NSBC Mid-Oct Update



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Vale Steve Center

We are very sorry to learn that, after a period of ill health, ong-time member **Steve Center** passed away on Sunday, aged 90. Steve immigrated to Australia from Germany in 1938, and in adult life, enjoyed a successful career in his costume jewelry business. A quiet gentle man, he was interested in History and the Arts – especially theater, music and of course, bridge. Steve was certainly never one to raise his voice at the bridge table. He will be missed. We extend our sincere condolences to Yola and the rest of his family



Limit 18 Tables – book-in via our website

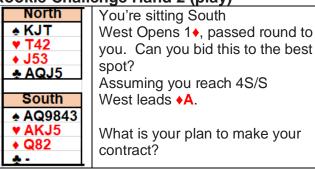
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 1pm Open
- Thursday, 10am Rookie

Rookie Challenge hand 1 (Play)

Г	COOKIE CHAIR	enge nand i (Play)
	North	You're sitting South playing a
	▲ T3	4♠ Contract.
	♥ AKQ2	West leads the ◆Q.
	♦ T85	
	♣ T642	What is your plan to make your
	South (D)	contract?
	♣ AQJ864	
	♥ J84	
	♦ A6	
	♣ K3	

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Rookie Challenge Hand 2 (play)



Open Challenge Hand (Bid and Play)

North	Vul: East opens 1NT (15-17) How do you bid this hand? If you X, East starts an escape sequence.
South ♣ KJT874 ▼ AKQ ◆ 4 ♣ A64	Assuming you get to the 4♣ contract, West leads ◆T How do you play this hand?

Coming Thursday Night Events

The next open events are 2 one-night **Spring Nat's Pairs** whilst the online Spring Nationals are running. Good cash prize pool each night.



The next major Thursday Night tournament event is the <u>Club True Mixed Teams</u>. This is a Teams event, where all partnerships must be mixed.



Information about all Thursday night events can be found on our new <u>Thursday Night Events</u> page on the website.



An update on the online course for beginners
Kay Moyes

As reported in the last newsletter, our first ever online course for beginners is underway. Anita Curtis gives a 2-hour Zoom lesson each week, using a combination of PowerPoint and BBO. The lesson is recorded for those that miss the morning and evening interactive lesson times. Each week Anita's lesson hands (and some more) are loaded by Gary Barwick into RealBridge Practice rooms, so that participants can play the hands for themselves. If they have a four, they can play the hands whenever they like. Otherwise, there are 3 opportunities a week to

log in for what is essentially a Supervised game with a director in charge.

Almost everyone in the class is participating in the Practice Sessions and they are proving to be invaluable in consolidating the participants' understanding of the lesson content. Another aspect that has become clear is that while not being as sociable as being at the club in person, we often see tables staying on after the hands have been played for a chat, and invariably when we are called to table there is much talk and laughter in evidence; old friends are catching up and new friendships are being made.

What comes after the 6-week "Introduction to Bridge"? We move to the 10-week "Bridge Basics" course with Liz Wilkinson. Liz will maintain the same lesson times and use a similar delivery style to Anita, and the Practice sessions will remain unchanged, so that for the participants the only change is the teacher. That program takes us up to Christmas, and then the participants can continue with Supervised play, until they are ready to play in our Rookie sessions and/or continue learning with Jessica Brake and "Build on the Basics".

What about next year for new students? After much discussion, we plan to offer both a Face-to-Face course for the many who are reluctant to learn online and who live in the area, as well as an online course for those who live further afield, and / or enjoy online learning. All courses will start the week beginning 4th February 2022, and Kay is taking enrolments already, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please spread the word!

Want to play for NSBC in the Inter-club Congress on 31/10? Contact Sue Crompton who is coordinating entries to represent NSBC in this 2-session pairs event against other Metro North clubs including Peninsula and Trumps. Open, Restricted, Rookie & Novice grades required



Club Competition Results



Club Matchpointed SWISS Pairs Now on RealBridge in 2021



48 Pairs contested the Match pointed Swiss pairs event over 3 Thursday nights. This event counts towards the Club Champion (CC)

Club Mate	chpointed Swiss Pairs Championship	VP	CC
1st-\$200+DCE	Tony Nunn & Liz Adams	136	10
2nd \$120	James Coutts & Liam Milne	121	7
3rd \$80	Peter Gill & Martin Bloom	120	5
4	Yixiang Zhang & Wayne Zhu	113	4
5	Cevat Emul & Les Grewcock	112	3
6	Helene Jacobson & Brenda Kaplan	105	2
7	Marjorie Askew & William Powell	102	1

Link to Full results of Swiss Pairs







Liam





- 24 October 2021 on RealBridge Events for all experience levels



Host Club: **Labour Day** NSBC@Lindfield **Online Matchpoint Pairs**

Our Pairs Congress was affected by the crash of the NSWBA website where entries were located. Still, 60 Pairs entered and contested the event.

Labou	ır Day Matchpoint Pairs Congress	%	cc
1 NS - \$200	Gary Barwick & Helen Milward	58.81%	10
2 NS \$100	George Finikiotis & Leo Goorevich	56.22%	7
3 NS \$70	Wayne Zhu & Wei Zhang	55.67%	5
4	John Mottram & Henrietta Hohnen	55.14%	4
5	Kit Meyers & Fiona Fawcett	54.94%	3
6	Patrick Jiang & Hui Li	54.50%	
7	Kim Morrison & David Weston	54.09%	2
8	Tania Lloyd & Hugh Grosvenor	53.88%	
9	Louise & Tony Leibowitz	53.54%	1
1 EW - \$200	Cevat Emul & Catherine Zhang	60.10%	
2 EW \$100	Peter Strasser & Andrew Peake	58.16%	10
3 EW \$70	Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	57.11%	
4	Nicole Strasser & George Bilski	56.93%	7
5	Alan Bustany & Chris Hannan	55.54%	5
6	Kevin Davies & Steven Bock	55.23%	4
7	Frank Hardiman & Ken Hubbell	54.80%	
8	Chris Dibley & Michael Seldon	54.13%	3
9	John Yang & Charles Huang	53.57%	
	Janie Russ & Maralaine Gahan		2
	Margaret Foster & Robbie Feyder		1
Best Restr	Kit Meyers & Fiona Fawcett		
Best Novice	Wenjie Liu & Ming Xie		

Link to full Labour Day Online Pairs Results



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The Danger Hand By Pat O'Connor

Extract from Pat's Book

- "A Second Book of
Bridge Problems".

Rookie Challenge hand 1 (Play)

North		Standa	rd Bidd	ling
▲ T3	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ AKQ2				1∳
♦ T85	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
♣ T642	Pass	4♠	Al	Pass
South (D)		Biddi	ng Note	es
▲ AQJ864	1∳	5+ <u>♠</u> , Op	ening H	and
♥ J84	1NT	6-9Нср	, Not 3♠	
♦ A6	3♠	6+≜, Sti	rong invi	ite
♣ K3	4♠	To play	2♠	

West leads the ◆Q.

Plan the play.

Analysis

Who has the **♦**K?

Which is the danger hand?

How can you keep the danger hand off lead?

West's lead of the ◆Q denies the ◆K so East has it, and furthermore it is an entry to East's hand. East is the danger hand because, if on lead, East can lead through your ◆K3 and you may lose two club tricks.

If you win the opening lead with the ◆A and go to dummy with a heart to take the spade finesse, West will win and put East in with the ◆K to lead through your ◆K3. Four tricks to the bad guys.

The way to keep East off lead is to duck at Trick 1! West will not be able to put East in with the •K or anything else. Win the diamond continuation and go to dummy with a heart. Then lead the •T for a finesse, again

keeping East off lead. This will lose and West can cash a club. If that doesn't happen, you can discard a club on the long heart after drawing trumps. You will lose at most one spade, one diamond and one club.

Of course, if East overtakes with the ◆K at trick1, you must not duck!

The Full Deal

	North	
	♠ T 3	
West (D)	♥ AKQ2	East
♠ K95	♦ T85	♠ 72
▼ T9	♣ T642	♥ 7653
♦ QJ92		♦ K743
♣ A875	South (D)	♣ QJ9
	♣ AQJ864	
4 <u>.</u> /S	♥ J84	Vul Nil
Lead •Q	♦ A6	Dir: S
	♣ K3	

Be on the lookout for opportunities to duck the opening lead when you have another suit with Kx in hand opposite xx in dummy or Kxx opposite xxx.

Key Point

Duck the opening lead to keep the danger hand off lead.

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Counting

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

Piecing together the shapes of the missing hands is so crucial. You move from complete uncertainty to complete certainty as the deal progresses. Each time an opponent shows out of a suit, you move from partial information ('he has at least two hearts') to total information ('he has precisely two hearts').

So, when an opponent discards, **stop and reassess what you know**. It just may be that this is the tipping point: that now you can work out the precise shapes of the opposing hands, and the correct play for your contract

North		Standard	Bidding	
♦ 853	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ 854	2♠	Pass	Pass	X
♦ 753	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
♣ KJ92	All Pass	;		
		Bidding		
South	2♠	Weak 2	in Spad	es
∳ KQ	X	Takeou	it Double)
▼ AK73	3♣	Best su	ıit	
♦ AK84	3NT	Game t	ry - 23 H	cp bal
♣ A53				

The Bidding

You are South, you admire your 23-hcp balanced hand. But West opens a weak 2S in first seat, that is passed around to you. You start with a takeout double, and partner bids 3♣ (Best suit), so you decide to try for a 3NT game. West leads the ♣7.

Preliminary analysis

Winners: 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 7 tricks Losers: A, maybe lots of spades

Strategies for 9 tricks

 You need to make 2 extra clubs. West could have *QTx to allow you to make.

Solution

T1 Against your 3 NT contract, West, who has advertised six spades by his Weak Two, leads ♠7 (4th highest count card), which goes to East's ♠T and your ♠Q.

Unable to lose the lead – or there will be a flurry of spades – you need to make four club tricks. However, there is no rush to play clubs. Best to garner as much information as possible, for that might affect how clubs should be played.

T2-3 You cash out the YAK (you might equally lead out ◆AK). Both opponents follow to the first heart, but West discards ◆2 on the second.

Stop. So, West began with just one heart – and six spades.

T4-5 You now cash AK to see if anything interesting happens there. It does. West follows to the first diamond, then discards 44 on the second.

Stop. So, West began with just one diamond, in addition to one heart and six spades. Ergo – you can work out how many clubs he holds. He must have five clubs in a 6♣-1♥-1♦-5♣ shape. East therefore holds just one critical club card.

You do not know what East's club is and there is the awkwardness of getting back to hand for a second finesse if you lead ♣A first. There are three low clubs left, and two key cards ♣T and ♣Q.

One idea is to lead low to \$9, hoping West has exactly \$QTxx left, and East's singleton is a low card (there are 2 losing options out of the 5 remaining clubs, so poor chances); but if \$9 wins, then cross back to \$A (East discarding), then finesse again into the \$KJ for contract

But there is a much better 100% way, which will not risk losing your contract and the precious ♣9 to an East's singleton ♣T or ♣Q and going down. An endplay

- T6 Cash •A (here on the deal, East follows low club •8 and the first option would have worked) But if it had been an honour, you would have gone down.
- T7 Then lead to the ♣9 (confidently knowing East will have to discard).
- T8-11 You have no way back to hand to finesse against West's ♣QT, but instead you exit with a small spade ♠5 to your

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♠K and let West take his remaining high spades ♠AJ96,

T12 West is still on lead, but has only the ♣QT left, whilst dummy still has the ♣KJ to win the last two tricks.

Nine tricks (1♠+2♥+2♦+4♣) and game made – you play them so well – but it is just a simple counting exercise.

	North	
	♦ 853	
West (D)	♥ 854	East
♠ AJ9762	♦ 753	♠ T 4
▼ T	♣ KJ92	♥ QJ962
♦ 9		♦ QJT62
♣ QT764	South	♣ 8
	★ KQ	
3NT/S	▼ AK73	Vul EW
Lead •़7	♦ AK84	DIr: W
	♣ A53	

How Match Point scoring works

The computer awards you on any given board:

- 2 Matchpoints for each pair your score betters on your say your side of the field.
- 1 Matchpoint for each pair your score equals,
- Zero Matchpoints for scores which are better than you
- Two separate fields for scoring EW and NS, So, a NS top = EW Bottom.

On any given board:

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.

Consider a typical 20 table Matchpoint Event

- An absolute **Top** = (20-1 * 2MP) = 38MP if you better all the other scores on that board in your direction (all 19 of them)
- An absolute **Bottom** scores Zero (everybody, all 19, bettered your score).
- An Average (50% board) scores 19MP (i.e., half the field scored better and half worse)
- All the board results are tallied, and your result is usually expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score.

Our Newer Player Team



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 7pmWednesdays 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 <u>link to the weekly RB schedule page:</u>

Editors' Comments

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



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This article was based on a Kantar 'Take all your chances" series article in the ACBL "Bridge Feed" website. Link to article

Eddie Kantar

Rookie Challenge Hand 2 Solution

There are many hands where more than one line of play exists to make your contract. If you select the best percentage line your chance of making the hand increases, but if you do not......

But why take the worst of it? The idea is to take the line of play, which if it does not work, still allows you to take the other line, and there may even be a third line!

North		Standard	Bidding	
≜ KJT	West (D)	North	East	South
▼ T42	1♦	Pass	Pass	X
♦ J53	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
♣ AQJ5	Pass	4♠	All F	ass
		Bidding	Notes	
South	1+	4++, Open	ing Hand	
♣ AQ9843	X	Takeout, t	too strong	to overcall
♥ AKJ5	3♣	4+♣ max	pass	
+ Q82	3♠	forcing 5+	- ∳	
♣ -	4♠	To Play		

With both sides vulnerable, West opens 1♦, North and East pass, you double, partner responds 3♣, too strong to make a forced 2♣ response. You bid 3♠, forcing, and partner raises to 4♠. Incidentally, when making or responding to a takeout double, devalue jacks and queens in any suit or suits the opponents have bid unless responding in notrump or having a death wish.

- T1-2 West cashes the <u>*AK</u> and East plays a high-low *97, you follow in both hands.
- T3 West continues with the ◆6 and East trumps ★7 as you follow ◆Q and ◆J.
- T4 East exits with a low heart ♥6

Given Spades are 2-2. **What is your plan?** (Notice that the jack and queen of diamonds are worthless cards).

12 HCP are missing and West, the opening bidder, is a heavy favourite to have all 12 of them. So:

- T4 East exits with a low heart **♥**6, so you win the **♥**A in hand
- T5 Cross to dummy with a spade
- T5 Cash the **♣A**, discarding a heart **♥5**
- T6 Now Trump a low club **♣5** in hand
- T7 Return to dummy with a spade drawing the last trump
- T8 Then you trump another club **♣J** in hand.

If the ♣K drops, you can use the ♣Q to discard your second heart ♥J. It Does!

But, If the king does not appear, cash ♥K, trying to drop the doubleton ♥Q in the West hand. Why finesse into a player who is known to have the queen?

Tip #1 When the bidding tells you that a particular defender must have a particular card, play that defender for that card even if it means going against the odds in the play of that suit.

Tip #2 Assume an opening bidder has at least 12 HCP unless the opener is known to have a distributional hand in which case 10 or 11 HCP is possible.

	North	
	♠ KJT	
West (D)	▼ T42	East
◆ 52	♦ J53	♠ 74
♥ Q87	♣ AQJ5	♥ 963
◆ AKT64		♦ 97
★ KT9	South	\$ 876432
	♠ AQ9843	
4 ∳ /S	♥ AKJ5	Vul Both
Lead •A	♦ Q82	DIr: W
	♣ -	

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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

In trump contracts, declarers often have to decide if they should draw trumps immediately or delay drawing trumps, in order to make their contact and take the maximum number of tricks possible. In making this decision, players need to count their losers to determine the right line of play and see whether any losers can be eliminated. Consider the following hands:

♦ 8
* 0
♥ 98632
+ 986
. QJ32
South
. JT542
♣ JT542 ♥ AKT

North

Standard Bidding					
West (D) North East you					
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣		
Pass	2•	Pass	2NT		
Pass 3♦ Pass 4♥					
All Pass					

2♣ is strong, artificial and forcing. 2♦ is a waiting bid. 2NT shows 22–24 HCP, balanced, and 3♦ is a transfer to hearts. With an excellent trump holding, declarer did not want to take any chances, so she simply bid the game. She needs very little from her partner to make 4♥, and it is always easier for the partner with the good trump holding to bid the game.

T1 West leads the ♣T, and declarer needs to make a plan right after winning ♣A in her hand.

Should she draw trumps right away?
Declarer has three losers: one spade, one trump, and possibly a diamond. The diamond loser depends on a finesse, but even if it loses declarer looks good for 10 tricks. In duplicate bridge, however, declarer want to take as many tricks as possible, as overtricks count in your score. Is there a loser which can be eliminated?

Yes, declarer can eventually discard her ◆J, a loser, on dummy's ♣Q. The ◆J is a loser which can be eliminated to take an extra trick. There's still the matter of what to do with dummy's third diamond, though, so declarer needs to keep a trump in her hand to ruff that later in the play.

So how should declarer play the hand? Determining the correct sequence of play happens at trick one. Declarer has to give up the lead immediately, in order to prevent the opponents from getting in later to draw a third round of trumps.

The key play of the hand is a low spade at trick two! After winning a spade, there is nothing defenders can do to stop declarer from taking 11 tricks, as long as trumps are divided 3–2.

Let's see how this works.

- T2 You exit **♠2** and West wins the **♠9**
- T3 West returns the ♣9. You win ♣K
- T45 You then cash the **YAK** trumps
- T6 You then trump ♠4 in the dummy.
- T7 You then then cash the <u>♣Q</u> discarding a diamond **♦J** loser from hand.
- T8 You then cash the ♣J, discarding a spade from hand as East trumps this with the high ♥Q
- T9T East returns a diamond, so declarer cashes the ◆AK,
- T11 You trump a spade in dummy,
- T12 Then you use your **▼**I to trump dummy's last diamond in hand
- T13 This leaves only a trump in the dummy for the last trick

Here is the full deal:

	North	
	<u> </u>	
West (D)	♥ 98632	East
♣ A976	◆ 986	. KQ3
♥ J5	♣ QJ32	♥ Q72
+ Q52		+ T743
♣ T986	South	♣ 754
	♣ JT542	
4 ∀ /S	♥ AKT	Vul Nil
Lead ♣ T	♦ AKJ	DIr: W
	. AK	



Is it Safe, Partner?

From Pat's Play and Learn Bulletin series, on the ACBL bridge feed website. Link to article

Pat Harrington

When partner leads a king versus your opponents' notrump contract, what possible holding do you picture in partner's hand?

If the bidding has not suggested the lead of this particular suit, you expect partner to have length in the suit led. We tend to lead our own long suit versus notrump. We do not waste honours, so you also expect partner to have additional high cards in the suit.

The king might be a top of sequence lead from KQJx (x) or from KQTx (x). But the standard lead from AKJx is also the king. So, let us focus on those first two possibilities. You will be third to play to the trick – third hand. Does "third-hand high" apply? One of the reasons for playing third-hand high is to attempt to win the trick. If the card partner led is already doing as good a job as you could do, it may not be necessary to play your high card. In these examples, West leads the ♠K against 3NT. How should East play?

	♠ 653	
♠ KQJT2		♣ A8
	♦ 974	

East-West are entitled to five spade tricks. If West has no entry to his hand outside of spades and East does not play the ace on partner's king at trick one, the suit will be blocked, and the defenders could end up winning only two spade tricks. East must make the *unblocking* play of the A on partner's K so he can return a spade at trick two. West's spades do not have to be this strong but unblocking with a doubleton is still East's best play.

	♦ 653	
♠ KQJ9		♣ A8
	▲ T742	

Luckily, declarer's ♠T will be trapped by East's spade return at trick two, and the defenders will win four spade tricks.

Notice that declarer holding the East-West cards would not need this kind of luck.

Declarer can see his hand and dummy and knows that the best way to avoid blocking a suit is to cash the winners in the shorthand first. **Declarer** would have led the ♠9 to the ace on the first spade lead.

The defenders also must make sure that they do not get stuck in the shorthand while the longer hand still has tricks coming, but they are at a disadvantage because they cannot see their combined assets. This disadvantage makes the unblocking play necessary even though it could cost a trick. Give East one more spade and such extravagance is not needed.

	♠ 65	
♠ KQJ2		♣ A83
	◆ T974	

When your partner leads an honour, your job is often to signal attitude. Rather than risk setting up a trick for declarer by playing the ace on East's ♠K, East gives an encouraging signal. Using standard signals, a high spot card is encouraging, a low spot card is discouraging and warns partner to continue leading the suit at his own risk. After winning the ♠K and seeing West's ♠8 on trick one, how should West continue at trick two?

East appears to have a high card in spades, and the defenders must find a way to avoid playing the winner in the shorthand last. West should lead the ♠2 next. East wins the ♠A, and the defenders can take the first four tricks.

Notice that continuing with a second high spade will make things awkward for East. If East unblocks, declarer gets a spade trick. If East does not unblock. West needs an outside entry to get to the fourth spade.

Newcomers frequently lose tricks on holdings like this where they do not cash their winners in the correct order. Paying close attention to partner's attitude signals can help you untangle your long suits by cashing winners in the shorthand early. East was fortunate to have been dealt the 48, a relatively high card to use to signal encouragement. In some cases, your cards will not let you make such a loud encouraging signal.

	№ 965	
♠ KQT7		♦ 832
	♣ AJ4	

The king is the suggested opening lead from West's holding, but West must be cautious about continuing the suit — even when the king holds the first trick. Declarer often holds up the ace, hoping West will lead another spade. If that happens, declarer will win the **♠A** and the **♠J**. How can East stop West from being so generous? East signals with the discouraging **2**. West should recognize that it is unsafe to continue leading spades and switch to another suit.

Restricted Congress Scene

- Sydney Online Spring Nationals has 4 major events for restricted, rookie and novice players in October on RB. Entries via the MyABF website
- Metro North Inter-club hosted by the NSBC online using RealBridge platform. Restricted, Rookie and Novice sections. A two session Pairs event against Trumps and Peninsula and other metro North clubs. Contact Sue Crompton to register your interest to play for NSBC or East Lindfield.

85i red points! 2021 Metro North Interclub Online Pairs



Sunday 31 October 2021 9.45am for 10am start Played on RealBridge Hosted by North Shore Bridge Club

Join the fun and the challenge!

- One day friendly online pairs event for rookies upwards!
- Play on RealBridge, see and chat with the other players.
- \$15 per player for two sessions of matchpoint bridge. Director: Matthew McManus.
- Four fields: Open, U750, U300 & U100 (avg. pair masterpoints). Pairs in top half of **all** categories earn points for
- their club equally. Smaller club entries combined into "All Stars" teams.
- Red points and perpetual Trophy records winning club.
- Instructions emailed to all entered players.

These interclub events bring clubs and players across ou region together!

How to Enter:

- Metro North ABF affiliated clubs can enter in each field up to 4 pairs plus two reserve pairs - reserves may play depending on number of entries
- Clubs may reimburse player entry fees.
- Entry spreadsheet sent to clubs for digital input.
- Entry deadline 24 Oct.
- Inquiries to Liam Milne 0478 626 393 (NSBC) manager@bridgeclub.com.au

Coordinated by a committee of club representatives. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations and the ABF Rules for Online Congresses Complex yellow systems are not permitted.

- Tomaree Online Congress has restricted and Novice on RB.
- SBC "Online Teams of Three" on RB has restricted and novice sections



Spring Nationals – later Restricted events



Two Men and a Truck Restricted, **Novice and Rookie Swiss Pairs**



Saturday 23rd October Six round 8 board Butler Swiss Pairs event Session times: 10:30am (3 rounds) and 2:00pm (3 rounds)

Entry Fee: \$60 per pair

Separate divisions if entries permit.

Play will finish around 5:00pm each day.

Rookie Wednesday - MP Challenge

Link to full results

Rookie Matchpoint Challenge		
1st overall - Ted Chadwick Entry	Richard Cross & Tony Reardon	123%
S1 - \$50	Nick Armitage & Richard Samuels	66%
S2 - \$50	Richard Cross & Tony Reardon	64%





Richard Cross

Tony Reardon

Restricted Mondays - MP Challenge

Link to full Results

Restricted Matchpoint Challenge		
1st overall- Ted Chadwick Entry	Nick Edginton & Rhonda Graham	116%
S1 - \$50	Steve & Mary Colling	63%
S2 - \$50	John Allcock & Walter Cellich	64%





Nick Edginton

Rhonda Graham

Members Restricted Congress results

	Masterbridge October IMP Restricted Swiss Pairs (BBO)		lmp
1	1	Mary Colling & Steve Colling	48

Link to results





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CCLC Restricted Swiss Pairs (StepBridge) 19T		VP	W_D_L
1	Steven Kemp & John Ewing	89	6-0-0
2	Jake Andrew & Jacky Gruszka	86	5-0-1
3	Colin Mcgregor & Lodewijk (Ludo) Onstein	75	5-1-0





Jake Andrew

Jacky Gruszka

Pe	Pennant Hills Restricted Swiss Pairs (BBO) 13T		W_D_L
1	Patrick Morgan & Julie Alliston	69	6-0-0
2	Annegrete Kolding & Susan Jensen	40	4-0-2
3	Luke Mcnamara & Liam Bastick	38	4-2-0
5	Jacky Gruszka & Jake Andrew	33	3-0-3

Link to results

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Teachers Corner







Jessica

Brake, and Anita Curtis.

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In 2021, our teachers are Liz Wilkinson, Jessica

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 (Most weeks)

DATE	ТОРІС
October 6-7	Holding Up in No-Trumps
October 13-14	2C Game Force
October 20-21	Overcalls I
October 27-28	Overcalls II

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

NSWBA Jacaranda Teams Congress

Sunday 24th October

Six round, 8 board Swiss Teams event

Session times: 10:30am (3 rounds) and 2:15pm (3 rounds)

Entry Fee: \$120 per team of 4, 5 or 6 players

Red masterpoints, cash prizes dependent on entries.

Play will finish around 5:15pm.

Discounted entry SOT Metro

Teams interested in entering the State Open Teams (Jacaranda), representing NSBC, can do so via contracting Liam Milne. An effective 33% reduction on direct entry fees.



Penline Swiss Pairs



Saturday 23rd October
Six round 8 board Butler Swiss Pairs event
Session times: 10:30am (3 rounds) and 2:00pm (3 rounds)

Entry Fee: \$60 per pair

Gold masterpoints, cash prizes dependent on entries.

Play will finish around 5:00pm.



Spring Nationals Butler Swiss Pairs

Wednesday 20th October
Six round, 8 board Butler Swiss Pairs event
Session times: 10:30am (3 rounds) and 2:00pm (3 rounds)

Entry Fee: \$60 per pair

Gold masterpoints, cash prizes dependent on entries.

Play will finish around 5:00pm.

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. You can watch the video) or participate in the zoom session

Date	Lesson Topic
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
Wed Nov 10	Cross-ruffing (declarer play)
Wed Nov 17	Life after transfers (bidding a new suit after a transfer; minor suit transfers)
Wed Nov 24	I love your transfer (bidding using Super-accepts)
Wed Dec 1	NO LESSON

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	
Thurs Oct 21 10am	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	Consolidate& <u>learn:</u> hand analysis	8 hands for BYG/intermediate players targeting conventions & techniques that we have done this year.	
Nov 5	NO LESSON		

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

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

Our Open Game of Bridge



The NR championship was played over 3 Saturdays. Table numbers:

	NR O	pen Pairs	(SOP)
41	36	40	37

Link to fill NR Open Pairs Scores

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NR Open Pairs Championships						
1 \$100 + SOP	\$100 + SOP Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt					
2 \$80 + SOP	Judy Osie & David Osie	57.93%				
3 \$60 + SOP	\$60 + SOP Alicia Mercer & Mischa Solar					
4	Michael Bishop & Kathryn Brien	56.54%				
5	Helen Milward & Gary Barwick	56.44%				
6	Lester & Lynn Kalmin	56.23%				



Open Wednesday - MP Challenge

Link to Full results

	Open Matchpoint Challenge	%
1 - Dick Cummings	Fiona Lavery & Leo Goorevich	59%
2-	Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach	57%
S1 - \$50	Margaret Foster & Ros Howes	66%
S2 - \$50	Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach	66%
S3 - \$50	Nurano Krishnan & Ramesh Karnani	64%











North Shore Bridge Club Online Spring Teams



10am, Saturday 9th October

Our new Teams congress was also affected by NSWBA outage, but 24 Teams contested the inaugural Saturday Congress Event.

Onli	ne Spring Teams Congress 24T	W _D_L	VP
1 - \$400	Rakesh Kumar, Jenny Michael, Julian Abel, Colin Clifford	5-0-1	91
Bob Sebesfi, David Weston, Ric Douglas, Helena Dawson		5-0-1	78
3 - \$140	Axel Johannsson Avril 7ets 1 iz		74
4			73
Best Restr	Sherlock Shao, Shijun Tian, Patrick Jiang, Hui Li	4-0-2	73

Link to full Spring Teams Congress results





NSBC Tournament Chairman Mobile 0437 274 343 John McIlrath

The residual 2021 Programme

Adjustments added include:

- The <u>Club Real Mixed Teams</u> has been rejoined as a contiguous event
- October 31st The Interclub Pairs Congress
- The Club Xmas teams has been added

Our Open Game of Bridge

Three new daytime Matchpoint challenge Tournaments with entries paid into Spring Nationals Events for the winners.

СС	Sess	Date	When	Ven	2021 CC Events List
	1x	14-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs
	1x	21-Oct	Thursday Night		Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs
	2x	31-Oct	Sunday	RB	Interclub Pairs Congress
	1/5	28-Oct	Thursday Night		
	2/5	4-Nov	Thursday Night		Club Real Mixed Teams
21	3/5	11-Nov	Thursday Night	RB	(Qual)
	4/5	18-Nov	Thursday Night		
	5/5	25-Nov	Thursday Night		Finals
	1x	2-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	VCC Mini Swiss Pairs
	1/2	9-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	Club XMAS Teams
	2/2	16-Dec	Thursday Night		CIUD AMAS TEATIS

The Club Championship Race

The Club Swiss Match Pointed Pairs and the NSBC (EL) Online Match pointed Pairs were completed, and CC points allocated.

	Player	CC Points	Sess
1	WAYNE ZHU	84	16
2	TONY NUNN	67	12
3	PETER JEFFERY	63	14
4	DAVID FRYDA	60	19
5	YUMIN LI	60	14

Current leader with only 1 CC Event remaining to be played, is Wayne Zhu. He seems to have the 2021 race stitched up!

The 2021 Club Champion leader currently is Wayne Zhu

Honour Board CC Winners

Links to other Newsletters

NSWBA's eCongress Newsletter

Links to Our Club Session Results

ABF Newsletter

These are updated regularly on our website.

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ABF's

- **RB** results
- Monthly Full Winners Lists



Brent Manley

This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley

article "Careful Planning". Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website

North		Standard Bidding			
. Q963	West	North	East (D)	South	
♥ 652			1NT	X	
♦ QJ6	XX	Pass	2♣	2♠	
♣ Q52	Pass	3♠	Pass	4.	
	All Pass				
South	Bidding Notes				
▲ KJT874	1NT	15-17 Bal			
♥ AKQ	X	Penalit	y (Big Han	d)	
+ 4	XX	Run ple	ease - bid 2	2C	
♣ A64	2♣	As dire	cted		
	2♠	Natural 5+ Suit			
	3♠	Fit & some values		•	
	4♠	OK Game			

The Bidding:

You are sitting South with your 17hcp hand. But East is the dealer and opens 1NT (15-17 Bal). Your partnership agreement over a strong 1NT is that a double is for business, not conventional. So, you X, and West initiates a rescue sequence. West's rescue XX (Asks opener to bid 2♣, which he will either pass or correct with a long weak suit). Your partner passes and East dutifully bids 2.

You choose to show your long suit 2♠ (5+♠), as you only have 3 clubs and you suspect they will likely run to a diamond contract. Partner now raises to 3♠ (Fit and probably all the outstanding values), you confidently bid 4♠

You did well to reach the vulnerable game from there. Against your spade game, West starts with the lead of the **T**. Plan the play.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 5 + 3 + 1 + = 9, one short Top Losers: ♦A, ♠A Couple of clubs. After inspecting dummy, you noted he had nine certain tricks. He observed that, based on East's opening bid, the missing aces and kings were all on his right in the East hand. Strategies for the 10th trick

End play East who has all the HCP to lead Clubs after eliminating Hearts and Diamonds from NS hands

Your Solution

Declarer saw a plan that enabled him to put that knowledge of where all the points were to work to make his 10th trick.

- T1 West starts with the lead of the ◆T, you as declarer called for the ◆J, East taking this with the ◆K as you followed ◆4.
- T2 East switched to the VJ. you won with the VA in hand (West V3 and V2 dummy)
- You then started on trumps, by leading the ♠J, ♠5 to dummy's ♠Q. East winning with the ♠A
- T4 East exited with the ♥T to your ♥K. (♥4, ♥5)
- T5 Your next move was to draw the outstanding trump by leading your ♠8 to dummy's ♠9, West ♦2, East ♠2
- You now could ruff dummy's small diamond

 ◆6 with the ♠K in hand. Reducing the diamond suit on dummy.
- Then you cashed the **YQ**, thereby eliminating the suit from both NS hands.
- T7 You led your carefully preserved third entry to table, the ♠4 to dummy's ♠6
- T8 You then called for dummy's ◆Q. When East covered this with the ◆A, you discarded the ◆4 from hand, instead of ruffing. East was now endplayed, with no winning option.
- T9 If he led a club, dummy's ♣Q would make a trick and see declarer home. The alternative was to concede a ruff-and-discard with a red-suit return, in which case declarer would discard the ♣6 from hand and make his 10th trick by ruffing the red card in dummy.

Accordingly, East just folded his cards, conceding the rest, and said, "**Well played**." The full deal:

	North	
	• Q963	
West	♥ 652	East (D)
♦ 5	♦ QJ6	♠ A2
♥ 843	♣ Q52	♥ JT97
♦ T9852		♦ AK73
♣ T973	South	♣ KJ8
	★ KJT874	
4 <u>.</u> /S	♥ AKQ	Vul NS
Lead ◆T	• 4	Dir: East
	♣ A64	



NSBC Online Operations Manager

Mobile 0413 884805 garybarwick@outlook.com Gary Barwick

♠ Record Numbers 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.

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	Covid Daily "NSBC Online"					
	Expanded <u>RealBridge</u> Sessions					
Day	Session	Play Start	Session Size	Director		
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Sue Crompton		
	Restricted	10.00 AM	5 Tables	Sue Crompton		
Mon	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Malcolm Martin		
WIOII	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		
	Open	10.00 AM	17 Tables	Sue Crompton		
	Restricted	10:00 AM	5 Tables	Sue Crompton		
Tue	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Kay Moyes		
Tue	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Sue Crompton		
	Rookie	2:00 PM	20 Tables	Kim Neale		
	Rookie	7:00 PM	10 Tables	Kim Neale		
	Open	10.00 AM	18 Tables	Ronnie Ng		
	Restricted	10:00 AM	5 Tables	Ronnie Ng		
Wed	Rookie	10:30 AM	New Trial			
weu	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Ronnie Ng		
	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		
Thur	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Angie Boulton		
Inur	Restricted	1:30 PM	15 Tables	Angie Boulton		
1	Supervised	2:00 PM	6 Tables	Allan Pike		
1	Open Competition	7:00 PM	30 Tables	Ronnie Ng		
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter		
Fri	Rookie	10:30 AM	7 Tables	Brian Soutter		
FII	Open	1.30 PM	22 Tables	Sue Crompton		
	Restricted	1:30 PM	12 Tables	Sue Crompton		
	Restricted	10:00 AM	New Trial			
Sat	Supervised	10:30 AM	6 Tables	Jenny Barnes		
Sat	Open	1:30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter		
	Restricted	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter		
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter		
Sun	Rookie	2:00 PM	8 Tables	Brian Soutter		

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*

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you will accept charge on your PP account for your guest. Guests and visitors can also pay directly online see Visitor Payments in admin

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 nonmembers? Encourage them to sign up - this is a greatvalue 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 that you play in.

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).

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.



NSBC Face-to-Face Club Manager Mobile 0478 626 393 manager@bridgeclub.com.au Liam Milne

Reopening our F2F venues soon

North Shore Bridge Club is excited to announce that we will be reopening face-toface (F2F) bridge sessions next week. Our first Open session at East Lindfield will be on **Thursday 14th October at 1pm**.

We will gradually reopen all of our sessions, but initially our F2F schedule will depend on player demand. If you would like to see more sessions reopened, please vote with your feet and join us at the bridge table! I will send out another email next Thursday with our session times for the following week.

Numbers will initially be limited to 36 pairs (18 tables) due to the 4sqm rule. To manage this, we have reintroduced advance online booking on our **Upcoming Events** page. Bookings are now open.

Under the NSW government's roadmap, all players and staff will be required to wear masks while inside the club. We also require you to check-in using the Service NSW QR code as well as prove that you have been fully vaccinated before you enter the club. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so that we have time to check everyone in.

To make it easy for you to show us that you have been fully vaccinated, we are offering two ways:

- 1.Email us your proof of vaccination to manager@bridgeclub.com.au (optional). This will allow you to quickly enter the club each time you visit. There are several ways to download your vaccination status through MyGov and Medicare: more information here. NSBC will store this information in a secure database.
- 2. Show us proof of vaccination when you arrive at the club. Our staff will be at the front door to check that each player has either:
- (a) A <u>COVID-19 digital certificate</u> displayed through the Medicare App, Service NSW App or equivalent smartphone wallet; or
- (b) A printed version of the COVID-19 digital certificate or immunisation history statement.

We will only need to check that you are fully vaccinated the first time you play. Each time after that we can check you off our list once you have checked in with the CovidSafe QR code.

Unfortunately, we are legally unable to allow entry to anyone that cannot prove that they are fully vaccinated, and we have zero discretion on this rule.

I encourage all of you to get your COVID-19 digital certificate well in advance. You can do it now and it will be necessary for all the

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businesses you visit, not just NSBC. I just got mine sorted on my phone and it was a quick and easy process. If you need help, reach out to me or Sue Crompton and we will get you set up.

Shake off the lockdown blues with 'Reopening Reds' - every F2F session we run in October will award red masterpoints. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you again in person!

Liam Milne

Face-to-Face Club Manager

Open Congress Scene

Congress Calendars

NSWBA - Link to NSWBA Calendar

ABF – Link to ABF Calendar

Sydney Online Spring Nationals Full Brochure

Members Congress Successes

	Margaret Bourke Invitational Teams Final	IMP			
1	Sophie Ashton - Sartaj Hans - Maurits Van Der Vlugt - Avi Kanetkar - Dave Wiltshire - Ellena Moskovsky	59			
2	Barry Jones - Jenny Millington - Blair Fisher - Liz Fisher - Sam Simpson - Jo Simpson				
	Ted Chadwick Consolation Teams				
1	Japan Open team	95			
2	2 Nabil Edgtton, Susan Humphries, Jessica Brake, Alex Antonios, Andy Hung				

Link to results





Maurits

Masterbridge October Open IMP Swiss Pairs (BBO)		Imp
1	Parveen Rayani & Jamal Rayani	55
2	Matti Shub & John Quayle	51
3	Mitch Dowling & Heath Henn	43

Trumps Open Spring Teams (BBO)		lmp
1	Julianne Rocks, Judy Marks, Linda Aubusson & Helen Lowry	96
2	Mark & Julie Guthrie, Sunny Pang & Margaret Owen	77
3	Margaret Foster & Julian Abel, Lee & Frank Dreyer	71









Julianne

CCLC Open Swiss Pairs (StepBridge) 21T		VP	W_D_L
1	Tony Burke & Phil Gue	89	4-2-0
2	Tim Davis & Robert Van Der Hoek	85	4-1-1
3	Patricia Shaw & Jing Geng	82	5-1-0

Link to Results

Penant Hills Open Swiss Pairs (BBO) 24T		VP	W_D_L
1	Phil Gue & Anthony Burke	67	6-0-0
2	Steven Bock & Warren Dobes	59	5-0-1
3	Helena Dawson & David Weston	53	4-0-2

Link to Results

	NSWBA -Tim Series Pairs Final	%
1	Malcolm Carter & Lyn Carter	62%
2	Julian Foster & David Weston	59%
NSWBA - Tim Series Pairs Consolation		%
1	Michael Seldon & Chris Dibley	58%
2	Nick Hughes & Nicoleta Giura	57%

Link to Results









Tony

Malcolm

Michael

2021 Online Spring Nationals

RealBridge, 14-24 October, 2021

Kibitzing will be available at

kibitz.realbridge.online for:the Semi-Finals and

Finals of the Open Teams (Sat-Sun)

Dick Cummings Open Pairs (Sat-Sun)

Spring Nationals Butler Swiss Pairs (Wed)

Spring Nationals Mixed Teams (Fri-Sat)