

NSBC Mid-Nov Update



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East Lindfield



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The Government has eased to the '2sqm rule'. This effectively **doubles** the number of players that we are allowed at our F2F venues. What this means:

Advance bookings are no longer required at any session. Again, these were previously necessary while we had limited capacity, but not now - just show up and play!

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- EL Monday 1pm, Tuesday 1pm, Wednesday 10am, Thursday 1pm, and Saturday 1pm Open
- EL Thursday, 10am Rookie
- WS Monday 1:30pm Rookie
- WS Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:45pm Open



Thursday 2nd Dec 2021 11.30am-4pm
Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club

Rookie Challenge hand 1 (Play)

North	Nil Vul, Dealer North
♠ 973	No interference from EW, how do you bid this hand?
♥ A9532	
♦ QJT9	
♣ 6	
South	Assuming you get to 4H/S, West leads the ♠2.
♠ A54	How do you plan to make your contract?
♥ QJT87	
♦ K4	
♣ AQT	

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Rookie Challenge Hand 2 (play)

North (D)	Nil Vul, Dealer North
♠ KQJ2	No interference bidding from EW, how do you bid these hands?
♥ AJ7654	
♦ A2	
♣ K	
South	Assuming you reached 4S/S West leads ♠A
♠ A986	How do you plan to make your contract?
♥ 9	
♦ KQJT7	
♣ 743	

Open Challenge Hand (Bid and Play)

North	NS Vul, Dealer South
♠ AK	How do you bid this hand to the best spot?
♥ AQ4	
♦ 85432	
♣ AJ4	
South (D)	Assuming you get to 6NT/S, West leads the ♠9.
♠ QJT6	How do you plan to make your contract?
♥ KT85	
♦ AQ	
♣ KQ7	

◆ Coming Thursday Night Events

The 5 week [True Mixed Teams](#) is now well underway with twenty competing teams in a round robin, and no new entries are allowed.

The next Thursday Night event will be the [VCC Mini-Swiss Pairs](#) on Dec 2nd.

VCC Mini-Swiss Pairs

A single session Swiss Pairs event

RealBridge in 2021

1 Thursday Night Session 7:00pm 2nd Dec

- Swiss Pairs event (5 x 5 Board - Imp scoring rounds) to decide the winners and prizes on the night.
- Outright Prizes: 1st = \$100, 2nd = \$50
- Note: This event clashes with the VCC Online (RB) event

Director: **Ronnie Ng**
 Convenor: **Gary Barwick** M: 0413 884 805

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

The Online VCC starts that day (Swiss Pairs):

Victor Champion Cup 2021

To be held online using the Real Bridge

2nd – 5th December 2021

Chief Tournament Director: Laurie Kelso

This will be followed with the shortened [Club XMAS Teams](#), the final 2021 event on Thursday nights calendar.

12th Club XMAS Teams Championship

2x Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm
9th, 16th December

Now on RealBridge in 2021

Must Enter for both sessions (Substitutes are allowed) in the club Website by 10pm Wednesday 8th Dec. Late entries may be allowed by Convenor at his discretion.

Club Honour Board **Prize Pool for the event: \$600**

Convenor, queries & partnership advice:
 Director : **Ronnie Ng**
 Convenor: **Gary Barwick** 0413 884 805

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Previous 11th 2021 XMAS Team's Champions:
Warren Dobes & Yumin Li, Axel Johannsson & Peter Jeffery, Wayne Zhu (Sub)

Red Point Event

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

◆ Club Competition Results



The sweep at the East Lindfield Melbourne cup Event was won by Jill Hagley & Peter Langer:



Both picked the lucky horse "Verry Elleegant" and won a bottle of wine for their troubles.

Links to other Newsletters

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Links to Our Club Session Results

These are updated regularly on our website.

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

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.



Unusual Play

By Pat O'Connor

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

We are sitting West. Our hand is

♠5 ♥K72 ♦Q972 ♣97632.

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

East opens 1♥, South overcalls 1♠ and we raise partner to 2♥. North bids 2♠, partner competes with 3♥ and South jumps to 4♠. All pass, we lead the ♥2 and dummy comes down.

	Dummy
	♠ T93
	♥ 93
	♦ T843
	♣ KQJ5
You	
♠ 5	
♥ K72	
♦ Q972	
♣ 97632	

Lead: ♥2

Declarer plays the ♥3 from dummy and partner wins with the ♥A. Partner then cashes the ♣A and returns a small heart ♥4 to our ♥K. It is good that partner returned hearts, but the cashing of the ♣A is unusual in that it sets up dummy's high clubs.

Is partner trying to give us a message?

Yes. The most likely thing is that partner started with a singleton club and wants a club ruff.

How many tricks have we taken?

We have three tricks and need just one more to set the contract.

What do we do now?

We return a club and put a smile on partner's face. Partner duly ruffs the club and declarer takes all the rest of the tricks.

The full Deal:

	North	
	♠ T93	
	♥ 93	
	♦ T843	
	♣ KQJ5	
West		East (D)
♠ 5		♠ 842
♥ K72		♥ AQJT84
♦ Q972		♦ J65
♣ 97632		♣ A
	South	
	♠ AKQJ76	
	♥ 65	
	♦ AK	
	♣ T84	
4♠/S		Vul Nil
Lead ♥2		Dir: E

If partner had not cashed the ♣A before returning a heart, declarer would have made the contract.

Post Mortem

If partner makes an unusual play, try to figure out the reason.

2022 Online Summer Festival of Bridge

The Summer Festival of Bridge will be held online in 2022. It will commence Thursday the 13th of January and finish on Sunday the 22nd of January. Bridge sessions start at 12am all days

1. <750 Swiss Pairs – 2 days Sat/Sun 15/16
2. <750 MP Swiss Pairs – Sat/Sun 22/23



Which card to promote ?

1. ♠KJ2 facing ♠543
2. ♦KJT facing ♦432
3. ♠QT9 facing ♠654
4. ♥AQT facing ♥642
5. ♣AJ9 facing ♣643
6. ♦KT8 facing ♦542

- South Deals
None Vul
- ♠ AQT
♥ 842
♦ KT8
♣ AKQT
- ♠ 98632
♥ T76
♦ J93
♣ 83
- W N E S
- ♠ KJ5
♥ AK5
♦ 542
♣ J754
- ♠ 74
♥ QJ93
♦ AQ76
♣ 962

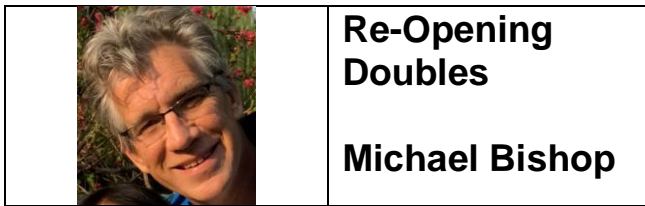
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1NT (12-14)
Pass	4NT	All pass	

- A heart lead would have defeated 4NT but West naturally led a spade (a high-for-hate ♠9).

With nine top tricks, declarer needed one diamond trick (doubtless cursing his partner for not settling for 3NT).

- If **♦2** to **♦8** had lost to East's **♦9**, declarer would have had to hope West held **♦A** and lead up to the **♦K** next.

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(Another way to double the opponents for penalties!)

This was a hand in Saturday's Real Bridge.
Link: [Open Duplicate, 1:30pm \(Board 8, 30-Oct-21\):](#)

Vul: None Dir: West
The bidding went -

West	Partner	East	You
Pass	1♠	2♥	???

What do you do as South holding the hand below?



You probably said 2NT or 3NT and indeed that is what 22 pairs out of 27 did – 81%. If you were playing Rubber Bridge you would double and that would be a **Penalty double** (You have 4 trumps with 2 honours, singleton in partner's suit and the lion's share of the HCP (25 vs 15) so 2♥ is definitely going down at least 2 tricks).

But playing duplicate, a double here is a **Negative double** showing the minors. To penalize the 2♥ overcall, we must **pass** and partner, who is in the pass out seat, can make a re-opening double which we will then PASS, converting it into a penalty double.

3NT by us might struggle because we have length in the opponent's suit ♥ and a singleton in partner's long suit ♠. But we are guaranteed to get a plus score if we pass partner's re-opening double. And guess what?, only one N-S pair did exactly that and got a clear **100% top** when E-W went 3 down doubled for 500 beating all those N-S's

getting 400 for 3NT. That pair was Judy Osie and David Osie.

The next time you open and there is an overcall on your left and the bidding is passed around to you AND you have a singleton or void in the over caller's suit, consider making a re-opening double. Partner could just very well be sitting there with a stack of cards in the over caller's suit, and she is hoping you will double which they can pass for penalties.

P.S If partner cannot pass your double for penalties, no problem – because of your singleton/void you will have support for any suit bid by partner.

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 that 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** = $(20-1 * 2 \text{ MP}) =$ or 38 match points, if you better all the other scores on that board in your direction (all 19 of them)
- An absolute **Bottom** scores Zero Match points (i.e., everybody, all 19 of them, bettered your score).
- An **Average** (50% board) scores 19 Match points (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 match point score.



Eddie Kantar

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

Rookie Challenge hand 1 (Solution)

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ 973	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ A9532	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
♦ QJT9	Pass	4♥	All pass	
♣ 6				
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ A54	1♥	5+♥, Opening		
♥ QJT87	4♥	Also 5♥, and some shape		
♦ K4				
♣ AQT				

The Bidding

After you open 1♥ in fourth seat, partner's leap to 4♥ ends the bidding.

T1 West leads the ♠2, (fourth best), to East's ♠K and you win with your ♠A.

Now what? Plan the play.

Preliminary Analysis

Top Winners: 1♠+4♥+3♦+1♣ = 9 One short!

Losers: 2 spades+ ♦A, maybe ♥K

Strategies for 10 tricks?

- ♠K finesse to throw a loser on ♠A
- Finesse the ♥K.

The best solution

You are staring at three losers, two spades, the ♦A, not to mention the ♥K. Working with the diamonds first, is out of the question as they will win and cash a spade tricks reducing you to the heart finesse.

If you take the heart finesse and it loses, down you go. But wait! What about the club finesse? If that works, you can discard a spade from dummy on the ♠A. But wait! What if the club finesse loses and the heart finesse was working all along!

Both finesses are 50-50 propositions, but why guess when you can 'combine'? And guess what? There is a 'two-king' combining rule.

When dealing with two suits each missing a king and a finesse for either will land you your contract, but if you take the wrong one, down you go, play the ace of the longer suit (in this case hearts), and if the king does not drop, take a finesse in the shorter suit, clubs.

The chance of finding the singleton ♥K coupled with the club finesse, if the ♥K does not drop, **is your best bet.**

Also, when you lead a heart to the ace, lead the queen. West may be someone who has covered every honour with an honour since birth.

North (D)		
West	North (D)	East
♠ 973	♠ 973	♠ KJ6
♥ A9532	♥ A9532	♥ K4
♦ QJT9	♦ QJT9	♦ 732
♣ 6	♣ 6	♣ K7543
South		
♠ A54		
♥ QJT87		
♦ K4		
♣ AQT		
4♥/S Lead ♠2	Vul Nil Dir: N	

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This article was based on a Bridge feed article "Trick Two is too late to start thing" series by

Joan Dziekanski.

[Link to full article](#)

Rookie Challenge Hand 2 (solution)

You hold the following hand:

♠ A986 ♥ 9 ♦ KQJT7 ♣ 743.

Your partner opens 1♥ and you bid 1♠.

The auction proceeds:

Standard Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	you
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

You bid conservatively because you have three losing clubs and shortness in partner's suit. Even though your partner has shown 16–18 HCP and you hold 10 HCP, you decide to sign off in 4♠. Your left-hand opponent leads the ♣A, and this is what you see:

North (D)	
♠ KQJ2	
♥ AJ7654	
♦ A2	
♣ K	
South	
♠ A986	
♥ 9	
♦ KQJT7	
♣ 743	

- T1 West cashes the ♣A, ♣K, ♣2, ♣3
 T2 West seeing the club shortage, exits with a trump ♠T.

Before you play to the second trick, **you need a plan**. Are you going to draw trumps, try to trump clubs in the dummy, or try to set up dummy's heart suit? Pulling trumps would work if you have established winners afterwards.

Winners: 4♠+1♥+5♦=10, **So look for overtricks!**

Losers ♠A cashed!

Strategies for more tricks?

- Ruff two clubs on the table, but will have to ruff with an honour
- Ruff Hearts in hand looking for a 3-3 break

Solution

Here, you would be left with at least one losing club in your hand. Because you are playing duplicate and trying to take as many tricks as possible, that might not be the safest line of play.

Because you do not know at trick two if spades are breaking 3-2 or 4-1, and you also do not know if hearts are breaking 3-3 or a more likely 4-2, you

should play to keep your options open. By winning the spade trick in your hand with the ace, your leave entries to the dummy's heart suit intact.

- T2 West seeing the club shortage, exits with a trump ♠T, you win this in hand ♠2, ♠3, ♠A
 T3 You ♥9 to dummy ♥A (♥3, ♥8)
 T4 You trump ♥4 with your ♠6.
 T5 You want to get to dummy to trump another heart, so you play your ♠8 to dummy's ♠J. Here, you discover that trumps split 4-1 when West discards a low club. If you draw the outstanding trumps, therefore, you will not be left with a trump in dummy to ruff a club later.
 T6 So you trump a third ♥5 with your last spade ♠9. Success: Both opponents follow to the third heart, meaning the suit was originally 3-3. Dummy's hearts are now good!
 T7 But you need to get there and finish pulling trumps. So next play ♦7 to dummy's ♦A,
 T89 Followed by cashing dummy's ♠KQ trumps to draw the two remaining spades from East.
 T10+ Now you can enjoy the three remaining hearts in the dummy (throwing your 2 clubs), and your last tricks are in diamonds in your hand.. You took **12 tricks**, even with trumps breaking 4-1.

A Top board!

Here is the full layout.

		North (D)		
		♠ KQJ2		
West		♥ AJ7654	East	
♠ T		♦ A2	♠ 7543	
♥ K32		♣ K	♥ QT8	
♦ 8654			♦ 93	
♣ A9865		South	♣ QJT2	
4♠/S Lead ♣A		♠ A986	Vul Nil Dir: N	
		♥ 9		
		♦ KQJT7		
		♣ 743		

Your line of play established the dummy's heart suit by ruffing dummy's losers in hearts in your hand, and you delayed drawing trumps until the long suit in the dummy became established.

This is a very successful line of play in many deals.



This article was based on a Bridge feed article “**This Double is not for takeout**” by **Pat Harrington**.
[Link to full article](#)

With nobody vulnerable, partner opens 1♥ and your right-hand opponent overcalls 1NT. How would you bid with this holding?

♠A952 ♥92 ♦K543 ♣K94?

It might help you to think about the entire deal. Partner opened so you can expect 13 high card points there. Give the 1NT over-caller about 16 HCP and you have 10. What does that leave for over-caller's partner? Very little! Do you think your opponent should be able to make 1NT? Not likely! It is hard to play a contract when there are no entries to dummy. Without a big trump fit, it is not likely that your side has enough strength for game either. You could easily get the best score possible if you double 1NT for penalty.

Standard Bidding			
You	North	East	South
		1♥	1NT
X	All pass		

Here is the complete deal. You are West. Your partner opened 1♥ and South overcalled 1NT:

	North	
	♠ T83	
West	♥ 764	East (D)
♠ A952	♦ 762	♠ Q74
♥ 92	♣ T652	♥ QJT83
♦ K543		♦ A8
♣ K94	South	♣ A87
	♠ KJ6	
1NTx/E	♥ AK5	Vul Nil
Lead ♥9	♦ QJT9	Dir: E
	♣ QJ3	

You know what to lead – the ♥9, top of a doubleton in partner's bid suit. The defence will cooperate to set up East's long heart suit. Poor South is declarer and has to find seven tricks in his own hand with that sorry dummy. South sees only two sure winners. Two more tricks can be developed in diamonds, and that is where South will begin his work. Declarer has to give up the lead twice and that gives the defenders time to set up hearts. East will eventually cash three heart tricks to go with the ♦A and West's ♦K. The defenders can also take three tricks in the black suits to set 1NT two. **Plus**

300 beats any score East–West could make if West had bid instead of making the penalty double.

Would you have doubled with West's hand? Would your partner have recognized it as a penalty double? Any time partner's opening bid is followed by a 1NT overcall, and you hold at least 10 points, you should give serious consideration to making a penalty double. For those who use negative doubles, they are used after suit overcalls — not after a strong 1NT overcall. With a penalty double available for good hands, responder to an opening bid does not show a lot of strength by bidding after an opponent overcalls 1NT. With good distribution and many points, responder can bid a long suit.

For example, partner opens 1♦, RHO overcalls 1NT and you hold:

♠KJT963 ♥7 ♦93 ♣JT98.

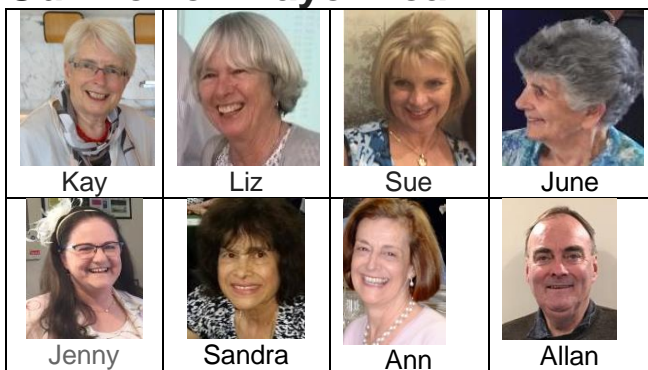
You can bid 2♠ with no danger of misleading partner. If you had 10 points, you would have made a penalty double. Your bid is on the two level, but it is not forcing, and you are not showing a strong hand. Partner can pass even without support, so you should have a fairly good long suit.

How would you take partner's double of an opponent's 1NT opening bid? We are accustomed to using the double of an opening bid for takeout, but in order to make a takeout double, your opponents must have bid at least one suit, a suit that your partner can take out of the picture when choosing trumps.

In standard bidding, the double of a 1NT opening bid (weak or strong) is a penalty double. Some pairs use special conventions for bidding over 1NT openers, and some of those conventions assign other meanings to a double. Those players will Alert their double because it is not the standard penalty double. To make a penalty double of a 1NT opening bid, you should have enough tricks to defeat 1NT.

Take some time to discuss these auctions with your favourite partners. A simple agreement to have is that any double of a strong notrump bid (opening or overcall) is for penalty. If your side's first action (other than pass) is a double of a 1NT response (a weak bid), this is not for penalty. It is a takeout double with the opening bidder's suit taken out of the picture.

Our Newer Player Team



Supervised Sessions:

- RB Mondays at 7pm
- RB Tuesdays at 10:30am
- RB Thursdays at 7pm

Rookie Sessions:

- RB Mondays at 2pm
- **WS Mondays at 1:30pm**
- RB Tuesdays at 2pm and 7pm
- RB Wednesdays at 10:00am and 2pm
- RB Thursdays at 10:30am
- **EL Thursdays at 10:00**
- RB Fridays at 10:30am
- RB Sundays at 2pm

Restricted Sessions:

- RB Mondays at 10am
- RB Thursdays at 1:30pm
- RB Fridays at 1:30pm
- RB 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 Scene Australian Restricted Butler Pairs Championships

The **2021 Australian Restricted Butler Pairs Championships** will be held online on the RealBridge platform on 13-16 November. The Restricted Butler will award Gold Points. "Restricted player" is defined as <300mp at 1 Jan 2021.

Enter now on My ABF via
www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/91

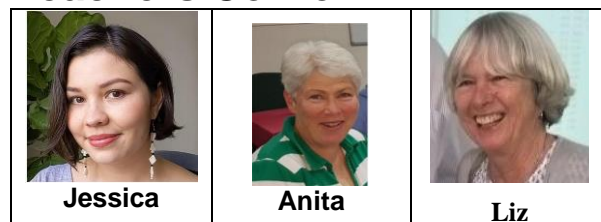
Victor Champion Cup 2021

To be held online using the Real Bridge

2nd – 5th December 2021

- The Victor Muntz Restricted Swiss Pairs
 - Eligibility: Each player must possess fewer than 300 masterpoints as of 31/12/2020

Teachers Corner



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

Build on the Basics – with Jessica Brake



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

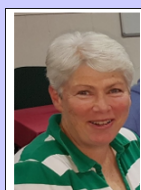
- You will be sent:
- 1) Recording of the lesson
 - 2) Lesson notes
 - 3) Quiz (Most weeks)

DATE	TOPIC
November 3-4	Takeout Doubles I
November 10-11	Takeout Doubles II
November 17-18	Hand Analysis (Revision)
November 24-25	Dumping Losers

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

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



Brent Manley

This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article "[Dig Deeper](#)." Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website

Open Challenge Hand (Solution)

North		Standard Bidding			
		West	North	East	South (D)
♠ AK					1NT
♥ AQ4					
♦ 85432		PASS	6NT	ALL PASS	
♣ AJ4					
		Bidding Notes			
South (D)		1NT	15-17 Bal		
♠ QJT6		6NT	To Play		
♥ KT85					
♦ AQ					
♣ KQ7					

Against your solid-looking slam, West starts with the ♠9. How can you make sure of 12 tricks?

Preliminary Analysis

Top winners: 4♠+3♥+1♦+3♣= 11

Top Losers: None

Strategies for 12 tricks

- Diamond finesse
- ♥ could break 33

Your Solution

- T1 West starts with the ♠9, dummy winning ♠A, East ♠2, ♠6 from hand
- T2 You paused to take stock and saw that you could count 11 top tricks. This meant you would need to develop an extra trick in one of the red suits. So, you cashed dummy's second high spade ♠K, ♠3, ♠T, ♠4.
- T3 You then led a diamond ♦2, ♦3 to your ♦Q and West winning the ♦K.
- T4 West found the sensible exit of another spade, forcing declarer to do all of the hard work on his own. ♠8, ♦3, ♠5, winning the ♠Q in hand.

- T5 The contract now depended on making four tricks in hearts and that suggested gathering as much distributional information as possible before touching the heart suit. So, you then cashed the ♠J, West following S8, throwing another diamond ♦4 from dummy, East parting with the ♣2.
- T6 You then cashed the ♥A. East showed out, revealing the 5-1 diamond break.
- T789 You continued by cashing out the three club winners. ♣AKQ. West discarding a diamond on the third club.
- T10/11 West is now marked with an original distribution of 4=2=5=2. This allowed you to be sure that East had a starting shape of 3=4=1=5. So, you cashed dummy's ♥AQ, all following.
- T12 You then led dummy's ♥4. When East followed with the ♥9, you confidently covered this with the ♥T, winning!
- T13 The ♥K was your 12th trick.

The full deal:

		North			
		♠ AK			
West		♥ AQ4		East	
♠ 9874		♦ 85432		♠ 532	
♥ 72		♣ AJ4		♥ J963	
♦ KJT96				♦ 7	
♣ T3		South (D)		♣ 98652	
6NT/S Lead ♠9		♠ QJT6		Vul NS Dir: South	
		♥ KT85			
		♦ AQ			
		♣ KQ7			



October Masterpoint Promotions

The October Master point promotions have been updated on the website page.

Link to [Full October club MP Promotions List](#)

			
Leo Goorevich Silver Grand	Kathryn Brien Silver National	Mary Atkinson Bronze National	Felix Shteyman State Master

ABF MASTER RANKINGS					
Rank	Minimum Requirements				NSBC Rank Sess
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold	
Graduate	2	2			R o o k i e
Club	5	5			
Local	15	15			
Bronze Local	25	25			
Silver Local	35	35			
Regional	50	50			
Bronze Regional	100	100			R e s t r
State	50	25	25		
Bronze State	100	50	50		
National	150	75	75		
Bronze National	200	100	100		
Silver National	300	150	150		O p e n
Life	300	120	180	30	
Bronze Life	400	160	240	40	
Silver Life	500	200	300	50	
Gold Life	750	300	450	75	
Grand	1000	300	700	200	
Silver Grand	2500	600	1900	600	
Gold Grand	5000	1000	4000	1400	
Emerald Grand	10000	1500	8500	3000	
Diamond Grand	15000	2000	13000	5000	



NSBC Face-to-Face Club Manager

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Liam Milne

Our new venue at **The Willis** is going well! With four sessions per week, we are getting a lot of positive feedback – both from those who used to play here, and players who are seeing the playing area for the first time.

Parking is easy, and the bathrooms and café have now been renovated. Coffee, sandwiches and drinks are available for purchase so you might like to come early and have a bite here before your game of bridge.

You can see our session schedule in the table below. Monday afternoon is our Rookie game and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12:45 are Open games.

We are also lucky to have John Newman directing Thursday afternoons at The Willis. Many of you will remember him from Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons at Club Willoughby.

Liam Milne

Face-to-Face Club Manager


Standard Daily "NSBC F2F @ Willis Sports & Recreation Centre"					
Note: Covid Regulations - All F2F Venue have QR Code Registration at club entry					
Day	Ven	Session	Play Start	Session size	Director / Notes
Mon	WS	Rookie	1:30 PM	30 Tables	Sue Crompton
Tues	WS	Open	12:45 PM	30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Wed	WS	Open	12:45 PM	30 Tables	Jamie Thompson
Thur	WS	Open	12:45 PM	30 Tables	Johnno Newman
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					
Standard Daily "NSBC F2F @ East Lindfield" (Face-to-Face) Sessions					
Note: Covid Regulations - All F2F Venue have QR Code Registration at					
Day	Ven	Session	Play Start	Session size	Director / Notes
Mon	EL	Open	1:00 PM	30 Tables	David Hagley
		Supervised			TBA
Tues	EL	Supervised			TBA
		Open	1:00 PM	30 Tables	David Hagley
Wed	EL	Open	10:00 AM	30 Tables	Sue Crompton
Thur	EL	Rookie	10:00 AM	30 Tables	Sue Crompton
		Open	1:00 PM	30 Tables	
Fri	EL				TBA
Sat	EL	Open	1:00 PM	30 Tables	Sue Crompton
Sun	EL				Special Events

Two Men and a Truck



Removalists for the Eastern Seaboard

Hyegrove Willoughby



The new luxury retirement living community at the Club Willoughby location

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 that you play in.

Snapshot mid Nov Memberships

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club	Assoc	Total
2-xxx RealBridge online Totals	0	60	60
2-074 (East Lindfield) F2F Totals	376	26	402
2-120 (Willis) F2F Totals	1133	278	1411
Grand Total Sep	1509	364	1873

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.

ABF Club Costs 2022

The ABF Council has set 2022 fee structures.

- The **capitation fee** will return to \$16.10 per home club member.
- The **masterpoint fees** will remain unchanged.



**NSBC
Tournament
Chairman**
Mobile 0437 274 343
John McIlrath

The residual 2021 Tournament Program

Adjustments added include:

- A single session VCC Pairs has been added.
- The **Club Xmas Teams** has been reduced to 2 sessions in December

CC	Sess	Date	When	Ven	2021 CC Events List
21	1/5	28-Oct	Thursday Night	RB	Club Real Mixed Teams (Qual)
	2/5	4-Nov	Thursday Night		
	3/5	11-Nov	Thursday Night		
	4/5	18-Nov	Thursday Night		
	5/5	25-Nov	Thursday Night		
	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		

The preliminary 2022 Tournament Program

- No F2F Competition nights are envisaged in Q1
- RealBridge activities – similar to 2021

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WS Venue	Willis	0478 626 393
CW/NR Venues	Closed	0478 626 393



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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.

Covid Daily "NSBC Online" Expanded RealBridge Sessions				
Day	Session	Play Start	Session Size	Director
Mon	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Restricted	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	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
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Rookie	2.00 PM	28 Tables	Ronnie Ng
Thur	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
	Restricted	1.30 PM	15 Tables	Angie Boulton
Fri	Supervised	7.00 PM	6 Tables	Allan Pike
	Open Competition Night	7.00 PM	30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	10.30 AM	7 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	22 Tables	Sue Crompton
Sat	Restricted	1.30 PM	12 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	1.30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter
Sun	Restricted	1.30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Rookie	Closed		

♣ Require a Partner online?

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

♣ Visitors and Guests are always Welcome

Visitors and guests are welcome, members can pay for a guest via the PP system **just let the director know at the start of the session, that you will accept charge on your PP account for**

your guest. Guests and visitors can also pay directly online see **Visitor Payments** in admin

Open Congress Scene

Congress Calendars

NSWBA – [Link to NSWBA Calendar](#)

ABF – [Link to ABF Calendar](#)

Members Congress Successes

NSWBA - State Swiss Pairs		VP	WDL
1	Joan BUTTS - Michael COURTNEY	133.19	8-0-1
2	Tania LLOYD - Hugh GROSVENOR	130.04	7-0-2
3	Catherine ZHANG - Avril ZETS	110.32	6-0-3
4=	Ernie NEWMAN - Heath HENN	108.97	5-1-3
4=	Julian FOSTER - David WESTON	108.97	6-0-3



[Joan](#)



[Michael](#)

Our NSW Interstate Teams

The NSBC is well represented in the NSW Teams contesting the Inter-state Teams this year on the RB platform.

NSW Open Team - **David Fryda (NPC)**

Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Avon Wilsmore, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, **David Weston**

NSW Women Team - Marcia Scudder (NPC)

Susan Humphries, Jessica Brake, Helene Pitt, Ruth Tobin, Kinga Moses, **Tina Zines**

NSW Seniors Team - **John McIlrath (NPC)**

Mike Hughes, Bruce Neill, Robert Krochmalik. Paul Lavings, **Terry Brown, Peter Buchen.**

NSW Youth Team - Nico Ranson (NPC)

Stephen Guo, Alan Stoneham, James Palmer, Alex Phillips, Ailsa Peacock, Tamara de Mel


Open Interstate (8 Teams) Quals			Women's Interstate (7 Teams) Quals		
p	Team	Netimps	p	Team	Netimps
1	VIC	77	1	SA	130
2	SA	65	2	QLD	75
5	NSW	23	3	NSW	32
Seniors Interstate (7 Teams) Quals			Youth Interstate (5 Teams) Quals		
p	Team	Netimps	p	Team	Netimps
1	NSW	230	1	NSW	229
2	ACT	127	2	VIC	130

[Link to Full Inter-state Teams Results](#)

Results:

Open SA defeated VIC
 Women's QLD defeated SA
 Seniors **NSW** defeated ACT
 Youth VIC defeated **NSW** by just 2.1imps

		
Bruce Neill	Mike Hughes	Terry Brown
		
Peter Buchen	Robert Krochmalik	Paul Lavings

	I would like to congratulate Non Playing Captain John – he has captained NSW in Interstate Seniors for 3 wins from 3 starts . Also, one win captaining Australia at the Asian Pacific championships. and the NSW open team into a 2 nd place
John McIlrath	

2. The Wally Scott Open Swiss Pairs (with PQPs) -2days Thursday/Friday
3. The Victor Champion Cup (with PQPs) – Saturday/Sunday 11 am starts

Enter now on My ABF via

<https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/96>

NSW State Open Pairs Championships (SOP)

The 2021 State Open Championships will be held online on the NSWBA RB platform on Saturday-Sunday 20-21 November. NSBC ran as number of SOP qualifying events during the year, and we wish the following pairs representing us good luck:

NSBC representative Pairs for the SOP (State Open Pairs) on RB Sat/Sun 20/21 Nov
Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt
Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey
Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach
Michael Seldon & Chris Dibley
William Zhang & Wei Zhang
Judy Osie & David Osie
Michael Bishop & Kathryn Brien
Helen Milward & Gary Barwick
Les Varadi & Eva Shand
William Powell & Marjorie Askew

You can also enter independently as a pair directly into the SOP qualifying event.

The Qualifying is on Saturday 20th November. Any players who do not qualify for the Open finals on the Sunday, may play in the NSWBA Spring Swiss Pairs congress on the Sunday free of charge. Pairs can also enter directly to just the Congress event

[Link NSWBA Website for SOP entries & information](#)

[Link to NSWBA Website for Congress Entries \(my ABF\)](#)

2021 Online Victor Champion Cup

The VCC is now joining the growing number of National events that will be held Online using the RealBridge platform (December 2nd– 5th). All 3 events in this year's program will award Gold Points

1. The Victor Muntz Restricted Swiss Pairs - 2days Thursday/Friday 11am starts

2022 Online Summer Festival of Bridge

The Summer Festival of Bridge will be held online in 2022. It will commence Thursday the 13th of January and finish on Sunday the 22nd of January. Bridge sessions start at 12am all days

3. **Mixed Pairs** – Imp Swiss 2 days from 13th
4. **Seniors Teams** – Swiss 2 days 13th → 4T SF+GF
5. **Open Swiss Pairs** – 2 days Sat/Sun 15/16
6. **<750 Swiss Pairs** – 2 days Sat/Sun 15/16
7. **SW Pacific Teams** – 2 days Tue/Wed 18/19 → 16T (NOT) R16 Thurs R8 Fri → SF/GF weekend
8. **Women's Teams** – Thu/Fri 20/21 → 4T SF/GF
9. **Open MP Swiss Pairs** – Sat/Sun 22/23
10. **<750 MP Swiss Pairs** – Sat/Sun 22/23

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF				
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
13th January	14th January	15th January	16th January	17th January
Mixed Pairs		TBIB Open Swiss Pairs		
Senior Teams		TBIB <750 Swiss Pairs		Rest Day
		Senior Team SF	Senior Teams Final	

BRIDGE 2022 - PROGRAM

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18th January	19th January	20th January	21st January	22nd January	23rd January
SWPT		NOT Rnd of 16	NOT Rnd of 8	NOT Semi-Final	NOT Final
		Womens Teams		Womens Semi-Final	Womens Final
				Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	
				<750 Masterpoint Swiss Pairs	

Enter via MyABF
[My ABF - Congress View](#)

ABF Technology Project Update

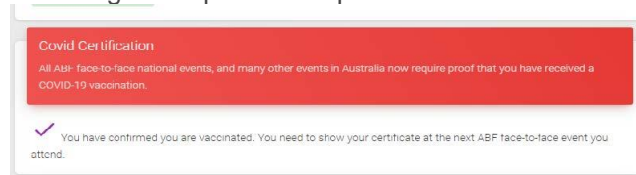
MyABF has continued to grow and now has over 3,500 registered users. This is expected to grow as players enter the Gold Coast.

The next major release, planned for end 2021, is to offer clubs the facility to accept payments from players for club sessions via MyABF. After that, the next major releases planned are:

- personalised display of player results
- integrating Masterpoint centre functionality (also incorporating member management and invoicing)
- development of an in-house scoring module

Following consideration by the Technology Steering Committee and ABF Board the priority order of the last two items has been switched from the previous schedule (this is partly, but not wholly, due to the recent masterpoint centre outage problems). A technology audit by an external party has also been commissioned and will shortly commence.

Covid vaccination status declaration functionality is now set up on the Profile page. Players are encouraged to update their profile.



Australians and New Zealanders win the 2020 International Bridge Press Awards

The IBPA Award, "Justin Lall Memorial Declarer Play of the Year," has been won by Sartaj Hans of Australia. The author of article was Ron Klinger which adds another honour to his long and distinguished career as a bridge player, author, teacher, and journalist. The December edition of the ABF Newsletter will have the full article and hand.

Michael Whibley & Matt Brown from New Zealand won the "Yeh Bros. Best Bid Deal of the Year" in an article written by Geo Tislevoll. All are regular players in the SFOB and the Gold Coast Congress.

Geo also won for writing up Christian Bakke from Norway for the Junior Deal of the Year. **Congratulations from the ABF to all the winners**



Sartaj Hans



Wollstonecraft Swiss Pairs

Sunday 28 November, 2021 at 10 am

[Link: F2F Congress at Wollstonecraft Bowling club](#)

Great Lakes SWISS BUTLER IMP PAIRS CONGRESS

(An approved NSWBA red point congress)
SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021
Online on StepBridge

[Link: StepBridge Congress for Great Lakes & Information](#)