbour – CANCELLED	August 10-15
Australia Wide Open Pairs	August 25-31
Victor Champion Cup – Melbourne- CANCELLED	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 – CANCELLED	October 1-4
Spring Nationals – Sydney	October 13-22