

NSBC Mid-Sept Update



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virtual High Tea in early October



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INVITATION TO THE VIRTUAL HIGH TEA LAUNCH OF HYEGROVE WILLOUGHBY – LUXURY RETIREMENT LIVING

As a sponsor of our Stratified Pairs Championships, Hyegrove Willoughby, the new luxury retirement living community at the upcoming Heart of Willoughby precinct would like to invite you to a Virtual High Tea in early October.

Hyegrove Willoughby is a luxury retirement living community offering exclusive and world-class residences with five-star amenities. It combines the ultimate retirement lifestyle where luxurious apartments, family, community, wellness and joyful living come together. All this and the security of knowing that 24/7 on-site support and care is available should you need it in the future.

The transformation of the Willoughby Legion Ex-Services Club (trading as Club Willoughby) on Crabbes Avenue in Willoughby into the Heart of Willoughby will create a special place where the community will come together offering a new state-of-the-art Club Willoughby, Hyegrove Willoughby – a luxury Retirement Living community, aged care and retail.

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Hyegrove invites you to learn more about this very special place to call home by attending one of their Virtual High Teas (**via Zoom**) on **Tuesday 5th** and **Wednesday 6th October** by reserving your place through:

- info@hyegrove.com.au
- OR phoning 8045 8694
- OR registering on www.hyegrove.com.au

Attendees will receive a special gift.

From our Vice-President **John McIlrath**:

“Hyegrove Willoughby are an important new sponsor for our club, and even better is that our members have a connection to Hyegrove given that they are transforming our former home at Club Willoughby into a new community.

I encourage all of our members to join a Virtual High Tea to learn more about this new venture. It looks very worthwhile.”

Editors' Comments

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

Rookie Challenge hand 1 (Play)

West	You're sitting west,
♠ KJ874	South opens 2♠ (weak 2),
♥ QJ	you pass & Partner X for
♦ A6	takeout. Your Bid & Play?
♣ T987	

Rookie Challenge Hand 2 (play)

North (D)	You're sitting South
♠ AQ9653	Partner opens 2♠, so
♥ K8	you leap to 5♣.
♦ 62	West leads ♥Q.
♣ T94	
South	What is your plan to
♠ 42	make your contract?
♥ -	
♦ KJ3	
♣ AKQJ7632	

Open Challenge Hand (Bid and Play)

North	Vul: None
♠ A85	What would be your bidding
♥ J964	sequence? No interference.
♦ K75	
♣ AT5	Assuming you stretch and
South (D)	get to the 4♥ contract by
♠ K43	south, West starts the
♥ AQT8	defence with the ♥7 lead.
♦ J6	How do you play this hand?
♣ Q643	

Vale – Ian Bailey
We are all saddened by the news that our long-time friend and member Ian Bailey, has passed away. May he rest in peace.



Many NSBC members will remember Ian Bailey as an avid bridge player. Pleasant and friendly at the tables, he was a partner and friend to many of us. Placid and unflappable by nature and always good social company, he was especially pleasant company at congresses which he frequently attended.

I played with Ian over many years, and we had some success at a number of tournaments, the best being winners (with Robin Devries and Richard Lock) of the Restricted Teams at a Gold Coast Congress about 10 years back.

Working in the same company in the 1970s, Ian and I found we had a common interest in bridge and began playing at clubs around the Eastern Suburbs. We played together for some years until I left the scene to focus on family and career. Ian played on and became a member of the Lindfield Bridge Club which was the precursor to the NSBC. On my retirement some 15 years ago, he got in touch and we resumed playing together. He patiently coached me in the ways of modern bridge.

To me Ian was more than a bridge partner. As friends, we stayed in touch over the interim years and caught up on social occasions every year or so. Ian was an engineer by profession and worked on cutting-edge communications satellite technology in the 60s and 70s in Canada and later in Sydney. He was also an A-grade squash player and played good tennis right up until a year or so back.

He left the telecommunications industry in the early 80s to take up bookmaking of all things! He was successful in that craft and later owned various retail and other investments which were also successful. On retirement he continued his love/hate relationship with the turf and had an elaborate computer set-up at his home so he could continue punting in an armchair. This became perfect for bridge playing when the pandemic struck. On many occasions, when sharing an apartment at the Gold Coast with Derek Maltz, those two would sit over the form guide picking winners.

Ian's passing was mercifully swift. My grief, and that of his many friends - in and out of bridge, will be longer.

May he rest in peace.

A sad day, Graham Markey

"Vale Ian Bailey

We are all saddened to hear of the passing of Ian Bailey. I can only echo the thoughts expressed by Graham Markey in his tribute posted on the club website.

I was privileged to play with Ian both as his partner from time to time and as a fellow team member winning the Restricted Teams event at the 2010 Spring Nationals and the 2011 Gold Coast Tournament

Ian was an accomplished player, quietly spoken and unfailingly polite. Never afraid to "call a spade a spade" but always in a constructive way. Calm and cool, his results speak for themselves.

Rest in peace Ian and may all your heavenly finesses work.
Robin Devries"

August Masterpoint Promotions

The [Masterpoint promotions](#) have been moved to a webpage. Current NSBC promotions at end August include:



Pat O'Connor
Grand Master



Kit Meyers
Life Master

Online Pairs Congress

The [NSBC \(EL\) Online Matchpointed Pairs](#) congress has been moved online on Monday 4th October. Entry via [NSWBA website](#). This will be held on RealBridge. The host club for our congress is NSBC@Lindfield as this is replacing EL's usual annual Pairs congress in October.

This event will be run as a two session Mitchell movement, with good cash prizes. The stronger players will be seeded into each direction. The NS & EW fields are separate complete groups.



Labour Day

Host Club:
NSBC@Lindfield

Online Matchpoint Pairs Now on RealBridge

Guaranteed Cash Prizes each direction (N/S, E/W)

1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$70

Best Restricted Pair <300MP

Best Rookie Pair <100MP

Monday 4th October
2 Session Event: 10am Start

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

Complex Yellow Systems
are not permitted

2019 Winners: N/S: Janet Rowlett & Frances Garrick
E/W: Patrick Starck & Vivien Eldridge

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.
NSBC@Lindfield reserves the right to deem pairs ineligible for Restricted or Rookie category prizes.

Table Fees: \$25 per player



[Enter via NSWBA website](#)



Payments in advance (NSBC website) or via NSBC PP account

Online Teams Congress

A new [NSBC Online Teams Congress](#) has been created following an opportunity with the cancellation of the Dubbo congress on Sunday 9th October. Entry is via [NSWBA website](#). This will be held on RealBridge.



North Shore Bridge Club

Online Spring Teams

10am, Saturday 9th October



Table fees: \$25 per player
Start 10am, finish before 5:00pm
Played online on RealBridge

Director: Ronnie Ng
Convenor: Liam Milne
Phone: 0478 626 393
Email: manager@bridgeclub.com.au
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/>

Open-entry Swiss Teams event - All Australian bridge players are welcome!
Guaranteed Cash Prizes: 1st \$400, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$140
Prizes for best Restricted (<300 MP) and best Novice (<100 MP) teams
Six- or seven-round Swiss teams movement depending on entries.

Enter via the NSWBA website:

[North Shore Bridge Club Online Spring Teams](#)

⑤ Pay your entry in advance using our [Payments Portal](#) ⑤

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

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. All players are subject to the NSWBA Congress Disciplinary Regulations and ABF Rules for Online Congresses.

The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4. Yellow systems are not permitted. NSBC reserves the right to deem teams ineligible for MP category prizes.

◆ Thursday Night Events

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

The next open event is a one-night fun [Goulash night](#). These goulash pairs are played with **extremely distributional hands** and are great fun to bid and play.



Club Fun Goulash Event

Session Prizes: **\$200** Prize Pool for the night
RealBridge in 2021

1 Thursday Night Session: 7:00pm : 16th September

- 1 Thursday night will be played as independent [Goulash Pairs Event](#).
- Pre-Registration requested via the club website (up coming events)
- Goulash hands are **highly distributional and great fun to play**.
- Movement & additional prizes are dependent on entries

Director: **Ronnie Ng** We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event
 Convenor: **Gary Barwick** 0413 884 805 Yellow Complex Systems are not permitted

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



Normal Thursday Night Rates apply
Members: \$14 Visitors \$17



The next major Thursday Night tournament event is the [Club Swiss Match Pointed Pairs](#). This is match point pairs, but short matches are converted to VPs, then played as a Swiss draw format.

Besides cash prizes, the winner will be offered a sponsored entry to the **Dick Cummings Swiss MP pairs** at the Sydney Online Spring Nations.



Club Matchpointed SWISS Pairs Championship

Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

3 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm
23rd Sep, 30th Sep, 7th Oct

You must enter for all 3 nights (subs are allowed) via club website by 10pm Wednesday 22nd. Late entries may be allowed by Convenor at his discretion. CC scoring event for 2021 Club Championship (Brownie Cup)

1st \$200 + Paid Entry to Dick Cummings @
Sydney Spring Nationals , 2nd \$120 3rd \$80

Director: **Ronnie Ng** We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event.
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Red Points



\$42 /3 nights Members (\$14 PP)
\$51 /3 nights Non Members (\$17 pp)



◆ Major Daytime Competitions

The scheduled [EL Open Pairs championship](#), [Restricted Pairs Championship](#) and the [Rookie Pairs Championship](#) are already running.

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

The scheduled [NR Open Pairs championship](#) has been moved to **RealBridge** to be played on 3x Saturdays @ 1:30 Sept/Oct.



11th CW/NR Open Pairs Championship

Prize Pool **\$250 + SOP**
Now on RealBridge in 2021

3 Saturday Sessions: 1:30pm on RB
18th 25th Sep, 2nd Oct

This event will decide the 2021 CW/NR Open Pairs Champion
 Entry is **casual**, you turn up and play in the 1:30 RB Saturday sessions
 But you must play in all 3 sessions (subs are allowed) to win
 Your percentage scores are cumulative
 This is a qualifying Event to represent NSBC in the State Open Pairs (SOP) at the NSWBA clubrooms on 20/21 November.

Director: **Ronnie Ng** We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event
 Convenor: **Liam Milne**

Winner 2019 10th CW Open Pairs: **Derek Maltz & David Smee**

Red Points Yellow complex Systems are not permitted

Normal Table fees apply




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Double Trouble

By Pat O'Connor

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

Rookie Challenge hand 1 -Solution

We are West. Our hand is

♠ KJ874 ♥ QJ ♦ A6 ♣ T987

South opens 2♠, a weak two bid showing six spades with less than opening strength. We pass, North passes and partner doubles for takeout. South passes and we have to decide what to do. Partner typically has an opening hand with spade shortage. We are delighted to defend a doubled spade contract. So we pass, as does North. Partner probably has good hearts, so we lead the ♥Q and dummy comes down.

North	
♠ 3	
♥ T964	
♦ JT432	
♣ QJ2	
West	
♠ KJ874	
♥ QJ	
♦ A6	
♣ T987	
Lead ♥Q	

This is going to be fun! You lead ♥Q, and declarer plays low from dummy, partner encourages with the ♥7 and declarer contributes the ♥2. We continue with the ♥J on which partner plays the ♥5 and declarer the ♥3. It looks like partner has the ♥AK left.

What now?

We would like to get to partner's hand, so we play the ♦A to get partner's reaction. He plays the encouraging ♦7 so we continue diamonds to dummy's ♦T and partner's ♦Q, declarer playing the ♦8 and ♦9.

Partner then cashes the ♥A, declarer following with the ♥8. We discard our lowest club ♣7, hoping that partner will recognise it as a low card. Partner then leads the ♥K

which declarer ruffs with the ♠9. We overruff with the ♠J. This is the position:

North	
♠ 3	
♥ -	
♦ J43	
♣ QJ2	
West	
♠ K874	
♥ -	
♦ -	
♣ T98	

What do we return?

We don't want to lead trumps into declarer's hand, so we play the ♣T. Dummy plays the ♣J and partner wins with the ♣A, declarer following suit. Partner then leads the ♠2, declarer plays the ♠T and we win with the ♠K. We get out again with another club to declarer's ♣K but we still get one more trump trick.

The result of the carnage is four tricks for South, down four and -800 if not vulnerable, -1100 if vulnerable.

The Full Deal

North		East	
♠ 3		♠ 2	
♥ T964		♥ AK75	
♦ JT432		♦ KQ75	
♣ QJ2		♣ A543	
South (D)		Vul Nil	
♠ AQT965		Dir: S	
♥ 832			
♦ 98			
♣ K6			
West			
♠ KJ874			
♥ QJ			
♦ A6			
♣ T987			
2♠X/S			
We Lead			
♥Q			

Fortunately for South, we are not playing for money!

Post Mortem

We have all seen worse weak two bids, but today was not South's lucky day. His partner had a useless hand, and the trumps were stacked against him!

Our Newer Player Team

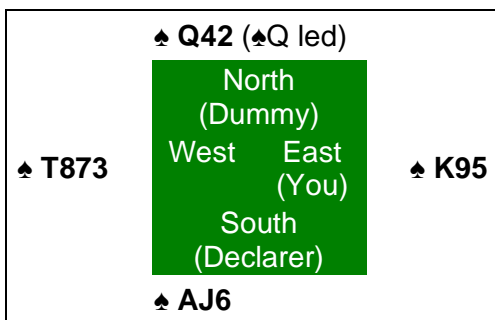


Cover or Not

Adapted from an **Andrew Robson** article from his ARBC website

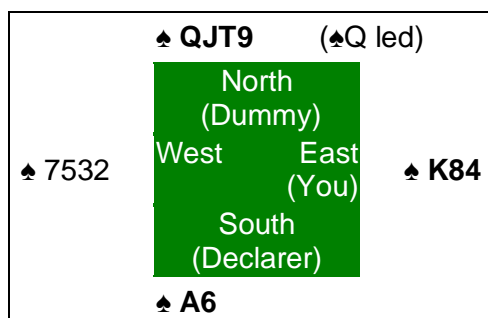
Defence: When to cover an **honour with an honour?**

When declarer/dummy leads an honour card, the default position is to cover the honour with your higher honour, to draw two of declarer's high cards for one of yours:



If you as East are too mean to play ♠K on dummy's ♠Q, ♠Q will win and the ♠2 to ♠J will follow, enabling declarer to score **all three tricks**. Instead, if you cover ♠Q with ♠K and declarer can win ♠A and ♠J, but not ♠Q.

But., do not always cover an honour with an honour as a reflex reaction, however. If there is no chance of promoting lower cards for your side (effectively the point of covering an honour with an honour), then do not bother.



If ♠Q is led of the table, you as East should play ♠4. You can see that covering ♠Q with ♠K will only promote Tables ♠JT9. By playing ♠4 on ♠Q, declarer's ♠A will win the second round perforce (because he only has two spades) and your will score the ♠K as a third-round winner.

So, cover an honour with an honour if you think you can promote lower cards for your side. Otherwise, do not.



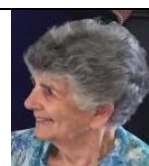
Kay



Liz



Sue



June



Jenny



Sandra



Ann



Allan

[September Session Winners Lists](#)

Supervised Sessions (on RealBridge):

- Mondays at 7pm
- Tuesdays at 10:30am
- Thursdays at 2pm
- Saturdays at 10:30am

Rookie Sessions (on RealBridge):

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

Restricted Sessions (on RealBridge):

- Mondays at 10am
- Tuesdays 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](#):

Matchpoint scoring

The computer awards you on any given board:

- 2 MP's for each pair your score betters,
- 1 MP for each pair your score equals,.
- Zero for scores which are better than you

The computer adds up your MPs and generally shows it either as nnn/MAX or as a **percentage of the max MP** score available on a board.

Typically 20 table Event

- A **Top** = $(20-1 * 2) = 38\text{MP}$ if you beat all the other scores (all 19 of them)
- A **Bottom** scores Zero,
- An **Average** (50% board) scores 19MP



Eddie Kantar

This article was based on a Kantar [‘Take all your chances’](#) series article in the ACBL “Bridge Feed” website.

Rookie Challenge Hand 2 - Solution

North (D)		Standard Bidding			
♠ AQ9653		West	North (D)	East	South
♥ K8			2♣	Pass	5♣
♦ 62		All pass			
♣ T94					
South		Bidding Notes			
♠ 42		2♣	Weak 2 ♠		
♥ -		5♣	to play		
♦ KJ3					
♣ AKQJ7632					

The Bidding

Partner opens 2♠, weak, and your leap to 5♣ silences the table. West leads the ♥Q. Plan the play.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 1♠+8♣ – 9 tricks a lot of work to do

Losers: ♦A, maybe more, Maybe the ♠K

Strategies for 11 Tricks

- Spade finesse for 1 extra trick
- Set up the spades by ruffing out
- Diamond Finesse for 1 extra if ♦AQ are both onside.

The Solution

The best idea is to set up the long spades to discard diamonds, without letting East in to switch a diamond.

After all you could lose three tricks in the two suits if East has the ♠K and West the ♦AQ. Another bad news scenario is East winning the ♠K and shifting to a low diamond putting you to an uncomfortable guess if the diamond honours are divided.

Unfortunately, the spade finesse goes directly into East and East will surely shift to a diamond. Can you figure out a way to keep East off lead even if East has the ♠K?

T1 West leads ♥Q, Duck the opening lead in dummy and unless East plays the unlikely ♥A, discard a spade from your hand! This keeps West (the safe Opponent) on lead.

What can West do? In fact, if West doesn't cash the ♦A, it is likely that you will be able to discard all your diamonds on established spades and make an overtrick. Notice that the dummy has three club entries that will help you establish the spades even if the suit breaks 4-1.

In fact, if spades are 4-1, West must shift to a trump at trick two to prematurely kill a needed dummy entry. As declarer, if West shifts to a trump at trick two and spades are 4-1 and the king is not singleton, you will have to lead a diamond from dummy and guess what to do if East plays low. I have complete confidence in you. Also, go after West as a partner rather than an opponent in the future.

In order to make this **loser on loser play** at trick one, you must advance the play mentally in your head, so to speak. You must ask yourself what is likely to happen if the spade finesse loses and a diamond comes back? Some terrifying scenarios can be avoided by looking ahead. Hopefully you will frighten yourself into making the winning play!

	North (D)	
	♠ AQ9653	
	♥ K8	
	♦ 62	
	♣ T94	
	South	
	♠ 42	
	♥ -	
	♦ KJ3	
	♣ AKQJ7632	
West		East
♠ J7		♠ KT8
♥ QJT752		♥ A9643
♦ AQ75		♦ T984
♣ 8		♣ 5
5♠/S Lead ♥Q		Vul Nil Dir: N



Jon Shuster,
Gainesville FL

A Must Read for Club Players

This article is sourced from Bridgefeed "A Must read for club players" series and is titled ["Watch those Spot Cards"](#).

If you are a club player, it is almost a certainty that when you are declarer, you play your spot cards up the line. Likewise, when you are defending at the club, it is nearly certain that you do not take advantage of the fact that the opposing declarers almost never false card their spot cards. There are a few exceptions, but since you tend to play against the same players repeatedly, good observational skills will tell you who they are. This board from a recent common game is a perfect example.

		North		
West		♠ Q76 ♥ 6 ♦ T87653 ♣ 954	East	
♠ 54 ♥ AKT3 ♦ AK92 ♣ KJT			♠ JT9 ♥ QJ985 ♦ QJ4 ♣ 82	
		South (D)		
7♠/S Lead ♥T		♠ AK832 ♥ 742 ♦ - ♣ AQ763	Vul All Dir: South	

Standard Bidding			
West	North	East	South (D)
			1♠
X	2♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	All		
Bidding Notes			
1♠	5+S, Opening Hand		
X	Vul Takeout X		
2♠	Defensive raise		
3♥	4+H, Competative		
3♠	Extend Pre-empt		
4♥	To Play		

Against East's final contract of 4♥, You South leads the ♠A.

North-South should play Ace is for "attitude" and King is for "Count." They were playing standard signals, high is encouraging (shows the ♠Q) and low is discouraging (denying the ♠Q).

T1 You cash the ♠A, ♠4 from Dummy, and Partner plays the ♠7 and Declarer plays the ♠9.

If you are in tune with this tip, unless you have seen otherwise from declarer, partner is virtually certain to hold the ♠6.

T2 So, you can lead the ♠8 (suit preference for the higher remaining suits - diamonds) to partner's ♠Q,
T3 Partner gives you a diamond ruff,
T4 You cash the ♣A taking the setting trick.

Declarer, who has no reason to suspect a diamond void, will carefully be planning to play South, the opening bidder, for the ♣A.

For example, if South cashed two rounds of spades followed by a low club (from a hypothetical suit with one club honour), declarer would plan to put up the ♣K to make five when South has under-led the ace. Results:

Setting 4♥ was worth 87% of the N-S match points, but letting them make 4♥, was worth 22% of the match points in 1303 plays. Only 88 N-S pairs (9%) held heart contracts to nine tricks out of 934 E-W heart contracts.

You might suggest that upside-down count and attitude would solve the problem immediately.

But switch North to ♠Q 10 9 and East to ♠J 7 6, and now standard signals win.

Tips for play at the club:

- (1) When you declare, randomize your equivalent spots, or better, play the same signals as the opponents (high encourages vs. standard and low encourages against upside down).
- (2) Pay close attention to the behaviour of your opponent's when they declare. Absent evidence to the contrary, assume your opposition declarers do not false card.
- (3) Ask your opponents about their methods or read their convention card to determine their signalling methods.



This article was based on a Bridge feed article “**Bid more when they double**” by

Pat Harrington.
[Link to full article](#)

Do you tend to breathe a sigh of relief when your opponent makes a takeout double and relieves you of the obligation to bid with a minimum hand? Wouldn't it be more fun to take up some bidding space from your opponents? The best time to do that is when you have a fit for partner's suit. When partner opens a major suit, you need only three cards for a fit. After partner's 1♠ opening bid is doubled by your right-hand opponent, would you bid with:

♠K76 ♥5 ♦J9762 ♣T942 ?

If not, you should! You have a fit the trump king and ruffing value in hearts. Think how much more difficult you make life for your opponents by bidding. Doubler's partner probably has some values but might be reluctant to bid at the three level.

Try another hand with the same bidding:

♠K976 ♥5 ♦J9762 ♣T94

Surely you want to bid over your opponent's double now. A raise to 2♠ simply doesn't do this hand justice. You can raise to 3♠. No, I haven't lost my mind, and I am not saying that this hand is worth a limit raise.

Your opponent's takeout double gives you new ways to show a limit raise or any good hand. Traditionally, redouble is used to show 10 or more high-card points. When you raise partner to 3♠ instead of using the redouble, you deny 10 or more points. This is a competitive auction because of RHO's takeout double, and it's time to apply the law of total tricks.

In a competitive auction, the Law tells us to compete for as many tricks as our side has trumps. You know opener has five spades and you have four. That makes nine trumps and you compete for nine tricks. If a raise to 2♠ made it hard for your opponents to compete in the first example, just think what your 3♠ raise is going to do to them!

Because redouble exists, nobody at the table should take you for a good hand when you jump raise your partner's opener's suit after your opponent's takeout double. This weak raise is **not Alertable**. In fact, those who jump to show a limit raise in this situation are the people who are bidding in non-standard fashion and should really Alert. Don't expect that to happen, however, because they are probably inexperienced players who are not aware that their bid is not standard. Now try these. Partner opens 1♥, and RHO makes a takeout double. What will you bid with each hand below?

1. ♠42 ♥QJ97 ♦765 ♣K754

Jump to 3♥. You want to keep them from finding their likely spade fit. With nine trumps between you, the three level should be safe. You might not make 3♥, but if you do go down, the penalty is likely to be less than what your opponents can make if left to bid freely.

2. ♠42 ♥Q97 ♦7654 ♣K754

Bid 2♥. It might not block the opponents, but at least you can try. Your raise also helps partner know when it is correct to compete further.

3. ♠4 ♥JT 65 ♦Q9654 ♣54

Go all the way to 4♥! With 10 trumps, contract for 10 tricks in competition. That could really mess up your opponents. Responder can make this pre-emptive raise to game whether RHO doubles, overcalls or passes. In standard bidding, responder's immediate raise to four of a major shows a weak, distributional hand with five-card trump support. With a strong, game-going hand, responder makes a forcing bid first and then bids game.

4. ♠K76 ♥QJ97 ♦AT76 ♣54

This is a real limit raise. Before RHO's double, you planned to raise to 3♥, but now that bid would be pre-emptive. Many pairs use 2NT to show a limit raise or better immediately. If you don't use that convention, sometimes called Jordan, start with a redouble to show 10 or more points, and raise hearts next time.



Some of you might have learned a new bid today — one that isn't even a convention. Responder's jump raise of opener's suit is pre-emptive after a takeout double. It's standard bidding, but not widely known among less-experienced players.


Restricted Congress Scene

- [State Restricted & Novice Online Teams](#) (RealBridge) hosted by CCBC. Saturday and Sunday 18/19 September
- [Mid-week Swiss Pairs](#) hosted by SBC on BBO, has a restricted section.
- [Sydney Online Spring Nationals](#) has 4 major events for restricted, rookie and novice players in October

Members Restricted Congress results

MasterBridge BBO Restricted Swiss Pairs 19T		VP	W-L-D
1	Jennifer Matheson & Sue Beckman	57.78	5-0-1
2	Luke Mcnamara & Liam Bastick	53.72	5-0-1
3	Mary Colling & Steve Colling	46.94	5-0-1

	
Mary	Steve




Jessica

Not So Basic

Want to brush up on your fundamentals? North Shore's **Build on the Basics** lessons might be perfect for you. **Jessica Brake** takes you through a range of essential topics in a way that everyone can understand.

Build on the Basics – with Jessica Brake



Join “live” on Zoom – **Wed & Thurs 10am**
OR watch in your own time!




You will be sent:

- 1) Recording of the lesson
- 2) Lesson notes
- 3) Quiz


DATE	TOPIC
September 15-16	Weak Twos – Let's get in the way!
September 22-23	Other Pre-empts
September 29-30	Hand Analysis
October 6-7	Holding Up in No-Trumps

For information or to sign up email jessicabrakebridge@gmail.com

Teachers Corner

		
Jessica	Anita	Liz

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



Anita

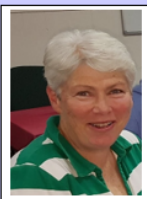
Introduction to Bridge

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 **online lessons** now starting **13th September** Contact Kay Moyes, on moyes_kay@hotmail.com Anita Curtis will be teaching this online beginner's course. Currently over **60 students** per class booked in.

Anita – Develop Your Skills

NSBC ONLINE Develop Your Skills 2nd Semester 2021 Program

ONLINE 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**.

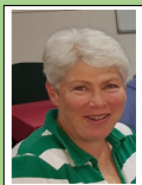
Date	Lesson Topic
Wed Aug 25	Whose hand is it? One more for the road? (Competitive bidding)
Wed Sep 1	DYS Hand analysis 1 – practise what you have learnt
Wed Sep 8	Signalling is Legal (defence)
Wed Sep 15	Brilliant switches (defence)
Wed Sep 22	Double or nothing (Penalty Doubles – bidding & defence)
Wed Sep 29	You CAN bid slams in NTs (Quantitative or Blackwood?)
Wed Oct 6	Forcing or not forcing? (When is a bid invitational/forcing?)
Wed Oct 13	I don't know how to play this suit (suit combinations – declarer play)
Wed Oct 20	Where is this auction going? (Advancer's options)
Wed Oct 27	Get out of the way! (Unblocking in defence)
Wed Nov 3	DYS Hand analysis 2 – practise what you have learnt

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

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

Anita – Intermediate Lessons

NSBC ONLINE Intermediate 2nd Semester 2021 Program
ONLINE FRIDAYS at 10am with Anita Curtis



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 or Restricted.

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

Date	Lesson Topic	Description
Sep 17	Gentle Hand Analysis 10	8 hands for aspiring intermediate players
Sep 24	Minor matters	BYG/Intermediate bidding. Tricky decisions in minor suits. Should we try 3NT or 5 of a minor? Or stop at the 3 level?
Oct 1	Untangle the defence	BYG/Intermediate defence
Oct 8	Up the ante: 2 suited overcalls over 1NT	BYG/Intermediate bidding
Oct 15	NO LESSON	
Thurs Oct 21	Get back into the competitive auction with Lebensohl	BYG/Intermediate bidding. The opponents intervene over your partner's 1NT opening OR your partner doubles their weak 2 for takeout. What bids are non-forcing, invitational & forcing?
Oct 29	Gentle Hand Analysis 21	8 hands for intermediate players targeting defence, declarer play & bidding

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

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

Club Competition Results

24 Teams fought out the [Club BAM Teams Championship](#), three seeded pools of 8 teams, each advanced 2 teams to the Final, Plate, Cons A and Cons B sections, based on the qualifying pool rounds results. [Link Honour Board](#)

Club BAM Teams Championships (24T)		VP	CC
1 \$600	Martin Bloom, Peter Gill, Liz Adams, Tony Nunn	44	10
2 \$300	Keith Kat, Brigitte Kat, Jenny Thompson, Eva Caplan	34	
3 \$150	Sophie Ashton, David Beauchamp, Maurits van der Vlugt, Avi Kanetkar	29	7
4= \$40	Susan Humphries, Jessica Brake, James Coutts, Liam Milne	24	5
4= \$40	Tina Zines, Kinga Moses, Judy Mott, Nazife Bashar	24	5
6	Colin Clifford, Margaret Foster, Cevat Emul, Catherine Zhang		3
Club BAM Consolations			
Plate 1	Kevin Davies, Steven Bock, Rakesh Kumar, Julian Abel	37	2
Plate 2	Peter Jeffery, Yumin Li, Wayne Zhu, Yixiang Zhang	36	1
Con A1	Giselle Mundell, Liz Havas, David Fryda, Michael Cartmell	39	
Con A2	Liz Sylvester, Greer Tucker, Michael Courtney, Joan Butts	35	
Con B1=	Frank & Lee Dreyer, Dominic Kwok Frank Budai	32	
Con B1=	David Weston, Helena Dawson, Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas	32	

Club Sponsors

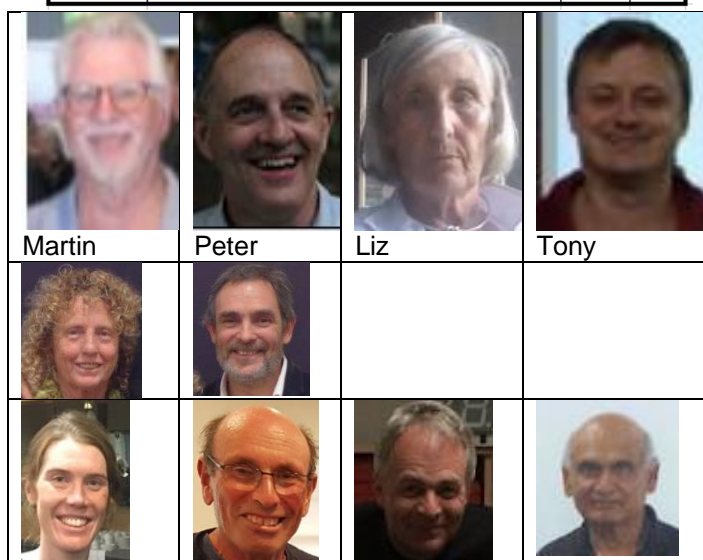


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Brent Manley

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

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ A85	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ J964				1NT
♦ K75	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
♣ AT5	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ K43	1NT	12-14 Bal (ACOL System)		
♥ AQT8	2♣	Stayman		
♦ J6	2♥	Hearts may both		
♣ Q643	4♥	To Play		

The Bidding:

You (South) opened 1NT (12-14 Bal playing a weak NT opening), and partner bids 2♣ Stayman, which you respond 2♥ and you landed in a 4♥ contract.

To start the defence, West leads a trump ♥7,

T1 West leads a trump ♥7, you the declarer, cover with dummy's ♥9 which holds the trick. East playing the ♥2, and ♥8 from hand.

Preliminary analysis

Top Winners: 2♠ + 3(4) ♥ + 1♣ = 6 3 short!

Top Losers: ♦A, but many deep losers

Strategies for 10 Tricks?

- Looks like East has the ♥K, so 4 heart tricks are likely.
- Could draw trumps, cash ♠AK & exit the 3rd ♠ for the defence to open a minor suit or give a ruff sluff in spades (5th Heart trick)
- Lead up to ♣Q, hoping ♣K is onside.
- Pick and find a ♦ onside, or get opponents to lead the diamond suit
- Overall, not a good contract. Balanced hands Vs Balanced hand usually play better in NT. But it is too late now. What is your line?

Your Solution

- T2 You then choose to play a low diamond from dummy ♦5, (planning to either get a 5th trick with a diamond ruff, or if ♦Q onside and East does not rise, so the ♦J forces the ♦A). But East, rises with the ♦Q winning the trick. But now you can force a diamond trick.
- T3 East shifted to a spade ♠7. You won this in hand with the ♠K.
- T4 You then exited with the ♦J. East winning the trick with the ♦A
- T5 East then continued with the ♠Q. You won this trick in dummy with the ♠A.
- T6 You cashed the ♦K, to get rid of his remaining spade loser ♠T from Hand, with EW following.
- T7 The limited entry position forced you to turn your attention to the club suit by leading dummy's ♣5 towards his ♣Q, but West took this with the ♣K
- T8 West then played the ♠J. You ruffed this with the ♥T
- T9 Then you led a low club to West's ♣2 and finessed dummy's ♣T, which held as West played the ♣9.
- T10 All that remained was to lead a trump ♥4 to East's ♥5 and your ♥Q and West's ♥3.
- T11 You cashed the ♥A to draw East's last trump ♥K.
- T12 You claimed the last two tricks as dummy was now high (♠A & ♥J).

Note that you managed to play both minor suits optimally for three tricks! To make your 4♥ contract.

The full deal:

		North		
		♠ A85		
		♥ J964		
		♦ K75		
		♣ AT5		
West				East
♠ J962				♠ QT7
♥ 73				♥ K52
♦ T83				♦ AQ942
♣ KJ82				♣ 97
		South (D)		
		♠ K43		
		♥ AQT8		
		♦ J6		
		♣ Q643		
4♥/S Lead ♥7				Vul Nil Dir: South



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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. Please visit our [RealBridge Sessions](#) page on the NSBC website.

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
	Open (Mini Duplicate)	7:30 PM	6 Tables	Sue Crompton
Tue	Open	10.00 AM	17 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	10:00 AM	5 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Kay Moyes
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	2:00 PM	20 Tables	Kim Neale
	Rookie	7:00 PM	10 Tables	Kim Neale
Wed	Open	10.00 AM	18 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Restricted+Rookie	10.00 AM	5 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Rookie	2:00 PM	28 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	7:00 PM	15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
Thur	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10:30 AM	7 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	15 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Supervised	2:00 PM	6 Tables	Allan Pike
	Open Competition	7:00 PM	30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Fri	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10:30 AM	7 Tables	
	Open	1.30 PM	22 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	12 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open (Imp Scored)	7:00pm		
Sat	Restricted+Rookie	10.00 AM		
	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Jenny Barnes
	Open	1:30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	2:00 PM	8 Tables	Brian Soutter

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](#)
- [Monthly Full Winners List](#)

♣ Require a Partner online?

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 always 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** in admin



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Liam Milne

Reopening our F2F venues soon

The light can be seen at the end of the tunnel! The NSW government is finally talking about a roadmap to relaxing the Sydney lockdown once 70% of eligible adults are fully vaccinated. For us, this points the way towards the reopening of our face-to-face (F2F) venues and the return of playing bridge with actual playing cards and bidding boxes!

Our committee is currently discussing what we need to do to keep our F2F venues happy and healthy for everyone when we do reopen, and I will in touch with more information at the start of October about what this will look like.

However, we do know a few things. Initially, the 4sqm rule will apply for us, which means limited table numbers and a booking system. Remember how things were when we eased back into our rhythm at the start of the year? My guess is that our club will look like that for a while and gradually return back to 'normal'.

In addition, all of our players and staff will need to be fully vaccinated in order to enter

the club. In the previous issue of the newsletter, I outlined NSBC's vaccination policy and the reasoning behind it. From what the NSW government is saying, many businesses like ours will have to follow the same rules.

As we know by now, this pandemic has a way of making all plans obsolete, so I will hold off on saying more until we know more. But things do finally seem to be improving!

Do you want to be a TV star?

Did you always feel like you missed out a career in showbiz? Well, now's your chance to be on TV.

Have you seen the ABC show "Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds"? The first season followed 11 retirement home residents and 10 pre-school aged children. The two groups spend time with each other playing games and participating in different planned and mixed activities – a sort of 'social experiment'.

It was really quite a heart-warming show and it was amazing to see the positive things that both groups got out of the experience.

Well... the show has been renewed for a third season, and guess what, NSBC has been approached! This season they are looking for people aged over 70 who are living independently at home (and would like to continue doing so for as long as possible!).

They are looking specifically for people who live on the Northern Beaches and surrounding areas who fit the above description. My understanding is that the "4 Year Olds" will be from an older group this time around.

If this sounds like it might be of interest to you or someone you know, please do reach out to me and I can put you in touch with the TV production company. Or you can email Prue and Andy directly on this address: oph.casting@endemolshine.com.au

And if you would just like to watch an episode of this award-winning show, [follow this link](#).

Coming up: our next two online congress will be the [NSBC@Lindfield Online Labour Day Matchpoint Pairs](#) on **Monday 4 October**, and the recently announced [North Shore Bridge Club Online Spring Teams](#) on **Saturday 9 October**. Entries for both of these events are through the NSWBA website. \$25 per day, full day of fun congress bridge.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon – for the first time in a while! – at our face-to-face club venues.

Liam Milne

Face-to-Face Club Manager

Club Administration


New NSBC Memberships


Please contact Margaret Owen on 0410 657 048 for membership enquiries. NSBC is currently offering a promotional membership rate:


- You can join NSBC as a full member for a discounted rate of **\$15** which will give you membership from now until 31 December 2021.

Do you have friends who are playing as non-members? Encourage them to sign up - this is a great-value offer.

NSBC membership allows you to create and manage your own PP credit account, thus enabling easy "play & pay" in all our sessions. Membership also entitles you to lower table fees in each session you play.

 **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.



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The Club Championship Race

The [Club BAM \(Board a Match\) Teams](#) was completed, and CC points allocated. Current leader board with only 3 CC Events remaining to be played, is Wayne Zhu. He seems to have the 2021 race almost stitched up!

	Player	CC Points Sep 9	Events Played
1	Wayne Zhu	75	14
2	Peter Jeffery	63	13
3	David Fryda	60	17
4	Yumin Li	59	13
5	Tony Nunn	55	11
6	Michael Cartmell	50	14
7=	David Beauchamp	49	8
7=	David Weston	49	13
9=	Malcolm Carter	46	9
9=	Tony Hutton	46	9

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

[Honour Board CC Winners](#)



The Club 2022 Tournament Programme

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

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

The Club 2021 Tournament Programme

CC	Sess	Date	When	Ven	2021 CC Events List
	1/1	16-Sep	Thursday Night	RB	Fun Goulash Night
		Mondays @ 1:30 - 6, 13, 20 Sep		RB	EL Club Open Pairs Championship
		Tuesdays @ 2:00 - 7, 14, 21 Sep		RB	Rookie Pairs Championship
		Thursdays @ 1:30 - 9, 16, 23 Sep		RB	Restricted Pairs Championship
		Saturdays @ 1:30 - 18, 25 Sep, 2 Oct		RB	NR Club Open Pairs Championship
19	2x	4-Oct	Mon Daytime Public holiday	RB	Labour Day Matchpoint Congress Pairs
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		
	2x	9-Oct	Saturday	RB	NSBC Spring Teams Congress
		14-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	2x Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs
		21-Oct	Thursday Night		
21	1/5	28-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	Club Real Mixed Teams (Qual)
	2/5	4-Nov	Thursday Night		
	3/5	11-Nov	Thursday Night		
	4/5	18-Nov	Thursday Night		
	5/5	25-Nov	Thursday Night		
	1/3	2-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	Club XMAS Teams
	2/3	9-Dec	Thursday Night		
	3/3	16-Dec	Thursday Night		

Adjustments added include:

- October 4th [Labour Day Pairs Congress](#) moved online.
- October 9th – New [Online Spring Teams Congress](#) added given the opportunity after Dubbo cancelled their congress event.
- The ABF has cancelled 2021 ANC (Perth), but retained limited Online events, so the ANC Pairs has been removed from our program.
- The [Club Real Mixed Teams](#) has been re-joined as a contiguous event
- The Club Xmas teams has been added

Open Congress Scene

Members Congress Successes

NSWBA State Individual (BBO) - 50T			%
1st	Nigel Rosendorff		123%
2nd	Marelle Irvine		117%
3rd	Theo Mangos		116%

MasterBridge BBO Open Swiss Pairs 36T			VP	W-L-D
1	Pat Beattie & Margaret Pisko		78.86	5-1-0
2	Henry Tan & Patrick Jiang		61.26	4-0-2
3	John Rogers & Peter Robinson		52.14	5-0-1
4	Liam Milne & James Coutts		50.54	4-1-2
5	Michael Chen & William Zhang		48.91	5-1-0
6	Witold Chylewski & Warren Dobes		46.69	4-0-2

Mollymook BBO Open Swiss Pairs (BBO 36T)		VP	W-D-L
1	Maurits Van Der Vlugt & Dagmar Neumann	86	6-0-0
2	Jenna Gibbons & Julian Foster	65	4-1-1
3	Vivien Eldridge & Alan Davies	64	5-0-1
4	Peter Gill & Liz Sylvester	63	5-1-0



Maurits



Dagmar

National News

2021 ANC and 2021 GNOT Final

In light of the worsening COVID situation in Victoria, NSW and ACT, the current travel restrictions and the unlikelihood of restrictions easing for travel to WA and QLD in the near future, the ABF Board has agreed to the following changes to the calendar in 2021:

- The 2021 ANC which was to be held in WA in November has been postponed until further notice. An online event will be held in its place and further details on this will be available on My ABF and the website soon.
- The 2021 GNOT Final (originally to be held in Brisbane) will also be cancelled as a face-to-face event, and instead will be held as an online event.

ABF Board; August 30 2021

Tri-Nations event between Australia, New Zealand, and Indonesia

Australia will participate in an online (RealBridge) event on the weekend of 11th and 12th December 2021.

Two teams from each nation in each of the Open, Women's, Mixed, and Seniors will be invited to participate.

The first Australian Team, in each category, will be determined in accordance with the [ABF Team Selection Policy for Non-Target Events](#).

The second Australian Team, in each category, will be determined by Selection. The selection committee will comprise two members of the Tournament Committee and one other member. The selection criteria will be teams of two or three pairs of strong demonstrated partnership performance that are likely to contribute to future Australian International team performances. Nominations for the second team will be called once the composition of the first team is confirmed.

Peter Reynolds Chair of ABF TC

GNOT Online Metropolitan Final

The NSWBA GNOT Metropolitan Finals will be held on September 18-19, 2021 online on the RealBridge platform.

All players who are residents of Sydney or a surrounding GNOT area (viz Central Coast, Tablelands-Illawarra, Mountains) and who are available to play in the National Online Final and have not already qualified for the Final are invited to enter.

ED: The NSBC has previously qualified 3 teams to play in the NSW Metro finals.

2021 NSBC GNOT Representative Teams	
To National Finals	Kim Morrison, David Weston, Bruce Neill, Michael Hughes
NSW Metro	Martin Bloom, Peter Gill, Liz Adams, Shane Harrison
NSW Metro	Sophie Ashton, David Wiltshire, David Beauchamp, Sartaj Hans
NSW Metro	Colin Thomas, Marlaine Gahan, Helen Christie, John Mottram, Lorraine Schaap

Online Sydney Spring Nationals 2021



The 2021 Sydney Spring Nationals will be held online on the RealBridge platform. The program is now available on the My ABF site.

Sydney Online Spring Nationals Brochure

Congress Calendars

NSWBA – [Link to Calendar](#)

ABF – [Link to Calendar](#)