



NSBC Mgt eNews

2022 January Update

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Update from the President

David Fryda
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President

Dear Members,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to advise you of Liam Milne's decision to resign from his position of Face-to-Face Manager of North Shore Bridge Club. Since Liam joined us earlier this year he has done an amazing job. Most of us have had several challenges to deal with in the past two years thanks to the pandemic. Liam has risen to the challenges of running our face-to-face operations on numerous occasions.

I am confident that I speak on behalf of the committee and all of you when I say that we have been extremely grateful for all of his efforts. Liam's decision to leave us is based on where his priorities lie. As you know, Liam is a top-class bridge player evidenced by the recent announcement of his inclusion in Australia's Open Team.

The committee has reviewed the situation in light of this development and decided to recruit a club General Manager. We are still in the process of finalising the job description. As the club has continued to grow, the expertise required to effectively manage our club has evolved. We believe we would benefit from having someone experienced in general club management rather than specifically bridge club management.

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EL Venue	East Lindfield	02 9415 8344
WS Venue	Willis	0478 626 393
CW/NR Venues	Closed	0478 626 393

As proof of Liam's amazing work ethic, he has provided us with ample notice and will be staying while we recruit the General Manager. Until the General Manager is appointed and Liam has handed over to them, Liam will continue to manage our face-to-face bridge and Gary will continue his great work managing our online games.

I will endeavour to keep you all updated on this matter. In the meantime, if you know of someone with club management experience at the General Manager level who you think would be a good fit for our club, please encourage them to contact either Elana Kohn or me.

Regards,

David Fryda

President, North Shore Bridge Club

Update F2F Operations



Dear all NSBC members and bridge players,

The most important change for our bridge club is that **masks will no longer be required to be worn while playing**. This is fantastic news for our club with players able to play bridge without the discomfort of wearing a mask for a prolonged period. Of course, COVID still exists and those that wish extra protection are welcome and encouraged to continue wearing masks at the table.

Because our primary concern is the safety of our players, the policy of the club is still that **only players who are double vaccinated (or who can produce a valid medical exemption) will be allowed to enter the clubrooms**. We welcome those players who are yet to be double vaccinated to play with us online on our RealBridge platform.

Because Lindfield Rollers is a registered club, players at East Lindfield will still be required to check in on arrival with the QR code on the Service NSW app. Please keep up the good work in this area as it is important to help out the contact tracers as much as we can!

We also now have unlimited capacity (for as many tables as we can fit in!) and do not require pre-booking for any F2F session. Despite the continually evolving COVID situation in Sydney, our bridge sessions now look very much like they did pre-COVID. If you haven't had a F2F game

recently, we look forward to welcoming you for a game of face-to-face bridge soon!

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 / Notes
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					

Standard Daily "NSBC F2F @ East Lindfield" (Face-to-Face) Sessions					
Note: Covid Regulations - All F2F Venue have QR Code Registration at club					
Day	Ven	Session	Play Start	Session size range	Director / Notes
Mon	EL	Open	1:00 PM	15-25 Tables	David Hagley
		Supervised			TBA
Tues	EL	Supervised			TBA
		Open			Closed
Wed	EL	Open	10:00 AM	10-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
Thur	EL	Rookie	10:00 AM	8-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
		Open	1:00 PM	15-25 Tables	
Fri	EL				TBA
Sat	EL	Open	1:00 PM	9-15 Tables	Sue Crompton
Sun	EL				Special Events

Please visit our [F2F Sessions](#) page on the NSBC website to see the current EL or WS face to face session times.

Club Administration

📌 New NSBC Memberships

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).

📌 **Offline PP credit Top-ups.** Please contact Margaret Owen on 0410 657 048 for topping up your PP (Prepayments) via credit card by phone.

📌 **Visitor Payments** They can pay for one off events on our [Online Payments](#) page (the \$ sign on our homepage). Or over the phone with Margaret.

📌 Snapshot EOY 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	RB Tables	EL Tables	Willis Tables
Dec		xmas			
Nov	1476	Willis Opens, (76% RB 67% Open), F2F Restrictions Eased to 2'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

Update Online Operations



◆ Major Competitions on Thursday Nights

The two Thursday nights when the Online Canberra event is running, no Thursday competition events will be run.

The next Thursday Night event will be the **Club Summer Swiss Teams**.

Brochure – Summer Teams

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

♣ RealBridge Weekly Schedule Overview

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	10.00 AM	17 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Supervised	10.30 AM	6 Tables	Kay Moyes
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Rookie	2.00 PM	20 Tables	Kim Neale
	Rookie	7.00 PM	10 Tables	Kim Neale
Wed	Open	10.00 AM	18 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	1.30 PM	25 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Rookie	2.00 PM	28 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	7.00 PM	15 Tables	Craig Mietzke
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
Thur	Open	1.30 PM	20 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Restricted	1.30 PM	15 Tables	Angie Boulton
	Open Competition Night	7.00 PM	30 Tables	Ronnie Ng
	Open	10.00 AM	15 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	22 Tables	Sue Crompton
Fri	Restricted	1.30 PM	12 Tables	Sue Crompton
	Open	1.30 PM	40 Tables	Brian Soutter
Sat	Restricted	1.30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
	Open	1.30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter
Sun	Open	1.30 PM	16 Tables	Brian Soutter

Please visit our [RealBridge Sessions](#) page on the NSBC website to see the current daily RB session times.

◆ Major Daytime Competitions

Brochure – Online Congress

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

♣ Require an Online Partner?

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

♣ Visitors and Guests are Welcome

Visitors and guests are very welcome, members can pay for a guest via their PP system ***just let the director know at the start of the session, that you will accept charge on your PP account for your guest.*** Guests and visitors can also pay directly online see **Visitor Payments** 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 😊.

Tournament Committee



◆ Draft 2022 Q1 Tournament Program

CC	Sess	Max CC	Date	When	Ven	Type	2022 CC Events List
1	1/2	10	30-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Summer Swiss Pairs
	2/2		6-Jan	Thursday Night			
			13-Jan	Thursday Night			Canberra Week
			20-Jan	Thursday Night			Canberra Week
2	2x	10	30-Jan	Sunday	RB	IMP	Australia Day Weekend Congress Swiss Pairs
3	1/4	10	27-Jan	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Summer Teams
	2/4		3-Feb	Thursday Night			
	3/4		10-Feb	Thursday Night			
	4/4		17-Feb	Thursday Night			
			24-Feb	Thursday Night			Surfers week
4	1/3	10	3-Mar	Thursday Night	RB	MP	Club Mixed Pairs Championship (State qualifier)
	2/3		7-Mar	Thursday Night			
	3/3		14-Mar	Thursday Night			
5	2x	10	20-Mar	Sunday	EL	IMP	Pauline Evans F2F Swiss Pairs
			24-Mar	Thursday Night			Tassie week
6	1/4	20	31-Mar	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Morgan Swiss Pairs
	2/4		7-Apr	Thursday Night			
	3/4		14-Apr	Thursday Night			
	4/4		21-Apr	Thursday Night			
			28-Apr	Thursday Night			Autumn Nationals Week
7	1/5	20	5-May	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	GNOT Direct
	2/5		12-May	Thursday Night			
	3/5		19-May	Thursday Night			
	4/5		26-May	Thursday Night			
	5/5		2-Jun	Thursday Night			

◆ Our Sponsors

Treasurer

Les Grewcock



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