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Major Club Events

◆ Leaders 2022 Club champion race

The Month of October has seen 2 events completed that contribute to the 2022 club championship race

- EL Labour Day MP Pairs Congress
- RB Club Pairs Championship

Current 2022 standings were updated after all these events. **Sophie Ashton** has again jumped into the lead from Michael Courtney.

		
Sophie Ashton	Michael Courtney	Yumin Li

Just 4 events remaining to gain some 2022 CC points to decide the 2022 Club champion

- Comp Night: True Mixed Teams (5xNov), **<Double weighted 20 pts>**
- Comp Night Xmas Teams (2xDec)
- Congress new RB Festive Online Swiss Pairs on Sat 17th December.
- Congress new RB Festive Online Swiss Teams in Sun 18th December.

Rank	Player	CC Points	Events Played
1	Sophie Ashton	70	7
2	Michael Courtney	63	12
3	Yumin Li	54	10
4	Peter Jeffery	46	13
5	Kevin Davies	45	18
6	Joan Butts	42	9
7=	David Beauchamp	40	5
7=	Simon Zhang	40	3
7=	Wayne Zhu	40	6
10	Leo Goorevich	37	16
11	Steven Bock	36	16
12	Peter Gill	35	9
13	Susan Humphries	34	3
14=	Colin Clifford	33	13
14=	Dagmar Neumann	33	6
14=	Jeanette Abrams	33	10
14=	Margaret Foster	33	14
14=	Wei Zhang	33	7
19=	Giselle Mundell	30	8
19=	Ruth Tobin	30	9

More details: [Website News](#)

NEW
Starts Monday October 10th

MONDAY NIGHT ROOKIE SESSION
7pm at East Lindfield

[Read More](#)

◆ EL Labour Day MP Congress

The EL Labour Day Match Pointed Pairs Congress was run on 3rd October with 24 Tables. Michael Prescott directed the event very competently.

The event was run as a 2 session Mitchell movement (stronger players seeded equally NS/EW) providing two sets of winners (NS & EW) Club Members featured heavily.

Pos	EL Labour Day MP Pairs	Score	CC
1 NS	Kevin Davies - Elli Urbach	63.1%	10
2 NS	Witold Chylewski (Jun) - Heath Henn	60.7%	7
3 NS	Jeanette Abrams - Helen Lowry	59.7%	5
4 NS	Anne Symons - Sallie Quarles	55.2%	4
5 NS	Vivien Eldridge - Patrick Starck	54.9%	
6 NS	Julianne Rocks - Liz Fanos	53.3%	3
7 NS	Maeve Doyle - Stuart Schon	51.4%	2
8 NS	Lydia Gibbs - Tina Strickland	51.3%	1



Link [EL Labour Day Congress Honour Board](#)

Link [Website News item](#)

Link [Full Results](#)

◆ RB Club Pairs Championship

This regular RB event on Thursday nights attracted 17 Tables. Ronnie NG was the capable director, and the event was played as a full round robin over the 4 weeks



Club Pairs Championship + (State Pairs Qual)			CC
1 Q	Sophie Ashton & David Beauchamp	60%	10
2 Q	Cevat Emul & Catherine Zhang	57%	7
3 Q	Hugh Grosvenor & Tania Loyld	56%	5
4 Q	Giselle Mundell & Rena Kaplan	56%	4
5	William Zhang & Yumin Li	56%	3
6	Patrick Neary & John Scotford	55%	2
7	Michael Cartmell & Nick Fahrer	53%	1



Top 4 pairs will be offered NSBC representative places in the **State Open Pairs** finals on 19/20 Nov at the NSWBA clubrooms.

[Club Pairs Championship Honour Board](#)

[Website News item](#)

[Full Results](#)

Pos	EL Labour Day MP Pairs	Score	CC
1 EW	Margaret Foster - Colin Clifford	60.2%	10
2 EW	Lavy Libman - Tomer Libman	59.6%	
3 EW	Jim Stewart - Lynn Baker	57.0%	7
4 EW	Gary Lane - Edward Truscott	53.6%	5
5 EW	George Finikiotis - Steven Bock	53.5%	4
6 EW	Gwen Cordingley - Bev Peters	53.4%	3
7 EW	John Scotford - Patrick Neary	53.2%	2
8 EW	Julie Guthrie - Mark Guthrie	52.6%	1

♦ EL Metro North Interclub Teams

This annual Interclub team's event, is hosted by the previous year's winner (NSBC @ North Ryde RSL). So, this year we ran the event F2F at East Lindfield

This was a great day had by all. A big thanks to the NSBC members who helped with baking we had lots of yummy snacks throughout the day. Thanks to Sue and Josh who once again did a fantastic lunch.

This event was very well attended by NSBC but the other clubs Trumps Peninsula and Manly. We had a total of 28 teams in total.

To make this work Ronnie did a great job so that all clubs had a chance to win.

Division 1			Division 2		
	Club	Score		Club	Score
1st	Trumps	5		Trumps	5
2nd	EL	4		PBC	4
3rd	PBC	3		Manly	3
4th	Willis	2		Willis	2
5th	Manly	1		EL	1

	Score		Score		TOTAL	
Trumps	5	+	5	=	10	1st
PBC	3	+	4	=	7	2nd
Willis	2	+	2	=	4	=4th
EL	4	+	1	=	5	3rd
Manly	1	+	3	=	4	=4th

Trumps came out winners of the 2022 Interclub Teams see more [here](#)



The winning Trumps Team. So, in 2023 it will be held at **Trumps Bridge Centre, Mosman.**

♦ October Grade Winners



Pos	Oct Open Monthly Winners	Master Pts	No. Sess
1	John Mottram	5.57	28
2	Judy Osie	4.17	18
3	Rena Kaplan	4.10	13
4	Giselle Mundell	3.93	10
5	Carol McMurray	3.11	21
6	Lorna Ichilcik	3.01	12
7	Hymie Osie	2.88	20
8	Lynn Kalmin	2.79	12
9	Nicky Strasser	2.62	7
10	Ed Truscott	2.61	12

2023 Australian Open Team Playoff

The 2023 Australian Open Team playoff will be played at the Canberra Bridge Club, Deakin on November 12-17, 2022.

Entries are now open and will close 18:00 AEDT, Friday, 4 November 2022.

Entry is restricted to eight teams, ranked upon total PQPs – after bonuses are applied.



Pos	Oct Winners Restricted <300 MP < **National	Master Pts	No. Sess
1	Brian Osborne	1.38	10
2	Felix Shteyman	1.27	9
3	Owen Aubrey	1.01	7
4=	Jack Abrams	0.97	3
4=	Sue Rutkowski	0.97	3
6	Sharon Thompson	0.78	4
7=	Brian Emanuel	0.77	5
7=	John Bartrop	0.77	3
7=	Meera Kudva	0.77	5
10=	Ian Newton	0.75	5
10=	Linda Cunningham	0.75	5



Pos	Winner Oct Rookie (<100 MP < Bronze Regional)	Master Pts	No Sess
1	Meera Kudva	1.52	11
2	Anne Lancaster	1.50	9
3	Sue Rutkowski	1.39	12
4	Yeung Cheung	1.36	9
5	Robyn Walker	1.21	9
6	Liz Morell	0.95	7
7	Marina Shteyman	0.92	8
8	Joan Korporaal	0.89	8
9=	Marina Clark	0.83	5
9=	Peta McElhone	0.83	5

♦ Major Competitions – Q4 2022

The current competition night Event is the “Falls Estate” **Club Mixed Teams Championship**.

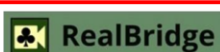
Sess	Max CC	Date	When	Ven	Type	2022 CC Events List
1/5	20	3-Nov	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	The Falls Estate Mixed Teams Championship
2/5		10-Nov	Thursday Night			
3/5		17-Nov	Thursday Night			
4/5		24-Nov	Thursday Night			
5/5		1-Dec	Thursday Night			
2x		27-Nov	Sunday	EL	IMP	Metro North - Inter-Club Pairs
1/2	10	8-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Club XMAS Teams Championship
2/2		15-Dec	Thursday Night			
2/2		17-Dec	Saturday			
2/2		18-Dec	Sunday			
		25-Dec	Thursday Night			
						XMAS break
1/2	10	29-Dec	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	2023 Summer Swiss Pairs Championship
2/2		5-Jan	Thursday Night			
2/2	10	17-Dec	Sunday	RB	IMP	Summer Swiss Teams
		12-Jan	Thursday Night			Canberra Summer Nats Break
		19-Jan	Thursday Night			
2/2	10	31-Jan	Sunday	RB	IMP	Australia Day Weekend Swiss Pairs
1/4	10	26-Jan	Thursday Night	RB	IMP	Summer Teams
2/4		2-Feb	Thursday Night			
3/4		9-Feb	Thursday Night			
5/4		16-Feb	Thursday Night			



Sunday IMP Pairs on RB



**Sundays: 1:30pm
Open Imp Pairs**



We guarantee a game, just come along and we will find you a partner.
A chance to learn to play IMP (International Match Points) scoring methods.
Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams are popular congress & tournament type events,
which use these IMP scoring methods. (often with IMP conversions to Victory Points)

On Sundays we play IMP Bridge, IMP Pairs

Normal RB table fees (\$13 Members & \$16 Visitors very welcome)

Sundays will no longer be red point sessions

◆ EL Interclub Pairs

As we won the Metro North Inter-Club Pairs event in 2021 using our RB venue. So, we are again hosting this event, but choosing to play at **East Lindfield** this time on the 27th of November, after the Spring Nationals are over.

We will be entering two sets of club Pairs representing both NSBC & East Lindfield clubs. We need teams of Pairs in all **4 grades** to represent our 2 clubs. These grades are based on Masterpoint rankings, and you will play against Pairs of the same ranking.

- **Open, <750 MP, <300 MP, <100 MP**

Contact Sue Crompton to book your Pair into the Sunday event at EL.
Note: MP Scoring Event

2022 Metro North Interclub Pairs

B5i Event!



Sunday 27th November 2022
9.30am for 10am start
Played at East Lindfield 2b Carlyle Road East Lindfield
Hosted by North Shore Bridge Club

Join the fun and the challenge!

- One day friendly pairs event for rookies up
- Played Face to Face
- \$50 per pair, includes lunch, nibbles, at the end
- Director - Ronnie Ng
- Four fields: Open, U300, U100 & U15 (pair average)
- Pairs in top half of all categories earn club points whether rookie or open
- Bonus point for best photo
- Smaller club entries combined into "All Stars"
- Red points - and perpetual Trophy records winning club
- Instructions emailed to entered players

These interclub events bring clubs and players across our region together.

How to Enter:

- Metro North ABF affiliated clubs can enter in each field up to 4 pairs plus two reserve pairs of - reserves may play depending on entries
- We recommend clubs reimburse entry fees
- Entry spreadsheet sent to clubs for digital input
- Entry deadline 20 November
- Inquiries to Sue 0416 290 867 or suecrompton40@gmail.com

Coordinated by a committee of club representatives

All players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations
Check the latest details, entry forms and supplementary regulations for the different Metro North interclub events at <http://bridge-game.info/whats-on/interclub.html>



Bridge-Game.Info
for bridge players by bridge players

[Thursday Night Events](#) web page on the club website.

◆ Comp night -RB XMAS Teams

13th Club XMAS Teams Championship

Again on RealBridge in 2022

2x Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm 8th, 15th December
 Must Enter for both sessions (Substitutes are allowed) in the club Website by 10pm Wednesday 7th Dec. Late entries may be allowed by Convenor at his discretion.

Club Honour Board **Generous Prize Pool : Dependent on entries**
 Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick M: 0413 884 805
 Director: Ronnie Ng
 Entry Management: Enter via NSBC website
 Pre-Payments: NSBC Members use PP System, & Visitors use website payment app
 We welcome all players who are financial members of the ABF to play in this event. Yellow Complex Systems are not permitted

Red Point Event

Previous 12th 2021 XMAS Team's Champions:
Liz Sylvester & Peter Gill, Yumin Li & Simon Zhang

Members (PP)	\$112 per team (2 Nights @ \$14pp)
Non Members	\$136 per Team (2 Nights @ \$17pp)

◆ Comp night RB Summer Swiss Pairs

The 2023 year kicks off on the 29th Dec with a two week Swiss Pairs event. Just what you need to get ready for the Summer Nationals in Canberra. A little earlier this year!

Summer Swiss Pairs

A 2 session Swiss Pairs event

RealBridge in 2023

2 Thursday Night Sessions @ 7:00pm
29th Dec 2022 and 5th Jan 2023

- Swiss Pairs event (Imp scoring)
- First CC event for 2023 Club Championship (Brownie Cup)
- Entry Mgt : NSBC Website

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

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

RED Points

2022 winners Elliot Kaplan & Peter Gill

\$32pp - 2x \$16 / Members

\$38pp - 2x \$19 / Non Member

[Club's Honour Board Link for Interclub Pairs](#)
[Link to Inter-Club Pairs Flyer](#)

Information about all Thursday night competition events can be found on our

Club Admin

♦ MG – President's Update



Mark Guthrie

Margaret Owen to Take Up Bridge

I suspect that everyone else already knows this, but as regular teammates with Margaret, I have only just found out. Apparently, she is standing down as Membership Secretary so she can do other things, including playing more bridge.

This month I also discovered that Rod “Numbers” Owen, our Treasurer, has been carrying on with Margaret for some time (I’m not sure what “carrying on” means, but it doesn’t sound good). Who would have thought this kind of thing would go on at a bridge club, I hope their spouses don’t find out.

“Numbers” has been playing more bridge since he retired recently, and this might be pushing Margaret to want to stay ahead of him in the Masterpoints race to becoming a Grand Poohbah.

Of course, Margaret being Margaret, she is still going to be helping out as we transition from **BC** (Before Chaos) to **AD** (Absolute Disaster). Though with Margaret helping us to get there I am confident nobody will find out how bad things are until long after I’ve been run out of town as President.

I have learnt a lot from watching the Tory party in the UK, apparently if you make such a mess of things that nobody sane would want to take over, then you can stay in power for ever.

Seriously, of course we will survive without Margaret, but she will be sorely missed (something about taking your hand out of a bucket of water and you can’t tell the

difference, my memory as a student is of falling asleep and having my hand put into a bucket of water, and that was definitely noticeable).

Mike, Sue, and Josh are going to absorb the work that Margaret has been doing (yes, three people to replace her), and if we need to, we will try to find someone else to help out, but Mike has a strong focus on cost management, so we will try not to bring anyone on to begin with.

When I say Margaret will be sorely missed, I’m sure that isn’t true for everyone. I know this doesn’t apply to you, dear reader, but some people occasionally try to pay with Monopoly money or pop a button into the envelope instead of a two-dollar coin. I’ve even seen the odd person swipe their library card over the EFTPOS machine and make a beeping noise.

Those people are quite used to an early morning call from a slightly angry Scottish woman asking them to please get their account in order. Most do, but some have experienced Margaret jumping out of a bush as they walk out of their front door and giving them a court summons and a few choice words.

This is a good point to introduce my favourite Scottish joke, safe in the assumption that none of you will get it.

“What is wrong with Mickey Mouse’s helicopter?”

“Disney Land”

In case the criminal element think that the sheriff retiring is good news, Margaret has handed over her Rolodex to Sue, and your name could well be near the front and covered with highlighter and some notes written in pencil.

In other news, Shaz “The Lightning” Thompson is back from saving the universe and our next committee meeting is coming up (should have happened by the time you read this). She will be taking over from me as temporary secretary

in a similar way that Neil Armstrong took over from a chimp to get the space program to stop eating bananas and finally land on the moon. Shaz has already been helping Mike out with things post-Margaret and she is working with Sir Leo to make some changes to the website. Gary is also doing his bit, so I think we are in safe hands.

Jake “Brains” Andrew has been working hard too and is analysing the data from the last member survey in different ways to see what else we can learn. He is also working with Mike on a strategy. Don’t yawn, this is very different to what you will have seen before in other places and will be simple, clear, and practical. In fact, I think it is an insult to call it a strategy and associate it with the finger paintings drawn by 3-year-olds that I have had to accept (and produce) in my career with the title of strategy.

Ian “Lunch” MacLaren and Carol “Captain Marvel” McMurray have, as always, been pushing hard to support the members. Lunch was heavily involved in the great printer debacle, which seems now to be resolved. The problem with this project is that we never really know when it is finished, and we are all too scared to celebrate too early. Silence is golden, and touch wood, ongoing, but none of us are brave enough to call it closed. When we can, it will be a great result for the club.

Unfortunately, Janie “Leave Me Out of the Newsletter” Russ has been doing it tough this month and we all wish her the best.

In case anyone has made it this far, here is an idea I’ll be raising with the committee in the lead up to the AGM next year, if they let me attend the committee meetings and don’t all pretend that we are meeting somewhere else at a different time. Honestly, it’s getting beyond a joke that by the time I find where they are hiding, they tell me the meeting has just finished.

This is just a thought at the moment (and I stole it from SA Bridge Association), but it would be good to get any opinions that you have.

Make all committee appointments two years long but have half come up each year for election. This would ensure more continuity between committees and avoid the situation where the committee all get knackered and leave at the same time. It also prevents the committee being taken over in a massive communist coup, as seems likely given the militants, agitators and conspiracy theorists that make up most of our membership.

Thank you, Margaret

♦ MP – Manager Update



Mike Prescott

Our Club Manager, Mike Prescott took the opportunity at the Interclub @ EL to make a presentation to **Margaret Owen**, who was retiring after many years as Office Manager at NSBC.



October Club Membership

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club Members	Non Home Club Members
2-074 NSBC East Lindfield	310	14
2-120 NSBC - Willis	1195	187
RealBridge (remote members)		127
Total Oct	1505	328
Grand Total Memberships end of Oct	1833	

Table Fees have increased in November

[Webpage Fees Link](#)

As of 1st November 2022, table fees increased.

- Online sessions by **\$2** pp to **\$13** online (**\$16** for guests)
- Comp Night events also by **\$2** pp to **\$16** (**\$19** for guests)
- F2F sessions by **\$2** pp to **\$15** for face-to-face (**\$18** for guests).
- RB Congress Events Unchanged **\$30**
- EL Congress Events Unchanged **\$45** includes lunch

Costs are going up across the board and we are no exception. The committee and staff have worked hard to reduce our operating costs and have made some significant savings, but our table fees are still out of step with our cost base. This isn't a decision that we took lightly, but realities leave us with no choice.

Some may ask why we don't just continue to lose money and eat into our reserves, but if we did this the club would be insolvent within a few years. The committee believes that it is their responsibility to leave the club in a better state than they found it, and we don't know what lies ahead of us. What we do know is that most opportunities require money, and we want to be in a position where the club can take advantage of opportunities if they arise. For these reasons, continuing to lose money is not an option.

We have done price comparisons with other clubs and believe we are competitive, especially as we pitch ourselves as a premium offering with diverse locations and session times, games for all levels, and wonderful teaching programs. **\$13** or **\$15** dollars for three

hours of entertainment with support from a director is excellent value.

As a reminder, our current service offering are:

- Club games directed by professional Directors.
- Directors, who will play with any player that attends a session that is left without a partner.
- Two different venues for face-to-face bridge, as well as online.
- 35 sessions each week, catering to all levels at varying times of the day.
- Pre-game lessons for some Rookie games.
- A world class teaching offering, catering to all levels of players.
- Supervised sessions for those finding their feet after learning to play.

Membership Fees Unchanged

Annual membership fees will remain unchanged from what they were for 2022, being the discounted rates of \$50 for full members and \$35 for Online members who reside outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area. These rates represent discounted figures from pre-Covid levels. The Covid-related discount will therefore remain in place for a further 12 months.

Monday evenings at East Lindfield Join us tonight.



You asked for it - we delivered! The NEW Monday night Rookie session has been running for a few weeks, numbers are still quite low, so if you are thinking of coming - please do. The evening is relaxed, social and a lot of fun. There is also a free lesson with Jenny Barnes at 6.45pm, with lesson notes to take home. So, come and join us. At this same session there is a Supervised Session.

◆ GB – Online Manager Update



Gary Barwick

We have a new RB International battle & RB online Congresses coming up in December & January for your enjoyment

- For the month of November **Saturday 1.30pm will be a Red Point session.**
- Monthly winners** are returning. Your best 3 results for the same session during the calendar month count, perform well and you will earn additional master points.

Down Under vs Up Over - A Fun New Bridge Battle

Following the wonderful success of *Bridge Across The Ditch* we are delighted to bring you an event of EPIC proportions. Players from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are forming a super team from Down Under to have a friendly battle with the super team from Up Over comprising of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Two sessions (you can play in either or both sessions) of Matchpoint Pairs with 10 rounds of 2 boards each session.

DOWN UNDER

vs.

UP OVER

Take part in a festive challenge: two opportunities to represent the super teams of "up over" versus "down under".

6TH DEC 2022

Game 1: Tue & Dec 7am Sydney; Tue & Dec New Zealand 9am
Monday 5 Dec GMT 8pm; Monday 5 Dec South Africa 10pm

Game 2: Tue & Dec 7pm Sydney; Tue & Dec New Zealand 9pm
Tuesday & Dec GMT 8am; Tuesday & Dec South Africa 10am

why not play in both?

Not since Ben Hur have you seen anything like it!

A battle of epic proportions.

Admission: FREE

Entry via North Shore Bridge Club website or any participating club

Australia

Matchpoints - pairs 20 boards

RealBridge

Session Categories & Times

This event has something for all bridge players from **Rookie, Restricted and**

Open (sorry not for supervised there will be more events to play in later once you break into Rookie).

You can play in one session or both - we hope you can play both!. You do not need to play with the same person if you are playing both. We are somewhat timezone challenged with an event of this type. Session times are 7am & 7pm to ensure all regions can come together and play.

New RB Festive Pairs/Teams

North Shore Bridge Club Online Congress Festive Season Pairs and Teams Final Congress for 2022.

Sat, 17 Dec 22, 10:00

Two session Online IMP Swiss Pairs Congress on Real Bridge. Saturday 17th December starting 10am. Great Cash Prizes. Please register by clicking [here](#)

Festive Season

Online Open Swiss Pairs

Saturday 17th December on RealBridge

10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Pairs (IMP) Event

Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries

Members Results (cc) will count towards 2022 NSBC Club Champion (Brownie Cup)

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805

Director: Ronnie Ng

Entry Management: Enter by **MyABF**

Pre-Payments: Visitors use MyABF Credits & NSBC Members to select "Club PP System"

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations

Player Fees (pp) \$30pp

Sun, 18 Dec 22, 10:00

Two session Online Swiss Teams Congress on Real Bridge. Sunday 18th December starting 10am. Great Cash Prizes. Please register by clicking [here](#)

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◆ 2023- RB Summer Teams/Pairs

In January we have 2 Congress events, a Teams & a Swiss Pairs.

New

NSBC Summer
 Online Swiss Teams

Sunday 8th Jan on RealBridge
 10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Teams (IMP) Event
 Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805
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Player Fees (pp) \$30pp

3rd

Australia Day Weekend
 Online Swiss Pairs



Sunday 29th Jan 2023 on RealBridge
 10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Pairs (IMP) Event
 Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries

2022 Winners: Peter Gill & Jane Dawson
 Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805
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Player Fees (pp) \$30pp

◆ Club Logo Updated



The Club Logo has been updated to show the formal establishment date of the earliest of our feeder clubs (Lindfield BC) that eventually merged to become the NSBC. Many of our Honour boards date back to these early bridge days. Over 60 years of history!

◆ LG – Website Changes

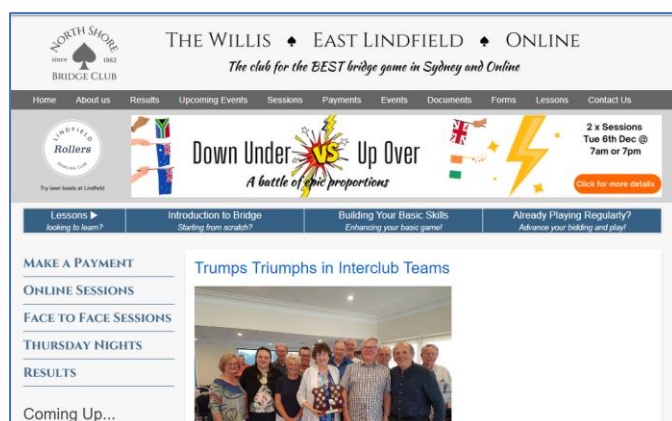


Boosting our Online Presence"

The Team are working through the content and pages of our Website to see if we can improve them. The changes made so far should start to make the website easier to read on a Tablet or Phone.

They have also re-worked our Teaching Pages so that we can get better traction with any marketing we do. The biggest change for Members is the new location of the Payment button - we now have a dedicated menu item or a button on the left hand side of the home page.

NEW - Our web banners now link to entry forms, when you click them. Thanks to all involved in these changes.



◆ Club Committee Minutes

The club publishes regular committee minutes
Committee Minutes

Meeting	Publication Date
2022-08..... 22 August Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	28-September-2022
2022-07..... 27 July Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	28-September-2022
2022-06..... 7 June Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	28-September-2022
2022-05..... 10 May Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	01-July-2022
2022-04..... 2 April Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	13-April-2022
2022-03..... 2 March Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	19-March-2022
2022-02..... 17 February Committee Meeting Minutes - click here	19-March-2022
No Committee meeting in January 2022	

These are on our club website
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/2149>

ABF Foundation 2023 Fund Raiser PRO-AM Tournaments



**PROFESSIONALS AND LEADING PLAYERS
AUCTIONED TO PLAY WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER!**

ONLINE AUCTIONS

The **ABF Foundation** will be auctioning
Professionals and Leading Players to play in

**Red-Point Sessions at 7:15 pm (AEDT) on RealBridge
on Tuesday 31 January and Tuesday 7 March 2023**

and

Two sessions on BBO at mutually agreed times

All proceeds go towards the **ABF Foundation**

Follow the links below to bid for a professional or leading player:

- Pro-am Tourney – January 31, 7:15 pm on RealBridge
- Pro-am Tourney – March 7, 7:15 pm on RealBridge
- Play in a session on BBO at a mutually agreed time – 1
- Play in a session on BBO at a mutually agreed time – 2

[Link to ABF webpage](#)

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NSWBA Strategic Review - Update

We have just concluded our survey phase! And thank you very much to those who have participated. We had an outstanding response and feel confident that you have given us the input we need to plan for the future of Bridge in NSW over the next five years.

The Process So Far

The insights gathered during the first phase (the Discovery phase) of our strategic review, involving a significant number of one-on-one interviews and stakeholder focus groups, were informative, wide-ranging and at times confronting. Those insights were then used to design the questions in the online surveys, allowing us to quantify and verify the views that had been shared in the discovery phase. It was interesting to see how many people agreed with the opinions expressed in the first stage.

What had clearly emerged from the first stage of this review, and was confirmed in the second/survey phase, was the enormous disparity of views amongst NSWBA stakeholder groups. They had one thing in common – all felt that their needs and priorities were not adequately addressed by the discussions and actions of the Council of the NSWBA. There was a feeling of disconnection and many expressed views suggesting some stakeholders received preferential treatment over others.

Results of the Survey

Whilst not comprehensive, some of the themes that emerged were :

- Clear feedback that a majority of Affiliated Clubs believe they are not being consulted or heard
- The appropriateness of the Goulburn Street premises was questioned – from Affiliated Club land and from SBC membership – with the message to 'renovate or relocate' as a minimum
- A loud and clear message that more communication with all of our stakeholders is required but particularly with Affiliated

Clubs. Better communication may have fostered more understanding that the NSWBA activities for which the affiliation fees are currently used (many of which were ranked as good or satisfactory) are not what clubs are actually looking to the NSWBA for. Clubs want much more assistance in marketing and promotions and teaching support. It is in this light that we come to the next interesting finding ...

- The need for a state body was put under the spotlight in the context of 'which of the State functions does/should/could the ABF take care of' in a more centralised model
- A range of strong yet somewhat contradictory views regarding developments around online bridge versus face-to-face, from players, clubs, cities, and regions

In summary: **This shows a fairly low level of satisfaction with the performance of the NSWBA from all groups of stakeholders.**

What is next?

Armed with your candid feedback and the survey data that underpins the findings we are scheduling a full day workshop with representatives from all stakeholder groups to define purpose and objective of the NSWBA, as a state body and/or club, and what strategic and operational plans we need to define to ensure our mutual success and the future of the game we all love.

This workshop will take place before the end of the year, and we will be sharing a comprehensive report, detailing findings from the discovery and survey phase, our vision moving forward and our strategic plan to achieve our defined objectives. Stay tuned!

Regards John Scudder, Chairman, NSWBA

◆ NSWBA Insight Magazine

The latest Insight magazine has been published for club administrators. Topics include:

- Recovery & Review
- How to Run a Teams Event
- From the state Committee
- What can the NSWBA do for my club
- State Events and your Club

[Link so you can Read](#)

2022 Monthly Table Statistics

100,000 player sessions a year

Australia's leading bridge community

Ven Note	2020 Tables	Ven Note	2021 Tables	2022	Ven Note	Active Tables	No Sess	Avr Tables / Session	Comments	RB Tables	EL Tables	Willis Tables	Net Num of Members at End of month
2020=	15,533	2021=	18,852	YTD totals	YTD=	13,960	1400	9.97		9,921	2,983	1,057	
CW EL	631	RB	1,140	Jan-22	RB EL WS	1,328	129	10.3	ABF RB Summer Festival, Covid resurgence, RB Congress event , Tables RB=84%, Open =71% F2F=16%	1,118	153	57	1,736
CW EL	1,648	RB EL	1,188	Feb-22	RB EL WS	1,317	122	10.8	ABF F2F Surfers, NZB RB Congress, Covid improving, 100 new members from beginner lessons , Members not renewing being removed. Tables RB=80%, Open=68%, F2F=20%	1,050	194	74	1,755
CW EL	826	RB EL NR	1,455	Mar-22	RB EL WS	1,543	141	10.9	ABF F2F Tas, NSBC F2F Congress @ EL , Covid improving, Floods, ABF Home Club annual Membership rationalisation , Mike Prescott back as Mgr, EL Congress Tables RB=79%, Open=66%, F2F=26%	1,137	313	93	1,728
BBO	1,365	RB EL NR	1,267	Apr-22	RB EL WS	1,242	119	10.4	NSBC AGM , ABF Adelaide, limited Easter Sessions & Anzac, Tables RB=74%, Open=71%, F2F=25%	918	253	72	1,737
BBO	1,529	RB EL NR	1,387	May-22	RB EL WS	1,404	138	10.2	ABF Barrier Reef & River City, EL Charity Day , Tables RB=71%, Open=68%, F2F 29%	992	304	108	1,782
BBO	1,438	RB EL NR	1,658	Jun-22	RB EL WS	1,573	158	10.0	ABF VCC, 4 NSBC F2F EL Congress Events , 2 RB Congress events , Restart on Sundays, Tables RB=67%, Open= 70%, F2F= 33%	1,049	400	125	1,803
BBO	1,495	RB EL NR	1,942	Jul-22	RB EL WS	1,478	138	10.7	ABF 2Week ANC, Ditch Interclub , 1 RB Teams Congress , WS opened on Friday , Tables RB=71%, Open= 70%, F2F= 29%	1,056	298	124	1,814
BBO	1,458	RB EL NR	2,418	Aug-22	RB EL WS	1,452	161	9.0	ABF Coffs, 1 EL Teams Congress , EL & WS Open Pairs Tables RB=64%, Open= 65%, F2F= 36%	936	336	180	1,832
BBO	1,460	RB EL NR	1,977	Sep-22	RB EL WS	1,288	147	8.8	ABF GC rescue 3, ABF Canberra Bloom, Closed Friday WS Tables RB=67%, Open= 58%, F2F= 33%	861	310	118	1,833
BBO	1,393	RB EL NR	1,782	Oct-22	RB EL WS	1,337	147	9.1	ABF Sydney Spring Nats, EL MP Pairs Congress , EL Metro north Interclub Teams Tables RB=60%, Open= 60%, F2F= 40%	807	423	107	1,833

These table shows the **2022 table numbers** (overall & at each venue), and our club Membership numbers at end of each month.

To end of Oct = 55,838 Player sessions, Likely End of Year= **67,400** player sessions

This table shows just the "October" Table numbers via Venue & Session Type

OCT Tables - Club Venues	Planned Venue Use	Active Tables	Completed Active Sessions	Tables / Session	%Tables	OCT Tables by - Session Type	Active Tables	%Tables
"RB" RealBridge Online Totals	98	807	98	8.23	60.34%	"Open" Type Sessions	890	60%
"EL" East Lindfield F2F Totals	36	423	37	11.43	31.65%	"Restricted" Type Sessions	121	8%
"WS" Willis Sports & Rec Centre	12	107	12	8.92	8.01%	"Rookie" Type Sessions	265	18%
				F2F%=	40%	"Supervised" Type Sessions	62	4%
Oct Totals	146	1337	147	9.09		End of Oct Membership=	1,833	