



## NSBC Face-to-Face Club Manager

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Hi everyone! I hope you are surviving the dreadful weather that we have been having both in Sydney and around the country. It is certainly good weather for playing bridge!

The Gold Coast Congress was held last week and once again saw a sizeable contingent from North Shore representing us. It was wonderful to see our most famous tournament back face-to-face and it gave me a real sense of optimism given how well things went.

This week, we are starting a new '**Rookie Improvers**' session on Tuesdays with John Newman at East Lindfield. John will give a 30-minute targeted Rookies lesson at 1:30pm, then there will be a game from 2-4pm. After the session John will be available for Q&A on any difficult hands that you played.

John has a great track record in helping players improve their game, so come along and give it a try. You will definitely learn something and that's what it's all about!

This weekend, the first session of our **Hyegrove Stratified Pairs** was held both at East Lindfield and online on RealBridge. This event runs for the four Saturdays in March and offers cash prizes for all of our normal Saturday duplicates. We are grateful to Hyegrove Willoughby for their generous sponsorship of this event and our club.

On Wednesday mornings at East Lindfield, Mike Prescott will be giving **free lessons** on a variety of interesting topics at 9:30am before the 10am game. These are complimentary for all players and well worth coming along to.

Last but not least, we are excited to be running our first face-to-face congress in some time: the **Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs** at East Lindfield coming up on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We are expecting a good crowd – [get your entry in now at the NSWBA website](#).

As you will be aware, Mike Prescott is taking over as the club's general manager and we are thrilled to have him back. That means this will be my last newsletter column and we are in the

process of handing over the reins to Mike who will report to you next month.

As my time at NSBC comes to an end, I want to thank all of our club's fantastic directors, teachers, staff and volunteers who make this club the best in Australia. I have enjoyed meeting so many new faces over the last year and, despite the challenges of the pandemic, I am proud to have worked with you and for you.

Finally, I want to thank our President, David Fryda, who has given me a huge amount of support over my time at the club. I have always said that David encouraged my good ideas and gently neutralised my bad ones! He has been a wonderful asset for our club during this interesting period of time and it has been a personal pleasure to work with him.

Best wishes to you all and I am sure I will see at the bridge table in future.

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