

## **NSBC** Newsletter



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The NSBC wishes the teams selected for Australian representation well, (including many of our members) in the **World Bridge Team Championships** on 27th March to 9th April.

#### Australian Open team

Sartaj Hans – **Peter Gill, Nabil Edgtton** – Andy Hung, **Liam Milne – James Coutts** with David Wiltshire (NPC)









Peter Gill Li

Liam Milne

Nabil **Edgtton** 

James Coutts

#### **Australian Women team**

Giselle Mundell – Rena Kaplan, Liz Havas – Diana Smart, Jessica Brake – Susan

Humphries, with Dee Harley (NPC)







Rena Kaplan



Jessica Brake



Susan Humphries

Both F2F and online courses for **new Bridge players** start in February 2022. (See back page) Do you have friends or family who would like to learn? Could this be the perfect Christmas present for the person who has everything? See the back page for details. **Contact Kay Moyes**.

#### Open Challenge Hand 1 (Bid and Play)

	North	NS Vul, Dealer: South
	◆ 7542	
	<b>♥</b> 9	West will show a 5/5 in the
	♦ AK	
	♣ K97542	Majors, East pre-empting to 4♥
'		
	South (D)	Assuming you can reach a 6♣
	♣ AQ6	contract, West leads the <b>VK</b> . How
	<b>♥</b> A3	
	♦ Q954	do you plan to make your slam
	♣ AQ63	contract?

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#### Open Challenge Hand 2 (Bid and Play)

**Open Congress Scene** 

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	North	NS Vul, Dealer South
	♠ KQ2	West will X your 1♠ opening.
	<b>▼ KT86</b>	Partner will XX with East
	♦ A762	
	♣ A7	running to 2♥.
	South (D)	Assuming you can get to 6♠
	▲ AT9864	contract, west leads the ♣Q.
	<b>♥</b> 2	
	♦ K5	How do you plan to make your
	♣ K632	slam contract?

#### Open Challenge Hand 3 (Bid and Play)

North	All Nil Vul, Dealer West,
<b>♣</b> QJ986	
♥ Q53	West opens 1♦, passed
♦ Q84	round to you.
<b>♣</b> 98	
	Assuming you get to a 3NT
South	
<b>▲ K</b> 4	contract, west leads the ◆5.
♥ A742	How do you plan to make
◆ KT6	your 3NT contract?
♣ AK64	

#### Open Challenge Hand 4 (Bid and Play)

North	All Vul, Dealer South, MP
<b>♣</b> 763	Free auction
<b>▼</b> AJ62	
♦ JT3	Assuming you bid to a 3NT
♣ AJ3	West will lead the ♥5
South (D)	west will lead the <b>V</b> 5
<b>♠</b> AT	
<b>♥ Q</b> 9843	How do you plan to make
◆ KQ9	your 3NT contract?
<b>♣</b> KQT	



# Update from the President

Mobile 0418 427 458 **David Fryda** 

Dear Members,

I don't think I have been this grateful for a year to be coming to an end since I left school, and that was a long time ago! I haven't gone back to read what I wrote in our last newsletter of 2020 but it was probably something similar.

Thankfully we didn't know how disrupted the year ahead would be back then. If we can believe the experts, then things will be much better in 2022 even if the virus continues to mutate. Fingers crossed that they are right.

At least one good thing about 2021 compared to 2020 is that we have been in a position to celebrate the end of the year together! Last week I returned to Sydney for the first time since June and have attended several NSBC Christmas events for both the members and staff.

It was wonderful to see so many of you attending the events at both The Willis and East Lindfield. Sadly we could only accommodate 32 tables at each venue so just a small fraction of you were able to attend. At both events I took the liberty of thanking not only everyone in attendance for supporting our club through the tough times but also pointing out and thanking on your behalf all of our wonderful staff and volunteers for ensuring we could continue to play bridge throughout the year.

I also took the opportunity at these events to announce that several of the current committee members have indicated they will not be standing again in 2022. Our AGM is still several months away (typically in early April) but we think it is appropriate to start canvassing for potential candidates as soon as possible.

We are the biggest bridge club in Australia based on membership and with two physical venues and our online operations there are a

broad range of areas the club's committee needs to be across. We have great staff at the club so the committee's role is focused on governance rather than operations. In that respect we are similar in nature to a Board of Directors but in some ways, we are different being a not-for-profit and a community club.

If you believe you may have something to contribute and are interested, it would be great if you would consider nominating for one of the roles that will be vacant. We will be announcing in the new year the positions that will be vacated, but as is the case every year, all positions can be contested irrespective of whether the incumbent plans to stand again.

If you are interested and would like to know more about what is involved then please feel free to reach out to me or any other committee member to discuss.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a fabulous end to the year and hope that 2022 brings you much joy and happiness including many enjoyable bridge games at NSBC both online and face-to-face.

Stay safe and happy bridging.

David





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

Dear all NSBC members and bridge players,

Another year comes to an end – and it was certainly an eventful one! Exciting moments this year including moving our Festival of Bridge online at the last minute in June, moving out of North Ryde RSL and finding our new home at The Willis – hopefully for the future.

Speaking of The Willis, if you have not come along to check it out yet, I highly encourage you to play there soon. My vision is for The Willis to succeed Club Willoughby as the central North Shore home of bridge, and it is a beautiful room to play in with plentiful parking available. Currently we are offering red masterpoints at every session to further pique your interest.

Last week we held two huge member's Christmas Play and Party events (one at The Willis and the other at East Lindfield), both very successful with a full house and delicious lunch. The player feedback was warming to hear, and I want to especially thank those who were involved with the success of these events, including Sue Crompton, Margaret Owen, David Hagley, Josh Ogle and many others.

Like David, I want to take this opportunity to encourage any of you who would like to 'give something back to bridge' to start thinking about putting your hand up to stand for the NSBC Committee in 2022. NSBC is the biggest bridge club by membership in Australia and it deserves a wise and experienced committee to lead it. If you have something to offer or you want to know more about what being on the committee involves, please reach out to David or any other member of the committee.

You may have seen that we have made a short-term change to our F2F schedule by suspending our Tuesday Open session at East Lindfield. Spreading our players between two venues was not working so we have put things on hold over the holiday season and we will be reviewing Tuesdays at EL in early 2022.

Finally, I would like to make you aware of the holiday schedule over Christmas and New Year. Over 24-26 December, the only session that will run is a 1:30pm Open+Restricted session on RealBridge on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December. The same session will also run on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December, and on New Year's Day (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022) we will offer red point games at both East Lindfield (1pm) and online on RealBridge (1:30pm). All sessions return to the usual schedule from 2<sup>nd</sup> January. You can see the full Holiday Schedule on the following page.

Warm regards for the holiday season and thank you all for your support during this year.

Liam

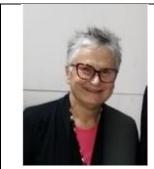
### F2F Weekly Schedule Overview

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 range Director									
Mon	WS	Rookie	1:30 PM	7-15 Tables	Sue Crompton				
Tues	WS	Open	12:45 PM	8-15 Tables	Ronnie Ng				
Wed	WS	Open	12:45 PM	10-20 Tables	Jamie Thompson				
Thur	WS	Open	12:45 PM	7-15 Tables	Johnno Newman				
Fri									
Sat									
Sun									
Sta	ndard	d Daily "N	SBC F2F	· @ East	t Lindfield"				
		(Face-to	o-Face) S	essions	;				
Note: 0	ovid Re	gulations - All F	2F Venue hav		Registration at club				
Day	Ven	Session	Play Start	Session size range	Director / Notes				
Mon	EL	Open	1:00 PM	15-25 Tables	David Hagley				
IVIOII	LL	Supervised			TBA				
Tues	EL	Supervised			ТВА				
		<del>Open</del>			Closed				
Wed	EL	Open	10:00 AM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton				
71		Rookie	10:00 AM	8-15 Tables					
Thur EL		_	1:00 PM	15-25 Tables	Sue Crompton				
		Open	1:00 PW	15-25 Tables					
Fri	EL	Open	1:00 PIVI	15-25 Tables	TBA				
Fri Sat	EL EL	Open Open	1:00 PM	9-15 Tables	TBA Sue Crompton				

Please visit our <u>F2F Sessions</u> page on the NSBC website to see the current EL or WS face to face session times.

#### **November Masterpoint Promotions**







Craig Mietzke Bronze Life

Link to full list November Promotions

### **Susan Humphries – Podcast**



New Zealand/Australian champion <u>Susan</u> <u>Humphries</u> talks about the importance of mentors in her development as a player, the pleasure of being part of the worldwide bridge community and her addiction to the game, as well as shares her top tip for developing players. But first, we 'kibitz'!

Send your bridge stories and comments to <a href="mailto:sorrypartnerpodcast@gmail.com">sorrypartnerpodcast@gmail.com</a> or leave us a <a href="mailto:vOICE MESSAGE">VOICE MESSAGE</a> (click <a href="mailto:here">here</a> --it's free!)

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<a href="mailto:podcasts">podcasts</a>, <a href="mailto:Spotify">Spotify</a>, <a href="mailto:Stitcher">Stitcher</a>, or wherever you like to listen. Fun for bridge players of all levels, so please spread the word and share the below links with your bridge communities!

#### **Our Club Website Pages**

These are updated regularly on our website.

RealBridge Sessions Updated daily F2F Sessions (East Lindfield & Willis) Pianola Results

**RB Results** 

November Monthly Winners List

**December Monthly Partial Winners List** 

**Master Point Promotions** 

**Monthly NSBC Table Numbers** 

**Daytime & Congress Events** 

**Thursday Night Competition Events** 

### XMAS/New Year Holiday Sessions

The 2021 festive season bridge sessions:

NSBC Holiday Schedule	East Lindfield	The Willis	RealBridge			
Before 23rd December		All sessions run as normal				
Thursday 23rd December		All sessions ru	n as normal			
Friday 24th December	Closed	Closed	1:30pm Open/Restricted*			
Saturday 25th December	Closed	Closed	Closed			
Sunday 26th December	Closed	Closed	Closed			
27th-30th December	All sessions run as normal					
Friday 31st December	Closed	Closed	1:30pm Open/Restricted*			
Saturday 1st January 2022	1:00 open*	Closed	1:30pm Open/Restricted*			
Sunday 2nd January onwards	All sessions run as normal from 2 Jan onwards					

\*On 24 Dec, 31 Dec and 1 Jan, our afternoon RealBridge 'holiday game' will run as a combined Open/Restricted session. On Saturday 1 Jan, East Lindfield will run a 1:00pm
Open game. Red masterpoints will be awarded for all these sessions.





## NSBC Online Operations Manager

Mobile 0413 884805 garybarwick@outlook.com **Gary Barwick** 

Reduced Table Numbers Since we escaped the lockdown and isolation blues, East Lindfield and Willis have reopened for F2F bridge, and have all combined to reduce our clubs online table numbers slightly. Please visit our RealBridge Sessions page on the NSBC website to see the current RB session times.

## Major Competitions on Thursday Nights

The next Thursday Night event will be the shortened <u>Club XMAS Teams</u>, the final 2021 event on Thursday nights calendar.



The 2022 program starts on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December with a 2 night "**Summer Swiss Pairs**"



Then a break with the club putting on casual open Matchpoint pairs events whist the **Online Summer Festival** plays out.

Then the 4 session Summer Teams will commence at the end of January.

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



RealBridge Weekly Schedule Overview

	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				
	Rookie	2:00 PM	25 Tables	Alan Pike				
	Supervised	7:00 PM	5 Tables	Jenny Barnes				
	Open	10.00 AM	17 Tables	Sue Crompton				
	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				
Wed	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Ronnie Ng				
Weu	Rookie	2:00 PM	28 Tables	Ronnie Ng				
	Open	7:00 PM	15 Tables	Craig Mietzke				
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter				
	Restricted	10:00 AM	7 Tables	Brian Soutter				
Thur	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Angie Boulton				
Inur	Restricted	1:30 PM	15 Tables	Angie Boulton				
	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				
Fri	Restricted	10.00 AM	7 Tables	Brian Soutter				
FII	Open	1.30 PM	22 Tables	Sue Crompton				
	Restricted	1:30 PM	12 Tables	Sue Crompton				
Sat	Open	1:30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter				
L	Restricted	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter				
Sun	Open	1:30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter				

#### Major Daytime Competitions

Information about all daytime competition events can be found on our new <u>Daytime and Congress</u> <u>Events</u> 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 in the admin section.

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 .

## **★** Snapshot Nov Memberships Statistics

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club	Assoc	Total
2-xxx RealBridge online Totals	0	64	63
2-074 (East Lindfield) F2F Totals	377	26	403
2-120 (Willis) F2F Totals	1135	283	1418
Grand Total Nov	1512	373	1884

## **★** Snapshot November Table Statistics

November was another super month with NSBC hosting 1476 Tables, 76% on the RealBridge platform, but EL and WS are slowly reopening and growing as F2F restrictions ease.

2021	Total Monthly Tables	Comment		EL Tables	Willis Tables
Dec		xmas			
Nov	1476	Willis Opens, (76% RB 67% Open), F2F Restrictions Eased to 2 <sup>2</sup> M, still require masks, More weekend Congress activity	1124	229	123
Oct	1782	2 Oct Congresses, 92% RB, 62% Open, Lock down ends, Sydney Spring Nationals, EL Slowly reopens, NR Closed	1667	115	NR Closed
Sep	1977	100% RB, 59% Open, Covid F2F Lock down again, huge beginner numbers in Lessons	1977	0	0
Aug	2418	100% RB, 63% Open, Covid F2F Lock down again, 2 big Congresses held by NSBC	2418	0	0



NSBC Tournament Chairman Mobile 0437 274 343 John McIlrath

#### The residual 2021 Tournament Program

СС	Sess	Date	When	Ven	2021 CC Events List
	1x	2-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	VCC Mini Swiss Pairs
22	1/2	9-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	Club XMAS Teams
	2/2	16-Dec	Thursday Night		

#### The Draft 2022 Q1 Tournament Program

СС	Sess	Date	When	Ven	Type	2022 CC Events List					
1	1/2	30-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Summer Swiss Pairs					
<u>'</u>	2/2	6-Jan	Thursday Night		11411	Summer Swiss Fairs					
	1	13-Jan	Thursday Night	RB	MP	Open Pairs					
	1	20-Jan	Thursday Night	RB	IVII	Open Pairs					
2	2x	30-Jan	Sunday	RB	IMP	Australia Day Weekend Congress Swiss Pairs					
	1/4	27-Jan	Thursday Night								
	2/4	3-Feb	Thursday Night								
3	3/4	10-Feb	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Summer Teams					
	4/4	17-Feb	Thursday Night								
	1x	24-Feb	Thursday Night	RB	MP	Open Pairs					
	1/3	3-Mar	Thursday Night			Club Mixed Pairs					
4	2/3	7-Mar	Thursday Night	RB MP	RB MP	RB MP	RB MP	MP	3 MP	RB MP	Championship (State
	3/3	14-Mar	Thursday Night			qualifer)					
5	2x	20-Mar	Sunday	EL	IMP	Pauline Evans F2F Swiss Pairs					
	1x	24-Mar	Thursday Night	RB	MP	Open Pairs					
6	1/4	31-Mar	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Morgan Swiss Pairs					

#### Club Champion 2021

22 Major club events were used to determine the 2021 club champion. The current leader with an unassailable lead is:



John Brownie Cup



After 21 events the leader board

	Player	CC Points	Events Played
1	Wayne Zhu	84	17
2	Peter Jeffery	70	15
3	Tony Nunn	69	13
4	Yumin Li	67	15
5	David Fryda	65	20

#### **Club Results**

## **NSWBA State Open Pairs Qualifying**

N	NSBC representative Pairs for the SOP (State Open Pairs)		
Q	Lorna Ichilcik & Helene Pitt		
	Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey		
	Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach		
	Michael Seldon & Chris Dibley		
Q	William Zhang & Wei Zhang		
	Michael Bishop & Kathryn Brien		
	Helen Milward & Gary Barwick		
Ø	Les Varadi & Eva Shand		
Q	William Powell & Marjorie Askew		
	Dennis Wan & Henry Chu		

	NSWBA State Open Pairs Finals	%
1	Paul Dalley & Tony Nunn	55.8
2	Peter Gill & Peter Livesey	55.4
3	David Weston & Julian Foster	55.0
4	Wei Zhang & William Zhang	54.7





Chris Williams & Ian Lincoln

Sylvie Beach & Norma Lapata

**Sharon Thompson & Lorna Davies** 

EW

NS

68%

**72**%

59%

#### Photo of Some winners at EL & WS



#### **True Mixed Teams**

	True Mixed Teams - 19 rounds	VPs	W-D-L	сс
1	<u>Sophie Ashton</u> - Susan Humphries - Liam Milne - David Beauchamp	256	13-2-4	10
2	Yumin Li - Eileen Li - Ruth Tobin - Peter Jeffery - Xiao Liu (Sub) - Herman Yuan (Sub)	229	11-2-6	7
3	<u>David Fryda</u> - Anita Curtis - Garry Clarke - Sally Clarke - Jan Clarke (Sub)	228	13-1-5	5
4	<u>Helene Pitt</u> - Richard Douglas - Helena Dawson - David Weston	226	10-2-7	4
5	<u>Tony Hutton</u> - Malcolm Carter - Lyn Carter - Elizabeth Havas	225	11-4-4	3
6	<u>Liz Adams</u> - Tony Nunn - Martin Bloom - Jessica Brake	214	10-1-8	2
7	Marina Darling - <b>Peter Gill</b> - Marnie Leybourne - Trevor Fuller - Nick Hughes (Sub) - Nicoleta Giura (Sub)	207	11-1-7	1

#### Link to full results





**David Beauchamp** 



Giselle



**Peter Jeffery** 

## **VCC Swiss Pairs result**

Christy

	VCC Swiss Pairs				
1	Giselle Mundell & Christy Geromboux				
2	Gary Ba	arwick & Pete	er Cox		
	3				

Gary

Peter

## For Our Newer Players



This article was based on a Bridge feed article "Identity Crisis" by

Pat Harrington.
Link to full article

Have you ever mis-bid because you forgot your role in the auction? It happens to my students all the time. As South, the dealer, you hold:

**★KQJ9 ♥A765 +QJ8 ◆**76

You open 1♦ and hear partner respond 1♠. What rebid will you choose? If you remember that you already opened the bidding with one of a suit, you will use *Opener's* strength categories:

- A minimum is about 13–15 high-card points,
- A medium hand 16-18 points
- A maximum is 19–21 points.

Your spade support is excellent, but your hand is worth only a raise to 2♠.

I've seen the player holding this hand get very excited and jump to 4♠. Why? With such good spades, he forgot that he already opened the bidding.

Responder is just as likely to have an identity crisis. Suppose the auction goes as discussed in the previous paragraph and you, as North, hold:

#### **★T765 ♥K42 ◆KT7 ★AK5**

What rebid will you choose after opener raises your 1♠ response to 2♠? With your 13 points and partner's 13 points, you must bid game. Some players pass because they equate bidding spades first with having opened the bidding, forgetting about partner's 1♠ opening bid — the real opener. If this seems too basic you will relate more readily to the next identity crisis.

#### You are South holding:

#### **★**K976 **★**AQ65 **◆**52 **★**KQ8

East is dealer and opens 1. Your call? A takeout double suits this hand: Opening count and adequate support for the unbid suits. West passes and partner bids 1. East passes. Now what? You have an opening hand, but you are not the opener. You are the *doubler*. As such, your point categories are like Opener's, and you

have a minimum takeout double. Note that your partner simply did as you asked and chose the trump suit without jumping. Partner should not have a good hand. With an invitational hand, partner will jump. You know that you cannot have a game. Pass 1. A heart raise by you would show a stronger takeout double. North's 1. bid might be a hand such as:

#### **♦J42 ♥KT42 ♦764 ♣A42**

When your partner doubles 1♦ for takeout, you are the *advancer*. Advancer's job is to choose the trump suit and show his strength, using point ranges that the partnership has agreed on. A simple non-jump bid shows about zero to 9 support points (high card points plus distributional points, if any). That is what you have, so you respond only 1♥. If partner does continue bidding, you will carry onto game because you are near the top of your range. Suppose North had a slightly stronger hand, such as:

#### **♦QJ2 ♥KJ42 ♦764 ♣**A62

When partner doubles 1♦ for takeout, North must bid 2♥ to show his strength (10 to a poor 12 points). Your partner needs only about 15 points to bid game. If you do not jump, South will pass with 15 points. Remember to show your strength on your very first bid!

Two common identity crises occur when overcalling. Suppose East opens the bidding with 1• and you, as South, hold:

#### **★K5 ♥AQ97 ◆975 ★KJ65**

You were all set to open 1♣. Now the only roles available to you are **doubler** and **over-caller**. Your hand is not suited for a takeout double because you lack support for a very important unbid suit — spades. Nor is your hand suited to an overcall. Overcalls show length — five or more cards in the suit you bid. Pass for now. When you have the chance to open the bidding, your pass denies 13 points. When an opponent opens first, you might have to pass some pretty good hands. Your pass is not necessarily a sign of weakness.

Over-caller's partner (also called the advancer) also treats his hand differently than opener's partner does. Suppose you are North holding:

**♦J954 ♥AQ6 ♦Q94 ♣765** 

## **For Our Newer Players**

East opens 1♣, and partner (South) overcalls 1♦. You might be tempted to show the four-card spade suit — your bid if partner had opened 1♦. But a new suit response to an overcall shows length — at least five cards. Forget 1♠. Just raise partner to 2♦.

Different situations mean different guidelines. Keep in mind whether you are opener, doubler, over-caller or advancer. That will prevent an embarrassing identity crisis.

## **Our Newer Player Team**



#### **Link to Monthly Full Winners List**

#### **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

#### **Restricted Sessions:**

RB Mondays at
RB Thursdays at
RB Fridays at
RB Saturdays at
1:30pm
1:30pm
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</u> <u>weekly RB schedule page:</u>

## Restricted Congress Scene Members Restricted Congress results

Aust Restricted Butler (T15)		VP
1	Tim LEGGE - Alexander JONES	115
2	Heath HENN - Mitch DOWLING	108
3	Allan HARDIE - Colin JASPER	102
4	Tony ABBOTT - Neil WILLIAMS	96
5	Luke BLACK - Grace SAUNDERS	94
6	Steve COLLING - Mary COLLING	92
7	Alan BUSTANY - Pauline CAUST	91



	Mudgee Restricted Teams				
1	Mary Poynten & Tony White, Gail Mckenzie & Martin Brown	104	6-0-0		
	Mudgee Restricted Swiss pairs	VP	WDL		
1	Mary Poynten & Tony White	133	5-1-1		
	Mary Tony Gail McKenzie	Mari			

۷	VCC (6T) Victor Muntz Restricted Swiss Pairs		WDL
1	Dianne Hiles & Richard Booth	112	6-1-1
2	Mardi Grosvenor & John Grosvenor	97	5-2-1
3	Ross Yates & Keith O'malley	86	5-0-3
4	Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust	85	4-1-3



by Rakesh K. Kumar

Rakesh Kumar, one of our newer remote RB associate members (Home Club -Southern Highlands) has published his second Bridge book.

Link to Paul Lavings Book Review

## **November Monthly Rookie Winners:** Rookie (<100 MPs):

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

Pos	Winner November Rookie (<100 MP < Bronze Regional)	No Sess	Master Pts
1	Sharon Thompson	11	1.91
2	Yeung Cheung	14	1.63
3	Lorna Davies	8	1.47
4	Marina Shteyman	17	1.46
5=	Charlie Algert	5	1.41
5=	Christine Roberts	7	1.41
7	Jo Ampherlaw	7	1.32
8	Sue Rutkowski	12	1.31
9	Meera Kudva	9	1.26
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## **November Monthly Restricted Winners:**

#### Restricted (<300 MPs)

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

Pos	November Winners Restricted <300 MP <**National	No. Sess	Master Pts	
1	Felix Shteyman	12	2.44	
2	Brian Osborne	13	2.28	
3	Owen Aubrey	8	1.46	
4	David Craig	12	1.45	
5	Hazel Walshaw	3	1.32	
6	Jan Osborn	3	1.32	
7	Richard Cross	7	1.28	
8	Tien Chey	9	1.28	
9	Simon Vinson	9	1.23	
10	Carolyn Carnachan	7	1.14	









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There are no scheduled lessons in December/January for Anita.



## **Our Game of Bridge**

# Club Session Results: Open – November Monthly Winners

#### **November Open Winners**

Pos	November Open Monthly Winners	No. Sess	Master Pts
1	Peter Bendelstein	22	5.56
2	Tom Kiss	17	5.31
3	Lorna Ichilcik	16	4.93
4	Neil Williams	21	4.66
5	John Mottram	28	4.30
6	Peter Robinson	22	3.92
7	Mischa Solar	18	3.23
8	Adam Rutkowski	21	3.17
9	Rena Kaplan	9	3.00
10	Richard Phillips	11	2.97

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- 1. <750 Swiss Pairs 2 days Sat/Sun 15/16
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## **NSBC Online Spring Teams**

Courage never goes out of fashion

by RAKESH KUMAR

Link to **NSBC Online Spring Teams** from the NSWBA eNews

#### State Teams Finals

We wish our members playing in the State Teams Finals good luck!

### State Teams Finals (Dec 10-12th)

Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby, Nico Ranson, **Jamie Thompson**, + Matt Smith

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## **Our Game of Bridge**



#### **Defence in Detail**

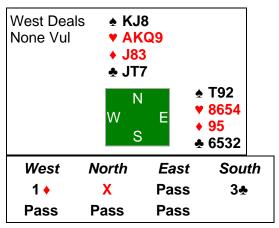
**Accurate Defence is the hardest** part of our game. A series of articles written for the GC **Newsletter by our Manager.** Liam Milne

Do not let your partner struggle. Try to help them out on every hand.

Playing Matchpoints, your hand is of its usual quality:

**▲** T92 ♥ 8654 ♦ 95 **♣** 6532

After partner's opening bid, the opponents have a conservative auction to a solid-looking part score:



Contract: 3♣ by South

Partner leads the <a>A</a>, dummy follows with the <a>3</a>, you play the •5 encouraging and declarer contributes the •2. The **K** comes next, declarer following with the **4**. At trick three, your esteemed partner leads the ◆Q. What In fact, the only defence to hold 3♣ to nine tricks is to should you play?

What do you think partner will try at trick four? They are unlikely to play a heart or a trump, so the plays that we expect to see are a spade or a fourth diamond (if Easy once you think of it, isn't it? declarer also has four diamonds).

If partner has the ♠A, they may well try a low spade hoping you have the AQ and that declarer mis-guesses (on the basis that West would never be so brave as to underlead an ace at Matchpoints that they might end up going away). This notion of partner's will only be reinforced if you discard a pedestrian discouraging heart.

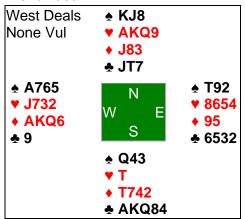
Another great idea that partner might get into their head if they hold four diamonds is that another diamond will see you over-ruffing the dummy. With four baby trumps, you can see this isn't the case.

In fact, whatever partner is thinking of doing at trick four, you know there is only one winning defence: to cash the A if they have it. If they don't take it now, they may never make it – especially given dummy's strong hearts. And at Matchpoints, that overtrick could be very costly.

What discard should you make to get partner to do the right thing? A discouraging heart might induce a low spade, while an encouraging spade certainly will. A discouraging spade might be interpreted as asking for a fourth round of diamonds for an over-ruff.

Nothing too fancy required, really. Just ruff partner's winning •Q and return a spade for them, simplifying the entire problem!

#### The full deal:



If West plays a low spade, they lose their spade trick immediately as declarer's other two spades disappear on dummy's hearts. If West tries a fourth diamond, declarer ruffs with the 4J and runs five rounds of clubs (throwing spades) to squeeze partner in the majors.

take the **A** at trick four, and East can make the defence foolproof by ruffing partner's winner and returning a spade.

In fact, a partner of sufficient culture and taste (that is, one who reads this column) should reason exactly on these lines from their side of the table as well. When you don't ruff and return a spade for them, they will assume you either want a low spade or an over-ruff of the dummy. This makes ruffing and playing back a spade with our actual hand not just a good play, but a mandatory one.

Point to remember: If you can do what partner needs to do equally well from your side of the table, go ahead. They won't be insulted.

## **Our Game of Bridge**



This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article "Just One More Trick". Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website

**Brent Manley** 

**Open Challenge Hand 1 (Solution)** 

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North	Standard Bidding			
<b>♠</b> 7542	West	North	East	South (D)
<b>♥</b> 9				1♣
+ AK	2 <del>*</del> (1)	2 <b>*</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	4♥	4♠
♣ K97542	PASS	6♣	ALI	PASS
	ALL PASS			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AQ6	1.	2+ <b>♣</b> , Ope	ning Hand	ı
<b>♥</b> A3	<b>2</b> ♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Both maj	ors 55	
♦ <b>Q</b> 954	2 <b>*</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	good rais	se in 🍨	
♣ AQ63	4♥	pre-emtive		
	4♠	cue		
	6♣	♣ To play		

#### The Bidding

- 1. At least 5-5 in hearts and spades
- 2. Limit raise or better in clubs

West leads the ♥K against your slam

#### **Preliminary Analysis**

Winners: 1 + 1 + 3 + 6 = 11 one short

Top losers: None, 2 deep spades

Strategies for 12 Tricks

Some elimination end play?

When dummy comes down you can count 11 tricks. How will you get number 12?

#### **Your Solution**

- T1 West leads the ♥K, you win the ♥A in hand
- T2 You (declarer) could see that the spades were undoubtedly 5-1, so the 12th trick would have to come from an elimination endplay. So, you ruffed the ♥3 in dummy (eliminating the suit from both hands)
- T3 You followed by a low trump **♣2** to the **♣A** West discarding a heart.
- T4-5 You continued by cashing dummy's ◆AK

  This was a safe manoeuvre because, from
  the auction, declarer knew West had at least
  10 cards in the majors and so at most three
  diamonds, giving East at least four cards in
  the suit.

- T6-7 Next, you drew East's remaining trumps with dummy's **♣K** and **♣Q** in hand.
- T8 You then cashed the <u>◆Q</u>, throwing a spade from table.
- T9 You then ruffed the ◆9 in dummy, eliminating that suit.
- T10 As West had three diamonds, his original shape had to be 5-5-3-0. Declarer led a spade from dummy, and when East played the ♠9, declarer ducked with the ♠6 from his hand. This gave the defenders no winning option. West had discarded the ♠T earlier, so declarer allowed the ♠9 to hold.
- T11 East, however, only had hearts left, so he had to lead one. Declarer threw the ♠Q from his hand and ruffed in dummy for his tenth trick. His hand was now high, with a trump and the ♠A.

#### The full deal:

	North	
	<b>♣</b> 7542	
West	<b>y</b> 9	East
♠ KJT83	+ AK	<b>♠</b> 9
♥ KQJ62	♣ K97542	<b>▼ T</b> 8754
♦ J83		◆ T764
<b>♣</b>	South (D)	♣ JT8
	♣ AQ6	
6 <b>.</b> /S	<b>♥</b> A3	Vul NS
Lead <b>∀</b> K	♦ Q954	Dir: South
	♣ AQ63	

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## **Our Game of Bridge**



This Challenge hand was adapted from a Brent Manley article "Proper Timing".
Sourced from the ACBL Bridge feed website

**Brent Manley** 

#### Open Challenge Hand 2 (Solution)

North	Standard Bidding			
♠ KQ2	West	North	East	South (D)
<b>♥ KT</b> 86				1♠
♦ A762	X	XX	2♥	2♠
♣ A7	PASS	6♠	ALL	PASS
	Bidding Notes			s
South (D)	1♠	5+S, Ope	ning Hand	I
♠ AT9864	X	Takeout		
<b>♥</b> 2	XX	Strong h	and	
♦ K5	2♥	weak Prefence		
♣ K632	2♠	6+S		
	6♠	To play		

You are playing a teams' match and find yourself in 6. West starts the defence by leading the .Q. How do you plan to bring this one home? The contract and opening lead were the same at both tables.

**Preliminary Analysis** 

Winners: 6♠+ ♥?+2♠+ 10 Lots of work

Losers: ♥A

Strategy to make 12 tricks.

- Ruff ♣ with short trumps
- Lead up ♥K
- Likely, East has ♠ length

#### **Your Solution**

- T1 West starts the defence by leading the ♣Q You called for dummy's ♣A.
- T2 You then cashed the **★K** and was disappointed to see West discard a club. 4-0 spades break in the East hand!
- T3 You lead the **♠2** to East's **♠5** and your **♠T**.
- T4 You then led a heart **♥2**. West rising with the **♥A**
- T5 West exited with the ♣J, taken in hand with the ♣K.

Now there was no way for you to make a 12th trick because he did not have the entries to ruff a club and execute a trump coup against East.

The other expert declarer had proper timing!

- T1 West starts the defence by leading the ♣Q, but at the second table, the expert declarer took trick one in hand with the ♣K.
- T2 He then led a heart **₹2**. West rising with the **₹A**.
- T3 West exited with the ♣J to dummy's now bare ♣A.
- T4 Next, declarer cashed the **▼K** pitching a club from hand.
- T5 He then ruffed a heart **▼8** in hand with the small trump **♠4**.
- T6 Only then did he lead a trump **★6** to dummy's **★K**, getting the bad news of the 4-0 trump break.
- T7 Declarer continued by ruffing a second heart ▼T in-hand ♠8.
- T8 Then cashed the **★K** in Hand.
- T9 Then **♦A** on table, all following.
- T10 Then he ruffed a diamond ◆6 with ◆9.
- T11 Declarer then ruffed his remaining club with dummy's high ♠ℚ for his 10<sup>th</sup> trick.
- T12 The expert Declarer could then claim the last two tricks, as his <u>◆AT</u> were sitting over East's <u>◆J7</u>.

#### The full deal:

	North	
	♠ KQ2	
West	<b>▼ KT86</b>	East
<b>.</b>	♦ A762	. J753
♥ AQJ5	♣ A7	<b>♥</b> 9743
♦ QT43		♦ J98
♣ QJT95	South (D)	<b>♣</b> 84
	♠ AT9864	
6 <b></b> ./S	<b>♥</b> 2	Vul NS
Lead <b></b> •Q	♦ K5	Dir: South
	♣ K632	

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# Misplaced Confidence

**Mark Horton** 

Adapted from a hand on the ACBL bridge feed website, "Misplay these hands with me" by bridge Author Mark Horton

#### Open Challenge Hand 3 (Solution)

During the qualifying rounds of the North American Swiss Teams, I have the following promising collection (West deals, both sides are vulnerable):

#### **★** K4, **▼**A742, **♦**KT6, **♣** AK64

North	Stan	Standard or 2/1 Bidding		
• QJ986	West (D)	North	East	South
♥ Q53	1+	Pass	Pass	X
♦ Q84	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
<b>♣</b> 98	Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
	Pass 3NT All Pass		Pass	
South		Bidding Notes		
. K4	1+	4+ <b>♦</b> Ope	ening har	nd
♥ A742	X	Takeou	t, too str	ong 1NT
◆ KT6	1♠	4+≜ mir	nimal har	nd
♣ AK64	1NT	Stoppe	rs, Wide	range NT
	2♣ Check Back			
	2NT Strong <3.			
	3NT	To Play		

#### **Bidding**

West's opening bid of 1♦ is followed by two passes. I am too strong for a protective 1NT (10-14), so I double. When partner responds 1♠, I bid 1NT, which we play as wide range. Partner continues with checkback 2♣, asking me about my strength and my spade holding. When I bid 2NT, promising a good hand but denying three spades, partner's 3NT concludes the bidding.

West leads the ◆5, and dummy proves to be a very modest 7 hcp hand:

#### **Preliminary Analysis**

Top Winners: 1♥+2♣, force some ♠ tricks

Top Losers: ♠A, ♦A, Strategies for 9 tricks?

- If I'm to have any chance, the spades will have to behave well for 4 tricks.
- Looks like 5
   in the West hand

#### My Solution

- T1 West leads the ◆5, ◆4, then East plays the ◆7, I win with the ◆T
- T2 I need to set up spades, so I play the <u>♠K</u> from hand. West follows with the <u>♠7</u>, <u>♠6</u> and East the <u>♠2</u> (Natural count -3).
- T3 I continued with the ♠4, but West (knowing his partner has 3 spades) takes ♠A ♠8, ♠3
- T4 West then switches to the ♣Q, ♣8, ♣3, and I win ♣K
- T5 I now play a small heart **♥6**, **▼T**, putting up the **♥Q**, but East produces the **▼K**.
- T6 East returns the ◆3. I play high ◆K, but West ducks this, to stop creating an entry to the ◆Q
- T7 I cash the ♣A, West ♣T, ♣9, ♣3
- T8 Exit with ♣4, but West wins club ♣J which break 3-4

T9-11 West then cashes ◆A, ◆J

T12 West exits **♥6** Which I win **▼A** but I am still two down.

The full deal:

	North	
	<b>▲ QJ986</b>	
West (D)	♥ Q53	East
♠ AT7	♦ Q84	<b>◆</b> 532
<b>▼ T</b> 6	<b>♣</b> 98	<b>♥</b> KJ98
♦ AJ952		<b>♦ 73</b>
♣ QJT	South	<b>♣</b> 7532
	<b>▲ K</b> 4	
3NT/S	♥ A742	Vul All
Lead +5	◆ KT6	DIr: W
	♣ AK64	

#### Post Mortem

In these days of ever lighter opening bids, no reliance could be placed on West holding the king of hearts. However, I missed a simple point at trick one.

I should win the opening lead with the ★K. I now play on spades as before, West winning the second round. If West finds a switch to the ▼T, I must take one more precaution, ducking a round of hearts before leading towards the ◆Q as my entry to table.

Had West led a club or the ▼T, I would have had little chance — perhaps there is something to the theory of responding with a modest hand?

## **Our Game of Bridge**



Adapted from a hand on the ACBL bridge feed website, "Careful Play at Trick One" by bridge Author Mike Lawrence

**Open Challenge Hand 4 (Solution)** 

I have previously talked about the advantages of not bidding Stayman when you have a balanced responsive hand.

Sitting South, you as dealer, have this ordinary sixteen-count with both sides vulnerable.

South (D)
<b>A</b> AT
♥ Q9843
+ KQ9
<b>♣</b> KQT

Having balanced shape and having all the suits stopped, the player holding this hand opened 1NT. This seems like a decent idea. I am averse to opening 1NT with five spades, but with five hearts and notrump values and all suits stopped, 1NT was the choice. There are some obvious reasons for this, and one less-than-obvious reason. The \*T is potentially a good card. If partner has as little as \*Jxx\*, we have two stoppers if West leads the suit. Also, if this hand starts with 1\*, it has no good bid after a 1\* response. Partner just raised the 1NT to 3NT with his balanced 11 hcp.

North	Stai	Standard or 2/1 Bidding		
<b>♣</b> 763	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ AJ62				1NT
<b>♦ JT</b> 3	Pass	3NT	All Pa	SS
♣ AJ3	Bidding Notes			5
South (D)	1NT 15-17 Bal			
<b>♠</b> AT	3NT	To Pla	ıy	
♥ Q9843				
♦ KQ9				
<b>.</b> KQT				

West started the defence by leading the **▼5**. Surprised?

I rather like North's 3NT bid. He has no shape, and he has enough points that game is likely. West's **v5** lead is unexpected.

How do you play? If you are still thinking about the bidding and wondering why you are not in a cold 4♥, that is normal but not constructive. Spend your energy trying to make your 3NT contract. Here is a hint. West has led from the ♥K, as expected, given the lead. This means you can finesse at trick one successfully.

This is an excellent hand for planning at trick one. What is your plan? Do not read further until you decide.

OK. Here is the entire hand to help you.

	North	
	<b>◆</b> 763	
West	♥ AJ62	East
<b>▲ Q84</b>	♦ JT3	♠ KJ952
<b>♥ KT75</b>	♣ AJ3	<b>V</b> -
<b>♦ 864</b>		♦ A752
<b>♣</b> 972	South (D)	<b>♣</b> 8654
	<b>♠</b> AT	
3NT/S	♥ Q9843	Vul All
Lead ♥5	♦ KQ9	Dir: S
	<b>♣</b> KQT	

Here is what our declarer did.

T1 He played low **₹2** from dummy. East showed out signalling a dislike of clubs, and South won with the **₹8**.

But now West still had a heart stopper with his remaining heart cards **VKT7**.

South could have taken an easy nine tricks now by playing on diamonds. That would give him a 1♠+3♥+2♦+3♣=9 Tricks

But South noted there was an extra heart trick to be had.

T2 So, he led a second heart ♥3, West ♥7 and finessed the ♥J

T3-4 He then played the ▼A and conceded a heart to West's ▼K.

T5 West, by now, had gotten the message from East signals, that spades were a good suit and he led one, setting up the suit for East.

East later got in with the ◆A, and that was worth down one. Declarer just made:

1♠+4♥+0♦+3♠ = for 8 tricks Losing ♥K, ♦A and 3 Spades!

## **Our Game of Bridge**

Since most players were in 4 making four, just making 3NT would have been a poor match point score anyway. That was the excuse South used when it was pointed out that he had been cold for 3NT.

Someone else then pointed out that an original spade lead would have set 3NT, given that West is able to stop the heart suit. South was not sure who to believe at this point.

He was lucky that no one had pointed out that he was cold for **5NT**; game plus two overtricks on the **▼5** lead. How do you make 5NT on these cards given that you get a **▼5** lead and not a devastating spade lead?

Look at the hand diagram carefully. There is a way to get 11 tricks. Ready?

- T1 Cover, playing the **6** from dummy. If West has all four hearts, it will win.
- T2 Now South can cross to hand with a club ♣K
- T3 You now run the **Y9** which will likely win.
- T4 You now finesse the ▼J
- T5 You cash ▼A (felling the ▼K)
- T6 Now you lead your ◆J and setup your 2x◆ tricks.

You will make 1♠+5♥+2♦+3♣ =11 tricks and score a match point Top

Note: If West at T3 covers with ▼T you win ▼J reenter hand with another club ♣Q and repeat the finesse of the ▼K with the preserved ▼8

South's careless play at trick one cost him a valuable spot card by making him use the ♥8 sooner than was necessary.





Peter Gill

Peter Gill drew my attention to an example of a **Lightner double** that came up on Thursday night in the True Mixed Teams event.

Link to hand

## First some Theory

## Lightner double

The Lightner double is a conventional double in bridge, used to direct the opening lead against slam contracts. It was devised by Theodore Lightner. The Lightner double is a call made by the partner of the player who will make the opening lead. It asks for an "unusual" opening lead. The opening lead is often crucial to the play of the hand, and the right opening lead is often the only chance for the defenders to defeat the contract. The doubler will most often have a void in a side suit, or sometimes AQ or KQ in the suit bid by the dummy. The partner is expected to find the correct lead, which

might be unusual from his viewpoint; in any case, he should not lead a trump. The most common interpretation is to lead the first suit bid by the opponents.

Some guidelines apply to Lightner Doubles: Typically, it anticipates the player making the Lightner Double can generate the setting trick by either ruffing the lead of a long side suit or allowing partnership to quickly take their winning tricks before the Declarer sets up a long side suit to pitch losers.

- Excludes the normal lead of the suit bid by the defenders
- 2. Excludes the lead of a trump
- May exclude the lead of a natural suit bid by defenders - leader must deduce situation based on holdings and aggregate bidding
- 4. Often means the lead of Dummy's first bid suit, depending on partnership agreements
- May also mean the lead of a Spade (or highest suit not bid by opponents), depending on partnership agreements

## **Our Game of Bridge**

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
<b>♦</b> 984	West (D)	North	East	South
▼ AK86	Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
+ K	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
. <b>♦ QT862</b>	Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
	Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
South	Pass	Pass	Х	All Pass
♠ A76	Bidding Notes			,
♥ QT943	1♣ 2+♣ Opening Hand		ind	
+ AT	1♥	<b>4+</b> ♥, 6+l	hcp	
♣ AK5	2♥	4♥, Min	Opening	I
	2♠	Cue or	Long su	it help suit
	3♥	minimu	m hand	
	4NT Keycard (♥)			
	5♥ 2Keycard, no ♥Q (♥AK)		⊋ ( <b>∀</b> AK)	
	6♥ to Play			
	X	Lighten	er Doub	le

#### The full hand

	North			
	<b>•</b> 984			
West (D)	♥ AK86	East		
• T2	+ K	♠ KQJ53		
<b>♥</b> J7	♣ QT862	<b>♥</b> 52		
♦ QJ85		◆ 976432		
♣ J9743	South	<b>♣</b> -		
	♠ A76			
6Sx/S	♥ QT943	Vul All		
Lead?	♦ AT	DIr: W		
	♣ AK5			

- 5 EW Pairs tried a Lightener double of 6♥ contract
- 3 Wests found the ♣ lead after a "Lightner double" to score: +100 and 11 IMPS

Successful doublers were:



Helena Dawson





The 2 Unsuccessful doublers in Peter Gill's Match, were Nick Hughes and Garry Clarke for a flat result as their partners opted for the ♠T lead. Scores: -1210, +1210 Net Result: 0 (flat)

Interestingly, 6NT also makes, so if you are in 6♥X via a "Lightner double", consider moving to 6NT as a safer place to play! (No Ruffs) The field was not wide awake here. Nobody ran to 6NT when doubled in 6♥.

FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 16							
Contract Result Score Frequency							
6♥X by NS	=	1210	2				
6♥ by NS	=	980	4				
6♥ by NS	=	980	5				
4♥ by NS	+2	480	6				
6♥X by NS	-1	-100	3				

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>). All 3 events in this year's program will award Gold Points

- 1. The Victor Muntz Restricted Swiss Pairs
- 2. The Wally Scott Open Swiss Pairs (with PQPs)
- 3. The Victor Champion Cup (with PQPs)

Enter now on My ABF via

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

#### 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 22th of January.

- Mixed Pairs Imp Swiss 2 days from 13<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors Teams Swiss 2 days 13<sup>th</sup> → 4T SF+GF
- Open Swiss Pairs 2 days Sat/Sun 15/16
- <750 Swiss Pairs 2 days Sat/Sun 15/16</li>
- SW Pacific Teams 2 days Tue/Wed 18/19 →16T (NOT) R16 Thurs R8 Fri → SF/GF weekend
- Women's Teams Thu/Fri 20/21 → 4T SF/GF
- Open MP Swiss Pairs Sat/Sun 22/23
- <750 MP Swiss Pairs Sat/Sun 22/23

https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/122



## **On-line Summer Teams Congress**

Saturday 11 December 2021

Entry via NSWBA Website

NSWBA SOT- Swiss Pairs (RB) - Entry by MyABF



## **Our Game of Bridge**

## **Open Congress Scene**

## **Congress Calendar Links**







## Members doing well

	TBIB Aust Open Butler Qualifying (T51)			
NS 1	Geoffrey JOHNSON - Alan RACE	104		
NS 2	Ron KLINGER - Ian THOMSON	88		
NS 3	Andy HUNG - Sartaj HANS	88		
NS 4	Peter GILL - Liz ADAMS	66		
NS 5	Jodi TUTTY - <b>Dagmar NEUMANN</b>	64		
NS 6	Herman YUAN - Yuzhong CHEN	59		







Peter Gill Liz Adams

**Dagmar Neumann** 

TBIB Aust Open Butler Qualifying (T51)		
EW 1	Tony LEIBOWITZ - Paul GOSNEY	152
EW 2	Tony NUNN - Paul DALLEY	149
EW 3	Jessica BRAKE - Susan HUMPHRIES	119
EW 4	George SMOLANKO - George KOZAKOS	109
EW 5	Mathew VADAS - Michael WHIBLEY	107
EW 6	Wayne ZHU - Simon ZHANG	106









Tony









	Final Australian Butler Results			
1st	Andy Hung - Sartaj Hans	142		
2nd	George Smolanko - George Kozakos	131		
3rd	Wayne Zhu - Simon Zhang	128		
4th	Mathew Vadas - Michael Whibley	118		
5th	Geoffrey Johnson - Alan Race	114		
6th	Tony Leibowitz - Paul Gosney	112		

Mudgee Open Swiss pairs		VP	WDL
1	Jan Clarke & Di Coats	129	6-1-0





Jan Clarke (CC)

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NSWBA Spring Swiss Pairs		VP	WDL
1	Bob Sebesfi & Richard Douglas	84	5-1-0
2	Lavy libman & Tomer Libman	80	5-1-0
3	Jane Beeby & Michael Wilkinson	76	5-0-1
4	Heath Henn & Mitch Dowling	74	3-0-3





**Bob Sebesfi** 

Richard Douglas





Jane Beeby

Michael Wilkinson

	NSWBA - Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	VP	WDL
1	Giselle MUNDELL - Yumin LI	119.15	6-3-0
2	Lorna ICHILCIK - Lynn KALMIN	108.97	4-3-2
3	Mathew VADAS - George FLEISCHER	107.78	5-1-3
4	Colin CLIFFORD - Margaret FOSTER	103.03	4-2-3







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## **GNOT National Finals (RB)**

Region	GNOT Finals - NSBC Team Members	
Brisbane 1	Richard Ward, Therese Tully, <b>Tony Hutton</b> , Neville Francis	
Brisbane 2	Murray Perrin, Janeen Solomon, Carmel Martin, Phil Hale	
Central Coast	Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Chris Williams, Alan Bustany	
Hunter 3	Chris Dibley, Michael Seldon, Wayne Smith, Ken Berry	
Northern Territory	Tony Abbott, Neil Williams, Mairead Kelly, Rosemary Mooney, Ken Moffitt, Sue Moffitt	
Sydney 1	Maurits van der Vlugt, Andre Korenhof, Liam Milne, Nabil Edgtton, Tony Nunn, Paul Dalley	
Sydney 2	Sartaj Hans, <b>David Beauchamp, Sophie Ashton</b> , David Wiltshire	
Sydney 3	Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, <b>Jamie Thompson</b> Stephen Williams	
Sydney 4	Fraser Rew, Lakshmi Sunderasan, <b>Peter Buchen, Terry Brown</b> , Ron Klinger, Matt Mullamphy	
Sydney 5 (NSBC)	Bruce Neill, Michael Hughes, David Weston, Kim Morrison	
Sydney 6	Patrick Jiang, Hui Li, Vicky Wei, Shijun Tian, Judy Zhu	
Sydney 7	Peter Jeffery, Wayne Zhu, Yumin Li, Wei Zhang, Yixiang (Simon) Zhang	

R8 Qtrs	Imp	R4 Semi	Imp	Final	Imp
Sydney 1	65				
Canberra 1	60	Sydney 1	60		
Sydney 3	52	Sydney 3	32		
Melbourne 1	31			Sydney 1	24
Sydney 7	43			Sydney 7	47
Hunter 3	8	Sydney 7	108		
Brisbane 1	49	Brisbane 1	39		
Sydney 2	49				

Link to results
The Winners: Sydney 7



#### **GNOT Swiss Pairs (RB)**

	Gnot Sat Swiss Pairs	VP	WDL
1	Rez KARIM - Kaiping CHEN 90		6-0-0
2	lan PRICE - Bruce TIER	84.39	5-0-1
3	George SMOLANKO - David MIDDLETON	73.06	4-1-1
4	Di COATS - Jan CLARKE	72.95	4-0-2
	Gnot Sun Swiss Pairs	VP	WDL
1	Terry STRONG - Jill MAGEE	84.42	4-2-0
2	Liz HURLEY - Stephen HURLEY	82.90	5-0-1
3	Richard HARMAN - Mary PROWSE	79.17	4-1-1

#### **Wollstonecraft F2F**

	Wollstonecraft - IMP Pairs (F2F T11)		WDL
1	Marlene Watts & Peter Gill	114	6-0-0
2	Julian Foster & Jenna Gibbons	113	5-0-1
3	Anne Salmon & Joan Salmon	101	3-0-3

#### Link to results





Peter Gill

**Marlene Watts** 

#### **Great Lakes (Stepbridge)**

Great Lakes (Stepbridge) Swiss Pairs (T30)		VP	WDL
1	Jody Swaine & Marcey Spilsbury	94.22	5-0-1
2	Bert Forage & Adrienne Norton	86.18	6-0-0
3	lan Michelson & Deborah McLay		4-1-1
4	Libby Heyward & Ann Sauer	78.6	4-1-1
5	Diane Mitty & Robert Case	77.9	5-0-1

#### Link to results

	VCC - (42T) Wally Scott Open Swiss Pairs	VP	WDL
1	Sophie Ashton & David Wiltshire	115	7-1-0
2	Joachim Haffer & Philip Markey	104	5-3-0
3	Michael Whibley & Mathew Vadas	103	6-1-1
4	John Wang & Gary Chen	101	6-1-1
5	Tony Nunn & Paul Dalley	101	7-0-1
6	Warren Lazer & Pauline Gumby	100	5-2-1
7	Yumin Li & Peter Jeffery	98	6-0-2









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VCC online Swiss Teams (RB)			WDL
1	<u>Johnston</u> , Brian Mace - Sam Coutts - Tom Jacob - Matt Smith - Andrew Spooner - Brad Johnston	161	7-0-1
2	Paul Gosney - Avinash Kanetkar - Sartaj Hans - <u>Liam Milne</u> - Sophie Ashton - James Coutts	132	6-1-1
3	Andrew Braithwaite - <b>Terry Brown</b> - Arjuna De Livera - <u>Nigel</u> <u>Rosendorff</u> - Phil Gue - <u>Peter Buchen</u>	117	5-2-1
4	Michael Whibley - Mathew Vadas - Peter Gill - George Fleischer	111	6-1-1
5	Liz Adams - Andrew Peake - Shane Harrison - Martin Bloom		6-1-1
6	John Wang - Jun Lei - Jet Liu - <u>Gary Chen</u>	83	6-0-2
5	George Smolanko - Simon Hinge - Stephen Lester - <u>George</u> <u>Kozakos</u>	99	5-0-3
6	Ashley Bach - Arlene Dalley - Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	95	5-0-3

#### Link to full results



#### **Club Administration**

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Please contact Margaret Owen on 0410 657 048 for membership enquiries.

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 great deal 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.

#### **Links to other Newsletters**

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## INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE

A 6-week initial program with the North Shore Bridge Club

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6-Week Course, including 2hr lessons and supervised play each week.

### **ABOUT OUR COURSE**

We are pleased to announce that our 6-week "Introduction to Bridge" classes will re-start in February 2022. We will be offering morning and evening face-to-face options, plus an online alternative.

## 6-Weeks beginning Monday Feb 7th & Tuesday Feb 8th, 2022

Both our Online and Face-to-Face courses comprise two components each week:



#### **LESSON**

There will be a 2-hour bridge lesson each week for the duration of the course. The options are:

- Face-to-face, Monday mornings at 10am
- Face-to-face, Monday evenings at 7pm and
- Online, Tuesday mornings at 10am, with a recording that can be watched and rewatched for reinforcement.

#### SUPERVISED PLAY & PRACTICE

Each week you will also have the opportunity to play practice hands yourself, in an informal, supervised environment where you can see each other and chat.

#### WHAT OUR PAST PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID

"I am so happy with the online course – I love the organisation of the course, and the effort, dedication and planning that has gone into it is very obvious".

"Your teachers are wonderful, and the Practice sessions are invaluable!"

"I was a reluctant participant in the online course, but I have loved it!



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