



NSBC Newsletter



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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.

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- LM: Defence in Detail.
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NSW Lockdown Continues

We are in lockdown till end September at the earliest. So, in this stressful period, enjoy bridge on our online platform RealBridge.

Rookie Challenge Hand 1

You have reached a 3NT game. West leads the ♠6, a fourth-best lead. Here is the dummy and your hand:

What do you play at trick one?

North	
♠ AKJ2	
♥ KT9	
♦ 532	
♣ J97	
You	
♠ 95	
♥ J863	
♦ KJT6	
♣ AQT	

Open Challenge Hand 3 (Bid and Play)

North	
♠ KJT	
♥ J63	
♦ KJ	
♣ 98762	

Matchpoints
Dealer: South
Vul: EW

West makes a **X** over the opening bid.

South (D)	
♠ AQ93	
♥ 5	
♦ AQ852	
♣ A43	

Assuming you reached the 4♠ game, West starts the defence by leading the ♥A. Dummy comes down. Now what?

Open Challenge Hand 2 (Bid and Play)

North	
♠ AT98	
♥ A65	
♦ 64	
♣ AK75	

Matchpoints
Dealer: South
Vul: NS

Assuming you can bid these cards to 7♠?

South (D)	
♠ KQJ52	
♥ KQJ3	
♦ AQ	
♣ J8	

West starts the defence with the lead of the ♥T. How will you get to 13 tricks with these cards?

Open Challenge Hand 4 (Bid and Play)

North	
♠ 43	
♥ KJ865	
♦ A96	
♣ A54	

Matchpoints
Dealer: South
Nil Vul

Assuming you can bid these cards to 6♥

South (D)	
♠ AQ	
♥ AQT943	
♦ K542	
♣ 7	

West starts the defence with lead of the ♣Q. Hearts are 1-1. **Plan the play.**



Update from the President

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David Fryda

Dear Members,

Firstly, welcome to many of you who have recently joined our club! I hope that you are all finding North Shore to be as good a club to play bridge at as I do. And to all our existing members, thank you for your continued support and please make all of our new members, and visitors, feel welcome when you get the opportunity.

I would like to thank the many members who wrote to me this month after I communicated the decision of the committee to raise our table fees for the first time in around five years. The supporting comments I received from so many of you are greatly appreciated. For the small number of you who expressed concern with the decision, I truly appreciate your feedback also and you may be assured that the decision we made was driven by the need for us to be financially secure enough to continue to operate bridge lessons and games during these troubled times. We remain committed to our 'not for profit' principles.

On the topic of property, we are, I'm afraid, not much closer this month than last month to securing the Chatswood site. We are still waiting for the Owner's Corporation of the building to approve a by-law which will permit us to be a tenant.

As I noted in last month's newsletter, the committee is also considering whether or not to continue our tenancy at North Ryde RSL. Clearly the venue was not as popular as we had hoped and whilst our agreement with the RSL means that we are not paying rent during the lockdown we feel that it is appropriate to review now whether or not we continue to operate from this facility. We are targeting to decide at our meeting in late September. The committee has also recently considered the matter of policy with regard to the vaccination status of players and staff in our

face-to-face venues. You will find an update on this matter separately in Liam's column in this month's newsletter. I want to point out that we are so fortunate to be able to play bridge online at the moment and even in the future if you are unable to comply with the policies, we feel are necessary to put in place for face-to-face operations, you will be able to continue to play online from the safety of your home.

Finally, to state the obvious, the current times are clearly difficult for us all. I am so fortunate to be on a committee with some wonderful individuals who are all working diligently on your behalf. We are considering matters we would never have dreamt of a couple of years ago. We appreciate that you have elected us to look after your club and to represent you. If at any time you would like to ensure that we are considering your perspective on any of the matters we are dealing with, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the committee, Liam, Gary or me.

Stay safe and happy bridging!
David

Links to other Newsletters

NSWBA's [eCongress Newsletter](#)

ABF's [ABF Newsletter](#)

Our Club Session Results

These are updated regularly on our website.

[Pianola](#)

[RB results](#)

[August Monthly Full Winners List](#)

Editors Comments

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



NSBC Online Operations Manager

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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 August 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
	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
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	2:00 PM	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		
	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial	
	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Jenny Barnes
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Restricted+Rookie	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	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 BAM \(Board a Match\) Teams](#) is underway, and no new entries are allowed.

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 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**
Convenor: **Gary Barwick 0413 884 805**

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

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

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

The next major tournament event is the [Club Swiss Match Pointed Pairs](#). This is pairs played in a Swiss format. Besides cash prizes, the winner will be sponsored entry to the Dick Cummings Swiss MP pairs at the Spring Nations. (Likely to be online this year).

Club Matchpointed SWISS Pairs Championship

Now on RealBridge in 2021

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

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

♦ Major Daytime Competitions

The scheduled [EL Open Pairs championship](#) has been moved to **RealBridge** to be played on 3x September Mondays @ 1:30.



7th EL Open Pairs Championship

Prizes 1st **\$100** + SOP, 2nd **\$80**, 3rd **\$60**
Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

3 Monday Sessions: 1:30pm on RB
6th, 13th, 20th Sep



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



11th CW/NR Open Pairs Championship

Prizes 1st **\$100** + SOP, 2nd **\$80**, 3rd **\$60**
Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

3 Saturday Sessions: 1:30pm on RB
25th Sep, 2nd, 9th Oct



[Restricted Pairs Championship](#) is to be held in September.

Thursday Restricted Pairs Championships

Guaranteed Prizes: **\$50, \$30** for outright Restricted winners
Plus Winner: Sponsored Entry to the Pairs Congress in October
Plus Placegetters – invite to represent NSBC at the Interclub Pairs

3 x “1:30pm Restricted” RB Sessions in
September: 9th, 16th, 23rd

[Rookie Pairs Championship](#) is also to be held in September.

Rookie Tuesday Pairs Championships

Guaranteed Prizes: **\$50, \$30** for outright Rookie winners
Plus Winner: Sponsored Entry to the Pairs Congress in October
Plus Placegetters – invite to represent NSBC at the Interclub Pairs

3 RB Rookie Tuesdays @ 2:00pm
7th, 14th & 21st September

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

♣ Require an Online 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

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.

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.

📌 Snapshot NSBC Memberships Statistics

2021 NSBC Memberships	NSBC Home Club	Other Home Club
2-120 NR	1114	256
2-074 EL	377	27
Online Members		42
Sub Total	1491	325
Grand Total	1816	

📌 Snapshot NSBC Table Statistics

Super month with NSBC hosting **2,418 Tables**, solely on the RealBridge platform. This includes the two successful online Congresses (Winter and EL Teams).

2021	Venue use	Active Sessions	Active Tables	Tables / Session	Comment	RB Tables	EL Tables	NR Tables
August	153	159	2418	15.21	100% RB, 63% Open, Covid F2F Lock down again	2418	0	0
July	136	135	1942	14.39	100% RB, 65% Open, Covid F2F Lock down again	1942	0	0
June	152	155	1658	10.70	68% RB, 71% Open, RB Festival Events , F2F Lock down	1130	406	122
May	159	163	1387	8.51	59% RB, 73% Open	819	331	237
April	142	139	1267	9.12	64% RB, 74% Open, Easter (No Bridge)	816	288	163
March	153	148	1455	9.50	67% RB, 72% Open, EL & NR open	978	299	178
February	117	115	1188	9.00	84% RB, 73% Open, NR just opens	997	173	18
January	104	103	1140	11.07	94% RB, 70% Open, EL Just opening	1070	70	

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Liam Milne

I would like to join with our President in welcoming our new members – almost 100 in August. The promotional membership rate of \$15 is proving very popular! If any of you know someone that might benefit from joining our club (or playing online), please put them in touch with me and I will provide them with all of the information that they need.

It is important to give credit to those who have these good ideas, so please join me in congratulating Margaret Owen for coming up with this initiative and getting it off the ground.

While online bridge continues its boom of activity during the current lockdown in Sydney, the club is looking forward to the future when the city, and our club, can reopen its doors.

With this in mind, the NSBC committee discussed vaccination policy at its most recent meeting. **The committee agreed to adopt a policy that requires full vaccination for all of our face-to-face staff and players once our doors reopen.**

Like all bridge clubs the largest part of our demographic is retirees, including a significant number in the 70+ category. This also corresponds to a higher health risk from COVID in that category, and a greater obligation on the club to make sure that our players are safe.

Guiding this decision have been the recent decisions of the ABF and the NSWBA to implement vaccination policies. For the ABF, all national bridge events next year will require proof of full vaccination or a medical certificate confirming ineligibility as well as a negative COVID-19 test conducted within the last 3 days.

The NSWBA has gone further and simply required full vaccination to attend its physical premises. The reasoning here is that while the ABF runs one-off events, the NSWBA is running an ongoing business, so the medical certificate route is not practical. While we are

ironing out the details of our policy, it is likely to end up closer to the NSWBA's than the ABF's.

As we expect to remain in lockdown for at least another month, announcing this policy now gives all of our staff and players the chance to get fully vaccinated. I am aware that many of you have already taken action here and most of our staff have too. I have my second shot coming up this week.

For those who are unable to get vaccinated, you will continue to be able to join us on RealBridge which we believe is the best platform for a social and competitive game of bridge from the comfort of your home. We are proud to offer the largest selection of online bridge games in Australia and it is clear that our players agree that Gary and our team offer a great service.

I welcome your feedback on this policy and my contact details are at the head of this column.

Since the success of the inaugural Online Winter Congress on the first weekend of August, we held another popular event on 22 August: the online rendition of our East Lindfield Swiss Teams Congress. With players joining from around Australia, the 52-team field compared favourably to previous years.

Coming up: our next online congress will be the [NSBC@Lindfield Online Labour Day Matchpoint Pairs](#) on October 4. Join us on RealBridge for a full day of Matchpoint fun. \$25, entries through the NSWBA website.

Stay safe and enjoy your bridge.

Liam Milne

Face-to-Face Club Manager

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Removalists for the Eastern Seaboard



Labour Day

Online Matchpoint Pairs

Now on RealBridge

Host Club:
NSBC@Lindfield

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


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The Club 2021 Tournament Programme

CC	Sess	Date	When	Venue	2021 CC Events List
18	1/3	26-Aug	Thursday Night	RB	BAM Teams
	2/3	2-Sep	Thursday Night		
	3/3	9-Sep	Thursday Night		
	1/1	16-Sep	Thursday Night	RB	Fun Goulash Night
Mon @ 1:30 - 6, 13, 20 Sep				RB	EL Club Open Pairs Championship
Sat @ 1:30 - 25 Sep, 2, 9 Oct				RB	NR Club Open Pairs Championship
Tues @ 2:00 - 7, 14, 21 Sep				RB	Rookie Pairs Championship
Thurs @ 1:30 - 9, 16, 23 Sep				RB	Restricted 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		
		14-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	2x Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs
		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	ANC Pairs events
		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

Adjustments added include:

- BAM has been reduced to a 3-week event.
- Goulash Thursday Night on 16/Sep
- EL and NR Open Pairs Championships transferred to RB platform (Same times and dates)
- New Rookie & Restricted September competition.
- October 4th Labour Day Pairs Congress moved online.

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 unsure?

The Club Championship Race

Both the [Club Teams Championship](#) & the [RB Teams Congress](#) was completed, and CC points allocated. Current leader board with only 4 CC Events remaining to be played, is Wayne Zhu. He seems to have the 2021 race stitched up!

Pos	Player	CC Points	Events Played
1	Wayne Zhu	74	13
2	Peter Jeffery	62	12
3	David Fryda	60	16
4	Yumin Li	58	12
5	Michael Cartmell	50	13
6	David Weston	49	12
7=	Malcolm Carter	46	8
7=	Tony Hutton	46	8
9	Tony Nunn	45	10
10	David Beauchamp	42	7
11	Yixiang Zhang	41	8

The 2021 Club Champion leader currently is **Wayne Zhu**
[Honour Board CC Winners](#)



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
Convenor: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805

Red Points

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

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

Spring Nats Matchpoint Pairs
Nightly Session Prize Pool: \$200
Now on [RealBridge](#) in 2021
2 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm : 14th & 21st October

- Two independent Thursday night Competitions.
- This event overlaps the Sydney Spring Nationals @ Canterbury racecourse.
- Pre-Registration requested via the club website (up coming events) which closes at 10pm on the Wednesday before each event. Some flexibility to add additional pairs may be accepted on the day, at the convenor prerogative.
- Match pointed Pairs

Director: Ronnie Ng
Convenor: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805

Red Points

Thursday Night Base Rates apply
\$14 Members (PP) & \$17 Visitors

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

Club Teams Championship Results

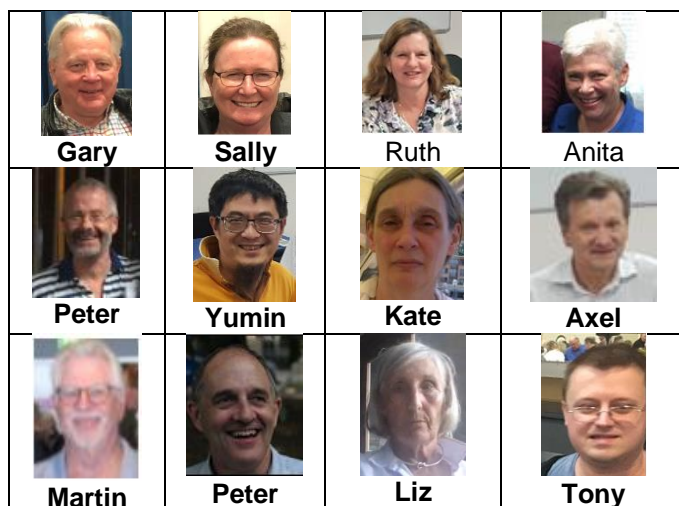
61st Club Teams Championship

32 strong teams (some interstate) played in our [61st Club Teams Championships](#) on 4 Thursday nights in July-August. The event was structured to get to 4 teams playing out a round robin on the final night, whilst teams eliminated were playing a Swiss consolation tourney.

The **Bloom, Clarke, Hutton & Jeffery** teams qualifying for the “**Dash for Cash**”, whilst the 28 remaining teams are playing in the Swiss. This event carries double **CC** point weighting in our race for a 2021 club champion.

The event was won by the **Queensland based Hutton Team**.

Club Teams Championships on RB			Imp	CC
1	\$800	Tony Hutton, Malcolm Carter, Jill Magee, Terry Strong	42	20
2	SOT + \$400	Garry Clarke, Sally Clarke, Ruth Tobin, Anita Curtis	30	14
3	SOT + \$200	Peter Jeffery, Yumin Li, Kate McCallum, Axel Johannsson	27	10
4	SOT + \$100	Martin Bloom, Peter Gill, Liz Adams, Tony Nunn	20	8



The Teams consolation event was actively fought over:

Club Teams Swiss Consolation on RB			VPs	CC
1		Susan Humphries, Ellena Moskovsky, Liam Milne, James Coutts	94	6
2	SOT	Bob Sebesfi, Richard Douglas, David Weston, Helena Dawson	92	4
3	SOT	Giselle Mundell - Helene Pitt - David Fryda - Michael Cartmell	85	2
4		Wayne Zhu - Yixiang Zhang - Craig Gower - Avril Zets	81	



Online Teams Congress Results



Online Swiss Teams

Now on RealBridge

Host Club: NSBC@Lindfield

Our [RB Teams Congress](#) was relocated online, and **52 Teams** competed on Sunday 22nd Aug. This was a Swiss style event. We attracted a number of interstate teams. A **Canberra Team (Hoffman)** taking out the event in style with 5 interstate teams in the top ten.

This was also a qualifying event for our club championship race.

EL Teams Congress on RB (52 Teams)			VPs	CC
1	\$400	David Hoffman, Julia Hoffman, Christopher Quail, Richard Brightling	111	
2	\$200	Cevat Emul, Catherine Zhang, Bulent Kaytaz, Serhat Ozernir	94	10
3	\$140	Nabil Edgtton, Susan Humphries, Alex Antonios, Olivia Schweikert	93	7
4		Joan Butts, Michael Courtney, Tony Nunn, Paul Dalley	92	5
5		Liz Sylvester, Axel Johannsson, Les Grewcock, Yumin Li	92	4
6		Sean Mullamphy, Tony Bond, Ian Thompson, Matt Mullamphy	90	
7		Ross & Pam Crichton, Niek Van Vucht, Graham Wakefield	89	
8		Liz Wilkinson, Anita Curtis, Garry & Sally Clarke	87	3
9		Keith & Bridgette Kat, Dee Harley, Anna St Clair	87	
10		Chris Hughes, Kim Morrison, David Weston, Julian Foster	84	2
11		Ismail Gulec, Leo Saoud, Mary Allison, Robyn O'Dell	82	
12		Marjoree Askew, William Powell, Anne Jackson, Janet Brown	81	1
Best Restricted		Mitch Dowling, Heath Henn, Alex Philips, James Palmer		

Online RB Open Pairs Championship Results

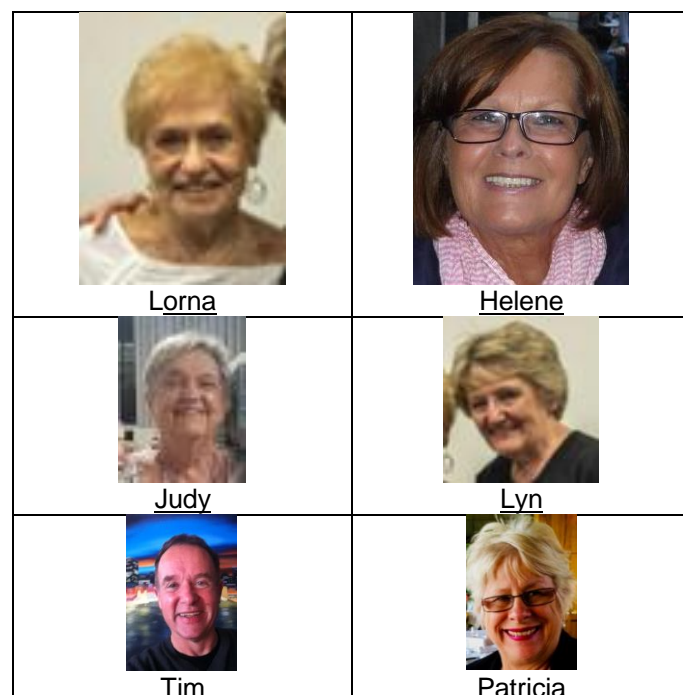
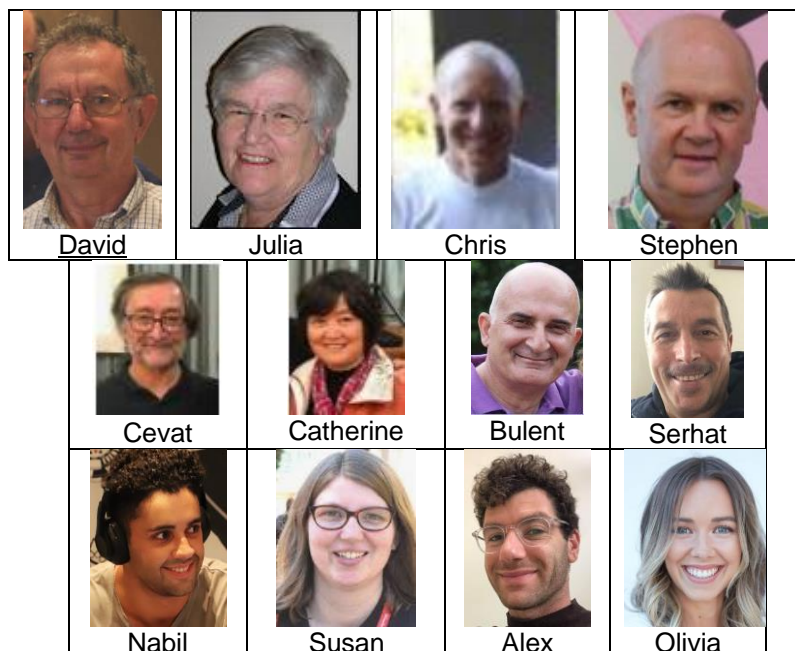


The [RB Open Pairs Championships](#) were run on Wednesday afternoon sessions over 3 weeks in August. The winner has the right to represent NSBC at the **State Open Pairs (SOP)** at the NSWBA Clubrooms in November 21/22.

Table numbers surged from an average 20-26 to an average 32 Tables during the event.

RB Open Pairs (SOP)			
25	32	31	33

RB Open Pairs Championships			%
1	\$100 +SOP	Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt	190
2	\$80	Judy Osie & Lynn Kalmin	183
3	\$60	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	180
4		Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	178
5		Liz Wilkinson & John Scottford	173
6		Dagmar Neumann & Carola Hoogervorst	170





'Drinks anyone', as long as you are Male!

By Ian MacLaren

Following on from my previous story reported on a few months back about my Granny and her epic 1929 win of a big Bridge tournament in northern Scotland, and her adventure to get hold of the motor car offered as 1st prize, another story has come to mind. This time from the early 1980's.

In about 1976 my 1st mother-in-law (I got on much better with her than her daughter, but that's for another time) enticed me back into bridge, starting with a series of 8 beginners lessons from Dick Cummings, a long-time partner of the Tim Seres. After the 6th lesson Mr Cummings told the class he had to go overseas the next day and lessons 7 and 8 were cancelled but he had entered us all in a Pairs game at the NSWBA. It started the next Wednesday, and ran over 6 weeks, nothing so easy as Novice, Restricted, Intermediate were available, just straight into the mix. I was soon hooked and became a regular in the NSWBA clubrooms. Early on I met up with Tim Waygood and we still play together now, despite a break of about 20 years when we lived in different places. In our first couple of months together we teamed up with another pair of hopeless beginners and our 2nd match was against Dick Cummings, Tim Seres, Dennis Howard and Ron Klinger!! They, very politely, just managed to beat us, 50 - 0.

Shortly after that I was transferred to live in a big NSW country town where I joined their large and very social bridge club. They played in a 'mens club', where women bridge players were freely admitted to play as long as they entered through the back door, husbands through the front door, wives round the back! I found that amazing, but not as amazing as the table waiter. He arrived at the table and asked if he could get us a drink, my (male) partner and I each asked for a beer, our Opponents (female) both asked for a gin and tonic. Shortly afterwards the beers arrived, however after a few hands no sign of the G & Ts, so I enquired of the waiter what had become of

the drinks requested by the ladies The Answer, forever etched in my memory "Sir, I don't take orders from women."

With the support of most, but not all, of the male members and most, but not all, of the female members about two months later the Bridge Club moved to other premises where it was equal rights for all. I suggest the waiter was lucky never to have met my Granny.

Club Session Results: Open –August Monthly Winner

[August Monthly Full Winners List](#)

August Open Winners

Pos	August Open Monthly Winners	No. Sess	Master Pts
1	Lorna Ichilcik	17	12.42
2	Helene Pitt	12	10.53
3	Tim Mountjoy	20	9.95
4	Kevin Davies	22	9.65
5	Elli Urbach	21	9.49
6	Patricia Lacey	21	9.40
7	Judy Osie	22	9.12
8	Peter Bendelstein	37	8.47
9	Tom KISS	27	7.60
10	Lynn Kalmin	9	6.78

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



Lorna



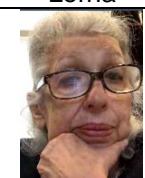
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Tim



Kevin



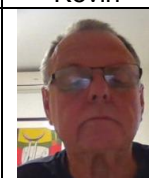
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Trish



Judy



Peter

Our Newer Player Team



Monthly Full Winners List

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 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

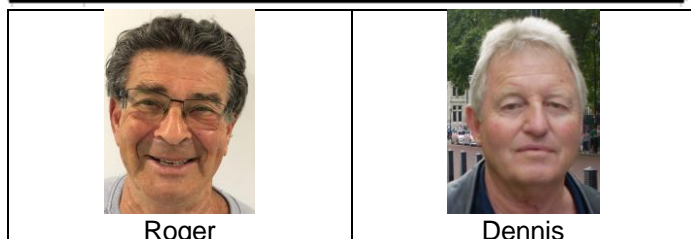
Restricted Sessions (on RealBridge):

- 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](#):


Restricted Congress Results

SBC Restricted Midweek Congress	
1	Roger Conway - Dennis Watkins
2	Jennifer Matheson - Sue Beckman
3	Mary Colling - Steve Colling



Lessons

	<h3>Introduction to Bridge</h3>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>Anita Curtis will be teaching this online beginner's course.</p>

	<h3>Not So Basic</h3>
	<p>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.</p>

Build on the Basics – with Jessica Brake

	<p>Join "live" on Zoom – Wed & Thurs 10am OR watch in your own time!</p>
	<p>You will be sent:</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Recording of the lesson 2) Lesson notes 3) Quiz

Wk.	DATE	TOPIC
8	September 1-2	Responder's NT Bids
9	September 8-9	Leads against suit contracts
10	September 15-16	Weak Twos – Let's get in the way!
11	September 29-30	Other Pre-empts

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

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

August Monthly Restricted Winners:

[August Monthly Full Winners List](#)

Pos	August Winners Restricted <300 MP < ** National	No. Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	14	3.69
2	Sharon Thompson	18	2.78
3	Brian Osborne	14	2.20
4	Owen Aubrey	13	2.03
5	Tricia Higgins	6	2.00
6	Tien Chey	11	1.90
7	Don Mullineux	9	1.69
8	Mary Harrington	9	1.69
9	David Craig	12	1.54
10	Cathy Fryirs	9	1.40

Restricted (<300 MPs)

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

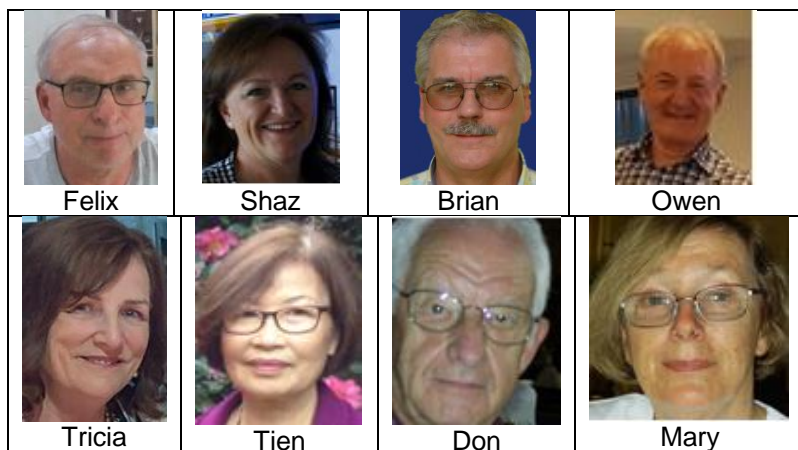
August Monthly Rookie Winners:

[August Monthly Full Winners List](#)

Pos	Winner August Rookie <100 MP < Bronze Regional)	No Sess	Master Pts
1	Sharon Thompson	15	4.21
2	Noni Glew	14	2.69
3=	Richard Cross	9	2.52
3=	Tony Reardon	9	2.52
5	Judy Chapple	13	2.21
6	Lydia Merrill	15	2.19
7	Peter Hewitt	9	2.00
8	Sue Rutkowski	17	1.98
9	Loretta Cappie-Wood	14	1.97
10	Judy Bursle	12	1.92

Rookie (<100 MPs):

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



Thursday Restricted Pairs Championships

Guaranteed Prizes: \$100, \$50 for outright Restricted winners
Plus Winner: Sponsored Entry to the Pairs Congress in October
Plus Placegetters – invite to represent NSBC at the Interclub Pairs

**3 x “1:30pm Restricted” RB Sessions in
September: 9th, 16th, 23rd**

This Restricted match pointed pairs event will be run over the 3 x day time RealBridge sessions during September, to decide the Clubs 2021 Restricted Club Pairs Championship title.

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

Directors: Sue Crompton
Convenor: Gary Barwick

Red Points

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



Normal RB daytime rates apply



Rookie Tuesday Pairs Championships

Guaranteed Prizes: \$100, \$50 for outright Rookie winners
Plus Winner: Sponsored Entry to the Pairs Congress in October
Plus Placegetters – invite to represent NSBC at the Interclub Pairs

**3 RB Rookie Tuesdays @ 2:00pm
7th, 14th & 21st September**

This Rookie match pointed pairs event will be run over the 3 x day time RealBridge sessions during September, to decide the Clubs 2021 Tuesday Rookie Club Pairs Championship title.

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

Directors: Tue: Kim Neale
Convenor: Gary Barwick

Red Points

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



Normal RB daytime rates apply





This article was based on a Bridge feed article "**Trick Two is too late to start thinking**" series by **Joan Dziekanski**.
[Link to full article](#)

You are South in the following auction:

Standard Bidding			
West (D)	North	East	you
Pass	1♣	1♥	?

Your hand is:

♠95 ♥J863 ♦KJT6 ♣AQ10

What do you bid?

You should try **2NT**, which shows an invitational hand (11–12 high-card points) and a stopper in hearts. Note that the ♥J863 is a very attractive holding because it provides a likely heart stopper, yet all but one of your high-card points will help to secure tricks in the other suits. Your partner raises to 3NT, ending the auction.

West leads the ♠6, a fourth-best lead. Here is the dummy and your hand:	North	
	♠ AKJ2	♥ KT9
What do you play at trick one?	♦ 532	♣ J97
	You	
	♠ 95	♥ J863
	♦ KJT6	♣ AQT

Many contracts are lost by playing the wrong card at trick one, which is the right time to think. In fact, trick two is often too late to make your contract. What guides your play when you consider which spade to play from the dummy at trick one? Your partner was a bit enthusiastic when bidding 3NT with a balanced hand and 13 HCP, so you need to play carefully. Because your opponent leads her own suit instead of her partner's, it seems likely she had some good cards in her suit,

T1 West leads the ♠6 so you play the ♠J, which holds.

Regarding the play at trick one, you should use the **Rule of Eleven**. When an opponent makes a fourth-best lead, subtract the rank of the card from 11 to determine how many cards higher than the opening lead are in the other three hands.

In this example, West led the ♠6. The Rule of Eleven says there are five cards higher than the 6, in the other three hands combined: dummy, right-hand opponent, and you, declarer. This rule guides your play of the ♠J at trick one. Because you and dummy have four cards higher than the 6, your right-hand opponent has only one card higher. Because the ♠Q or ♠T in the East hand would win if declarer played low from dummy at trick one, declarer should play dummy's ♠J to eliminate the possibility of East winning with the ♠T.

Now what line of play should you consider? You clearly you need to develop some diamond tricks. While a simple club finesse may be taken later, it is important to play diamonds right away. Declarer needs at least two diamond tricks to go along with three spade tricks, two heart tricks and at least two club tricks. And diamonds must be played from the dummy, aiming to finesse twice if necessary.

T2 So, ♦2 to your ♦T, which West wins ♦Q.
T3 West continues ♠4, ♠K, ♠T, ♠9
T4 Next ♦3, to your ♦J, and West wins the ♦A.
T5 West shifts to the ♥2, aiming to get to her partner, having no entry to the long spades. You play low from dummy, as East wins the ♥Q.
T6 East returns ♦9, so you win ♦K west follows ♦4.
T7 So, you cash the 13th diamond ♦6, discarding a ♠2 from the dummy.
T8 Now all that's left to do is to drive out East's ♥A with low heart to dummy's ♥T.
T9 East returns a heart to the ♥K in the dummy,
T10 So you then cash the ♠A (discarding the ♣T)
T11 You then play the ♣J from the dummy, covered by East's ♣K and win ♣A.

You end up with nine tricks: three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. Declarer's success begins with the trick-one play of the ♠J, a finesse. Then declarer attacked diamonds from the dummy to finesse twice. Declarer needs to develop diamond tricks and take the club finesse later.

Here is the full deal:

North		East	
West (D)	North	East	
♠ Q8764	♠ AKJ2	♠ T2	
♥ 2	♥ KT9	♥ AQ754	
♦ AQ4	♦ 532	♦ 987	
♣ 8632	♣ J97	♣ K54	
South		Vul Nil	
3NT/S	♠ 95	Dir: W	
Lead ♠6	♥ J863		
	♦ KJT6		
	♣ AQT		

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

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

Anita – Intermediate

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
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
Sep 17	Gentle Hand Analysis 10	8 hands for aspiring intermediate players
Sep 24	Minor matters	BYG/Intermediate tricky decisions in minor suits. Should we try 3NT or go to 5 of a minor? Or maybe stop at the 3 level?
Oct 1	Common mistakes in defence	BYG/Intermediate defence

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

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



7th EL Open Pairs Championship



Prizes 1st \$100 + SOP, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60
 Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

3 Monday Sessions: 1:30pm on RB
6th, 13th, 20th Sep

This event will decide the 2021 **EL Open Pairs Champion**
Entry is casual, you turn up and play in the 1:30 RB Monday 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: **Malcom Martin** We welcome **all players** who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event
 Convenor: **Liam Milne**

Winner 6th 2019 EL Open Pairs: Graham McMahon & Yu-Shiun Chen
Red Points Yellow complex Systems are not permitted

Normal Table fees apply



11th CW/NR Open Pairs Championship



Prizes 1st \$100 + SOP, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60
 Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

3 Saturday Sessions: 1:30pm on RB
25th Sep, 2nd, 9th 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





Defence in Detail

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

Liam Milne

If someone's play looks strange, stop and consider the position.

Sitting East and playing a knockout teams match, you hold the following hand:

♠ T872, ♥ AKT93, ♦ T5, ♣ 95

The opponents have a short and sweet Precision auction:

Standard Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South (D)
			1 ♠ ¹
Pass	2 ♦ ²	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			
Bidding Notes			
1 ♠ ¹	Precision - 16+hcp Any shape		
2 ♦ ²	8-10 points, balanced, no five-card major		
3 NT	To Play		

Dummy	
♠ K943	
♥ J8	
♦ A97	
♣ T874	
2♣ Lead	

You (East)

♠ T872
♥ AKT93
♦ T5
♣ 95

T1. Partner selects the ♣2 (fourth best) for their opening lead. Dummy plays the ♠7, you cover with the ♠9 and declarer wins the ♠Q.

You may not have prepared yourself for what declarer does next:

- T2. he leads the six of spades to dummy's king (partner following with the five)
T3. In dummy, next play is the eight of hearts! What on earth is going on?

If declarer is trying to establish a heart trick, he is going about it in a very curious way. Your strong heart spots suggest that hearts are declarer's weakest suit rather than a likely source of tricks. In fact, we can probably rule out several heart holdings immediately: if declarer held three or four hearts to the queen, this play would frequently destroy his own stopper. Assuming declarer is a sane player, his heart holding simply can't be that good.

So, what is he up to? With several other alternative suits to play on, the only reason for declarer to play hearts is for dishonest purposes. He must be attempting to dissuade the defence from shifting to hearts when they get in. Luckily, your hearts were strong enough that you could see through the plan. Declarer can't hold three or more hearts including the queen, so is it good enough to put in the nine of hearts (hopefully winning) and cash out the suit? No. Declarer might hold the queen of hearts doubleton, in which case playing low would be disastrous. There are two good reasons to take your top hearts and attempt to run the suit: if you let your partner win the queen of hearts, they might concede the ninth trick with their return, while if declarer has the queen, ducking will probably concede the contract.

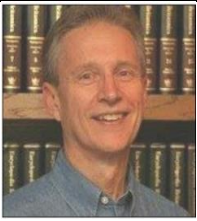
In order to help partner, do the right thing if they hold ♥ Qxx, best is to play your hearts in abnormal order (ace then king). An abnormal order of play suggests that partner wake up and do something special, in this case unblocking his queen under your king.

The full deal:

		North		
		♠ K943		
West		♥ J8	East	
♠ A5		♦ A97	♠ T872	
♥ 7542		♣ T874	♥ AKT93	
♦ 862			♦ T5	
♣ K632			♣ 95	
		South (D)		
		♠ QJ6		
		♥ Q6		
		♦ KQJ43		
		♣ AQJ		
		3NT/S Lead ♠2		
			Vul Both Dir: South	

Declarer could see that the straight-forward line of playing on spades would compel the opponents to find the winning switch. The most realistic plan was to play their suit himself and hope for the best. At the table, East ducked the heart smoothly and that was that. Did you get swindled, or did you punish declarer's flamboyant line of play?

Point to remember: 'following the rules' (second hand low) is good enough for the most part, but when it looks like someone has made a very strange play, playing quickly is the surest way to have a disaster.



Brent Manley

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

North		Standard Bidding			
♠ AT98		West	North	East	South (D)
♥ A65					1♠
♦ 64		PASS	2NT	PASS	3NT
♣ AK75		PASS	4♣	PASS	4♦
		PASS	4♥	PASS	4NT
	South (D)	PASS	5♠	PASS	5NT
♠ KQJ52		PASS	6♣	PASS	7♠
♥ KQJ3		ALL PASS			
♦ AQ		Bidding Notes			
♣ J8		1♠	5+♠, Opening		
		2NT	Jacoby GF Spades		
		3NT	Extra, only 5S, semi Bal		
		4♣	Cue		
		4♦	Cue		
		4♥	Cue		
		4NT	Keycard (♠)		
		5♦	3 or 0 - must be 3 Aces		
		5NT	Anything else?		
		6♣	♣K		
		7♠	To play		

THE BIDDING

You open 1♠ on your 19hcp and partner leaps to 2NT (Jacoby GF in Spades, asking for shortages). Your 3NT showed extras while denying six spades and indicating no singleton or void in a side suit. After some control-bidding cues, you asked for key cards and then confirmed that the partnership had them all by bidding 5NT asking if he held anything else? When North showed that he held the ♣K by bidding 6♣, you bid what you thought you could likely make, the **grand slam in spades**.

West starts the defence with the lead of the ♥T. How will you get to 13 tricks with these cards?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: $5\spadesuit + 4\heartsuit + 1\diamond + 2\clubsuit = 12$ one short!

Top losers: none maybe ♦K

Strategies for 13 tricks

- Pitch losing diamond from dummy on 4th heart winner, & ruff DQ
- Diamond Finesse (50% chance)
- A trump has not been led. May signify a 0-4 trump break?
- A possible Dummy reversal ruffing the 2 Clubs in hand for an extra trick.

Your Solution

When dummy came down, you counted 12 winners and saw that, if trumps were no worse than 3-1, he could draw the trumps, discard a diamond from dummy on the fourth round of hearts: and ruff the $\spadesuit Q$ in the dummy. So,

- T1 West starts the defence with the lead of the ♥T. You played low from dummy ♥5 and win the first trick in hand with you ♥K.
- T2 You then played a low trump toward dummy. When West discarded a diamond, declarer won the trick with dummy's ♠8. Declarer saw that trying to ruff a diamond was too dangerous a policy to pursue, requiring East to have 4 hearts.
- T34 Instead, you decide to ruff two clubs in hand without using the ♥A as an entry. So, you cashed the ♣AK with everyone following.
- T5 You then ruffed a club ♣5 with the ♠K in hand.
- T6 Next, you led the ♠Q (unblocking) to dummy's ♠A
- T7 You then lead ♣7, and ruffed dummy's last club with the ♠J in hand.
- T8 You then lead your remaining trump, the ♠5, was now led to dummy's ♠9.
- T9 You then drew East's last trump with dummy's ♠T,
- T10 You then claimed 13 tricks: four trumps, four hearts, a diamond, two clubs and two club ruffs.

Note that the bad heart break meant that if declarer had been careless with his trump entries to dummy, he would have gone down when he ever tried to cross back to dummy in hearts.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AT98	
West	♥ A65	East
♠ -	♦ 64	♠ 7643
♥ T9872	♣ AK75	♥ 4
♦ K9732		♦ JT85
♣ Q43	South (D)	♣ T962
7♠/S	♠ KQJ52	Vul NS
Lead ♥T	♥ KQJ3	Dir: South
	♦ AQ	
	♣ J8	



[to the original Article](#)

The Bidding

Against your spade game, West starts the defence by leading the ♥A. Dummy comes down. Now what?

- If Spades break 3-3 easy
- If spades 2-4, could duck a couple of hearts (throwing clubs), then ruff in Dummy.

On eyeing dummy, you could count 10 easy tricks if spades were no worse than 4-2 and diamonds 4-2. That suggested playing for control.

- "The ♠**AQ** would be your ninth and tenth tricks. This approach will succeed unless one of your minor-suit winners is ruffed and is independent of how badly the trumps break."

	North	
	♠ KJT	
West	♥ J63	East
♠ -	♦ KJ	♠ 876542
♥ AKQ842	♣ 98762	♥ T97
♦ 9643		♦ T7
♣ KJ5	South (D)	♣ QT
4♠/S Lead ♥A	♠ AQ93	Vul EW
	♥ 5	Dir: South
	♦ AQ852	
	♣ A43	



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 4 – Solution

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ 43	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ KJ865				1♥
♦ A96	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
♣ A54	Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
		5♦		6♥
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AQ	1♥	5+♥, Opening hand		
♥ AQT943	2NT	GF 12+hcp, ♥ fit		
♦ K542	3♣	Club Singleton		
♣ 7	3♦	Cue ♦A		
	4NT	Keycard (♥)		
	5♦	3 or 0 - must be 3 (has ♦A)		
	6♥	to Play		

The Bidding

After you open 1♥, your partner responds with a 2NT bid, (Jacoby Game Force, 12+ 4♥ or 15+ 3♥) You show your singleton club 3♣, and partner cues 3♦. You bid 4NT, Keycard Blackwood in Hearts, Partner shows 3 or 0 Keycards and land in a 6♥ contract. West starts the defence with lead of the ♠Q. Hearts are 1-1. **Plan the play.**

Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 1♠+6♥+2♦+1♣= 10

Top Losers: None, but a deep ♦ & maybe ♠K

Strategies for 12 tricks

- When dealing with losers in two suits, it is almost always right to start with the longer combined suit providing the suit is unevenly divided.
- Eliminate clubs from both NS hands by ruffing 2 clubs in the long hand
- Given that your diamonds are 4-3, you may be able to develop an extra diamond trick if their diamonds are divided 3-3. That extra diamond winner can be used to discard a spade from dummy thus avoiding the spade finesse.

Your Solution

- T1 West leads the ♠Q, you win the ♠A on table, ♠9, ♠7 from hand.
- T2 You now start on the club elimination by ♠4, ♠T ruff high ♥9, ♠2
- T3 You then cross back to dummy on a small trump ♥3, ♥2, ♥K, ♥7. All the trumps are drawn.
- T4 You complete the club elimination ♠5, ♠K, ♥4, ♠3
- T5 You now start on the diamonds play the ♦2, ♦8, ♦A, ♦3,
- T6 You lead a low diamond ♦6. If East had followed with a low diamond ♦7, duck the trick ♦4 into the safe West hand ♦J, who now cannot play a club (ruff & discard) nor a spade into your hand's protected

♠AQ. If West holding is exactly a doubleton diamond West will have no safe exit and no spade finesse will be necessary.

If West has a diamond exit and diamonds are

- 33 You will have your 13th diamond to pitch dummy spade,
- 4-2 with West, you will need to try the spade finesse to make you contract

If East does not play the lowest missing diamond e.g., inserts a higher ♦T. You will win the ♦K and exit another diamond hoping for 3-3 diamond break (36%). If you get lucky, you will be able to discard a spade from dummy on your 13th diamond.

However, if diamonds are 4-2 (48%), close your eyes and take the spade finesse. Sometimes finesses work. In any case you have a 68% chance of landing this contract by giving yourself two chances.

♦ 33=36%, ♦ 42=48%, Finesse=50%
 2 chances = Diamond 33 else ♠ Finesse
 Probability = 36% + 50% (100%-64%) = 68%

The normal way to play diamonds with this combination is to first duck a diamond and then play the ace-king. This technique allows you to retain control of the suit when the suit breaks 4-2. However, you cannot afford to do that here. If you duck a diamond and East wins and returns a spade, you have painted yourself into a corner. You do not know whether diamonds are breaking 3-3 so you do not know whether to take the spade finesse or gamble on the diamonds being 3-3. Why put yourself in such a predicament?

This hand is the exception to the general rule of ducking a trick early with this diamond combination because you must discover how the diamonds break immediately because of the threat of a premature spade return from East.

The full deal:

North		
♠ 43		
♥ KJ865		
♦ A96		
♣ A54		
South (D)		
♠ AQ		
♥ AQT943		
♦ K542		
♣ 7		
West		East
♠ K876		♠ JT952
♥ 2		♥ 7
♦ J8		♦ QT73
♣ QJ8632		♣ KT9
6♥/S Lead ♠Q		Vul Nil Dir: S

Congress Scene

Members Congress Successes

NSWBA - State Teams Qualifier (27 Teams)		
Knockout - 2 Teams to State Final		Imps
State Final	Warren <u>Lazer</u> - Pauline Gumby - Nico Ranson - Jamie Thompson	21
Metro	Peter <u>Buchen</u> - Terry Brown - Ron Klinger - Ian Thomson - Matt Mullamphy	17
State Final	Chris <u>Dibley</u> - Michael Seldon - Wayne Smith - Peter Livesey	85
Metro	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley - Maurits Van Der Vlugt - Andre Korenhof	25
Swiss		Imps
Metro	Martin <u>BLOOM</u> - Peter GILL - Liz ADAMS - Andrew PEAKE	99
Metro	William <u>ZHANG</u> - Wei ZHANG - Avril ZETS - Tony ONG	97

Grafton Swiss Pairs Congress		imp
1	David Weston & Kim Morrison	130
2	Tony Burke & Phil Gue	99
3	Carol Hocking & Jean Lowe	98
4	Jake Andrew & Craig Taberner	88
5	Hamid Sadigh & Siamak Parsanejad	86



Jamie

David

SBC Open Midweek Congress	
1	Shirley Bettman - Christine Algie
2	Patrick Starck - Vivien Eldridge
3	Andrew Richman - Sandra Richman

VBA - Swiss Pairs (47T)		VP
1	Tony Nunn & Paul Dalley	92
2	George Kosakos & Phil Gue	86
3	David Weston & Helena Dawson	84



Tony

Paul

Helena

David

VBA - Swiss Teams (50T)		VP
1	Jessica Brake - Liam Milne - Susan Humphries - Andy Hung	90
2	Justin Mill - Matthew Mcmanus - Ellena Moskovsky - James Coutts	89
3	Bob Sebesfi - Helena Dawson - Richard Douglas - David Weston	83



Jessica

Liam

Susan

James

Bob

Richard

Helena

David

Congress Calendars

ABF

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Territory Gold Bridge Festival – Alice Springs – CANCELLED	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
Australia Wide Restricted Pairs	October 25-31
Swan River Swiss Pairs – Perth	November 6-7
Australian National Championships – Perth	November 7-18
ANC Interstate Teams – Perth	November 8-12
Golden West Swiss Pairs – Mandurah	November 19-21
Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Final – Woolloongabba	November 26-29

NSWBA –

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SEPTEMBER 2021	
State Individual (Online)	Sep 4 (Sat)
MasterBridge Online September IMPs Pairs	Sep 5 (Sun)
Territory Gold Bridge Festival - CANCELLED	Sep 8 (Wed) - 12 (Sun)
Cowra and District Bridge Club Congress - CANCELLED	
Swiss Pairs Teams	Sep 11 (Sat) Sep 12 (Sun)
Mollymook Bridge Club Congress - CANCELLED	
Swiss Pairs Teams	Sep 11 (Sat) Sep 12 (Sun)
Yamba Bridge Club Butler Pairs - CANCELLED	Sep 11 (Sat) - 12 (Sun)
Hunters Hill Bridge Club Teams - CANCELLED	Sep 12 (Sun)
Mollymook Bridge Club Online Swiss Pairs	Sep 12 (Sun)
Toronto Bridge Club Golden Anniversary Congress - CANCELLED	Sep 12 (Sun)
HGR Memorial Congress	Sep 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
State Novice and Restricted Online Teams	Sep 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
NSWBA GNOT Metropolitan Final	Sep 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
Country Teams Outer Metropolitan Zone Final	Sep 18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun)
Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Congress - CANCELLED	
Swiss Pairs Teams	Sep 25 (Sat) Sep 26 (Sun)
Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Online MP Pairs	Sep 25 (Sat)
Illawarra Bridge Association Online Swiss Pairs	Sep 26 (Sun)
NSWBA Tim Series Online National Pairs	Sep 27 (Mon) - Oct 11 (Mon)
Sydney Bridge Centre Encore Mid-Week Swiss Pairs	Sep 29 (Wed)

Breaking Bridge News Items

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

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POSTPONEMENT – NATIONAL CONGRESS 2021

Deja vu. Covid-19 once again is going to disrupt Congress. The likelihood of New Zealand being at Level 1 for the last week of September is beyond remote. Like the Olympics we propose this year's (2021) Congress will now take place from Thursday 10th February 2022 to Thursday 17th February 2022. .



Labour Day Online Matchpoint Pairs Now on RealBridge

Host Club:
NSBC@Lindfield

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** Complex Yellow Systems
Convenor: **Liam Milne** 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



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Sydney Spring Nationals 2021

Sydney Spring Nationals



With the current lockdown in NSW, and the roadmap to lifting restrictions for F2F business not occurring until mid to late October, we will be moving the Sydney Spring Nationals online using the proven RealBridge platform. We are finalising the program that will be provided online and it will be published on Monday 6th September on both the NSWBA website and on My ABF. It will still be a gold point congress and PQPs will be available at half rate for certain events.

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