



#### 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

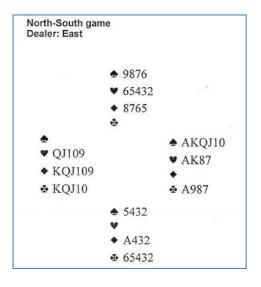
'Twas the night before Christmas Two guests in our house Were playing some bridge With me and my spouse.

"Please tell me," she shouted "Why didn't you double? Twas plain from the start We had them in trouble."

"Tis futile, my Dear – I am taking no stand. So please stop your nagging Let's play the next hand."

"Remember next time" She said with a frown "To double a contract That's sure to go down

So, I picked up my cards In a downtrodden state. Then I opened one Spade and awaited my fate.



The guy sitting South Was like many I've known. He bid and played In a world all his own.

"Two Diamonds," he countered With scarcely a care. The Ace in his hand Gave him courage to spare. My wife, smiling faintly And tossing her head, Leaned over the table, "Double," she said.

And North for some reason I cannot determine Bid two Hearts, like preaching a sermon

I grinned as I doubled Enjoying the fun, And turned round to South To see where he would run.

But South, undistressed Not at loss for a word came forth with "two Spades"

Did I hear what I heard?

The other two passed And in sheer disbelief I said "Double, my friend, That'll bring you to grief."

South passed with a nod His composure serene. My wife with a flourish Led out the Heart Queen.

I sat there and chuckled Inside o'er their fix. But South very calmly Ran off his eight tricks.

He ruffed the first Heart In his hand right away. And then trumped a Club On the very next play.

He crossruffed the hand At a breathtaking pace, 'Til I was left holding Five Spades to the Ace.

In anguish my wife cried "Your mind's growing old. You should see that Six No Trump for us is icecold!"

By doubling this time I'd committed a sin. It just goes to prove That you never can win.

"I doubled, my dear, Since I trusted your lead. A Diamond you should Have produced with great speed.

Two thousand points you'd Find then was our score. (Not to mention the honours To make even more).

"Your scoring, my darling, Would have cost us a bomb. Two thousand points would Have surely been wrong.

What trick did they win That gives them that score? By ditching the Diamonds we get three hundred more."

Written by: Anonymous



#### MG – President's Update



Good news! We have another person committed to playing more bridge.

Bad news! It is Kay Moyes!

Hi folks,

Kay, who many of you will know, for her tireless work with our teaching programs.



For many years Kay has done the (mostly unseen) work to ensure people sign up for our lessons, pay for them, get the notes and other bits and pieces, and checks in with people who forget to attend or otherwise might be lost to the bridge world. Although mostly invisible to the rest of us, without Kay our teaching services would not be nearly as effective as they are, and we get constant feedback from players on the great job that Kay does. She will be sadly missed but her contribution to the club has been enormous and who wouldn't wish her to have more time to play bridge with us.

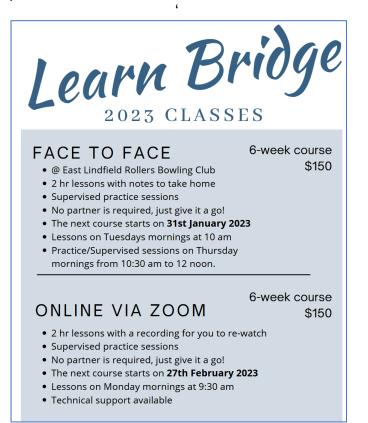
Not much else from me this month as l'm actually away on holiday (not that it makes much difference). My dad and brother are over from the UK, and we've been on a road trip to Adelaide and spent a week in Cairns. My brother has gone back but my dad is still here for a bit longer enjoying not being in England. Can't say I blame him, its much nicer and more sensible here and we have a much lower rate of PMs/Y (Prime Ministers Per Year).

You will probably have noticed that our website has had a bit of restyling done. Shaz and Leo have done a fantastic job on it. It's all the same great content, but now it should work a little better for attracting new players and for

viewing on smartphones. Websites in any organisation are always a contentious point, you can never keep everyone happy, but I'm confident now that our website is pleasing enough for all of the different uses it performs and we can continue to focus on the content, which thanks to Leo, is regularly updated and extremely topical.

As you may recall, we lost Shaz for three months when she went on "holiday" to prevent another galaxy from collapsing or rescue orphans from an evil dictator or whatever it actually was that she did. A strange thing has happened though, one Shaz went away and four of them came back! As we as doing the work with Leo on the website, Shaz 2-4 have also been working with Mike on some spreadsheets to make the finances easier for him and the team when Margaret leaves, working with the teaching team on marketing, setting up an appeal for flood victims and almost certainly a dozen other things I don't know about.

Anyway, I said this would be short, so that's all you are getting. I'm off for a pina colada by the pool.



## **Club News**

### **Major Club Events**

### Leaders 2022 Club champion race

The Month of November had no CC events completed. So, no change in CC Rankings, with **Sophie Ashton** in the lead the lead from Michael Courtney.



Just 4 more events to complete in December to gain some 2022 CC points to finally decide the 2022 Club champion.

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

#### **NSBC** Representatives @ State Pairs

5 Pairs represented our Club. But only one pair progressed to the State Open Pairs Finals:

	Our Reps at the State Pairs	2 Sessions				
	Graham McMahon, Yu-Shiun Chen	87%				
	Robyn Rogers, Maeve Doyle	90%				
	David Burton, Ivan Kerdic	100%				
	Gwen Cordingley, Helen Stewart	<mark>95%</mark>				
Q	Catherine Zhang, Cevat Emul	114%				

### EL Metro North Interclub Pairs



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. 21 Tables, in 3 divisions, playing 7-Table Howell Movement.

	Div 1 (Op	en)	Div 2		Div 3 (Ro	okie)
Pos	Club	Pts	Club	Pts	Club	Pts
1	Peninsula	7	NSBC @WS	7	NSBC @EL	7
2	NSBC @EL	6	NSBC @WS	6	NSBC @W	6
3	NSBC @WS	5	NSBC @EL	5	NSBC @W	5
4	NSBC @EL	4	NSBC @WS	4	Peninsula	4
5	NSBC @WS	3	NSBC @EL	3	NSBC @EL	3
6	NSBC @WS	2	NSBC @WS	2	Peninsula	2
7	Trumps	1	NSBC @EL	1	NSBC @W	1

Inter-Club Final Points Tally					
Trumps	1				
Peninsula	13				
NSBC @ EL	29				
NSBC @Willis	41				
Manly	0				

### Link to Honour Board



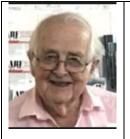
Players from NSBC@Willis and NSBC@EL celebrating their win

#### The division Winners:

Club Winner		North Shore Bridge Club (WS)	41 pts
7	Div A	Lyn Baker & Jim Stewart (Peninsula)	121% 7 pts
7	Div B	Anne Cooper & Lesley Morris (NSBC @WS)	116% 7 pts
7	Div C	Felix Shteyman & Sharon Thompson (NSBC@EL)	114% 7 pts

# **Club News**

### November Grade Winners







Pos	Nov Open Monthly Winners	Master Pts	No. Sess
1	John Mottram	5.02	31
2	Monica Ginsberg	4.79	18
3	Giselle Mundell	4.59	10
4	Lorna Ichilcik	4.00	20
5	Helene Jacobson	3.85	15
6	Sybil HURWITZ	3.82	13
7	Mannie Ichilcik	3.74	17
8	Joan Polivnick	3.49	14
9	Judy Osie	3.46	8
10	Felix Shteyman	3.22	34



Pos	Nov Winners Restricted <300 MP <**National	Master Pts	No. Sess
1	Brian Osborne	2.4	12
2	Felix Shteyman	2.06	10
3	Cathy Fryirs	1.35	6
4	Keith Fryirs	1.07	6
5=	Peter Napier	0.75	7
5=	Russell Spear	0.75	8
7=	Anne Maree Gleeson	0.71	4
7=	Margaret Regan	0.71	4
9	Linda Cunningham	0.66	5
10	Meera Kudva	0.63	4







Pos	Winner Nov Rookie (<100 MP < Bronze Regional)	Master Pts	No Sess
1	Sue Rutkowski	1.95	11
2	Marina Shteyman	1.67	15
3	Jo Ampherlaw	1.46	4
4	Kim Dickinson	1.22	3
5	Judy Bursle	1.20	5
6	Russell Summerhayes	1.16	8
7=	Kathy Lewis	1.15	8
7=	Kim Thompson	1.15	8
9=	Jane Loveday	1.07	6
9=	Robyn Walker	1.07	7

### **Club Admin**

MP – Manager Update



#### I would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let us look forward to a fantastic 2023 see you at the club.

Managers' Report December 2022 I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved with running the North Shore Bridge Club. Staff, Committee and all the volunteers and helpers. It is very much appreciated from all the members to keep the club running smoothly.

This year has been a big learning curve for everyone seeing how life is going to be after Covid. NSBC has a great online platform as

well as the two Face to Face venues East Lindfield and The Willis.

It has been challenging to get members back to Face to Face bridge, but our numbers are now getting stable except for a couple of sessions that still have small numbers.

A special thanks to Leo Goorevich for all his hard work on the NSBC Website we all really appreciate what you do and volunteering your time for NSBC.

A special thanks to another volunteer who puts together one of the best Newsletters each and every month Kevin Davies thanks Kevin very much appreciate your work and efforts.

The NSBC committee especially two members Sharon Thompson and Jake Andrew who have put in endless hours helping me out with their expertise has been fantastic.

Kind regards Mike Prescott

### 2023 Membership Fees

We are now coming up to the end of our financial year and the 2023 membership charge will be automatically charged to your pp account at the beginning of January. The committee have decided to keep the membership fee discounted from \$70 to \$50 if paid by end of 28th February 2023 for those living within the Sydney Metro area as well as all home club members.

For those living outside the Sydney Metro area and only playing online \$25 if paid before 28 February 2023.

Those members who are continuing their membership do not have to do anything other than top up your pp account to ensure there are enough funds to cover your membership and your session fees.

Those members who are not renewing should let us know as soon as you can. This will help us by reducing the administration work greatly. I would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

### Xmas Holiday Season

24th Dec	EL: 1pm Open RB: 1:30pm Open
25th Dec	CLOSED
26th Dec	EL: 1pm Open RB: 1:30pm Open RB: 2pm Rookie
27-30 Dec	Normal Sessions
31st Dec	EL: 1pm Open RB: 1:30pm Open
1st Jan	CLOSED
2nd Jan	Normal Sessions

November Club Membership Numbers

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club Members	Non Home Club Members
2-074 NSBC East Lindfield	309	11
2-120 NSBC - Willis	1184	193
RealBridge (remote members)	131	
Total Nov	1624	204
Grand Total Memberships end of Nov	1	828

#### Monday evenings at East Lindfield Join us



ROOKIE & SUPERVISED SESSION

7pm at East Lindfield

Starting Monday 28th November, we will be making the Monday evening game at 7.00pm for Rookie and Restricted players. We will extend play to 21 boards, so finishing around 9.20pm.

This session will start with Mike giving a free lesson, and you will get notes to take home and study.

The lesson will be at 6.45pm so come along and join in this fun and friendly session. No partner no problem. Just come along. Jenny Barnes will also be giving a lesson to Supervised players at 6.45pm, for game time

at 7.00pm.

# **Club News**

# NSW Flood Relief Campaign for Christmas Holidays

We will be doing a fundraising campaign for the NSW Flood victims. The actual charity is the CWA of NSW Disaster relief fund. NSBC will provide a tax receipt for donations over \$50.

We have set the target as \$10k being the price of a cup of coffee from all our members. We would really appreciate your assistance in promoting this cause over the December period. Let's help out these poor people as we approach the festive season.

We Have raised: \$3357 by 1/dec & rising

🔶 LG – Website Changes

#### Website news

To enable is to make the menu font larger, we have removed the Payment and Lessons options. Payments is available on the Home Page with the "Make a Payment" button and Lessons are found on the home page as well.

We have updated the colours and the font should now be easier to read. We hope you like the new look and feel and should you have any feedback - please let us know by using our feedback form by <u>clicking here</u>.

### 🔶 Club Committee Minutes

The club publishes regular committee minutes <u>https://www.northshore.bridge-</u>club.org/meeting-minutes

History Club Newsletters

### https://www.northshore.bridgeclub.org/newsletters

### **NSWBA AGM**



NSW Bridge Association The home of bridge in Sydney and NSW

NOTICE OF THE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION LTD TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022 @ 5.30PM 162 GOULBURN STREET, SYDNEY

### 🔶 GB – Online Manager Update



# Down Under vs Up Over - A Fun New Bridge Battle

Players from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, 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 z 2 boards / session.



### **Session Categories & Times**

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

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.

### 2 New RB Congress Events in December

2 New NSBC <u>"Festive Season" Online (RB)</u> <u>congress events</u> are scheduled for Dec 17/18. A Swiss Pairs & Swiss Teams events.

Another two RB Congresses in Jan, again a Swiss Teams & then a Swiss Pairs.

### 2022- RB Congress Teams/Pairs

# 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 <u>here</u>



### 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 <u>here</u>



### 2023- RB Congress Teams/Pairs

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



## Comp Night – Q4 2022, Q1 2023

The current competition night Event is the "Falls Estate" **Club Mixed Teams Championship**. Then the Final 2022 RB Comp night - **XMAS Teams** 

Comp Night –	Championship XMAS Teams (Imps)
Director: Ronnie Ng Entry Management: Enter by NSB	VP) Event bendent on Entries advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805
	eter Gill, Yumin Li & Simon Zhang
Online NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB Online Venue with RealBridge Tel: 0413 884 805	Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA . The ABF has approved the issue of <b>red masterpoints at level 4Bc</b> . All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. Yellow Systems Restricted.
Player Fees (pp) Membe	ers \$32 (2x\$16) Visitors \$38 (2x\$19) Why not join? Remote Members just \$25/year

2023 Comp night RB Summer Pairs

The 2023 year kicks off on the 29<sup>th</sup> December with a two week **Summer Pairs (Imp) event**. Just what you need to get ready for the Summer Nationals in Canberra.



2023 Comp night RB Summer Teams

Following the 2 weeks break for Canberra, a 4-week Summer Teams event.



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

To end of Nov = 15311 Tables, 61000 Player sessions, Likely End of Year= 64000 player sessions

# Club News

2022	Ven Note	Active Tables	No Sess	Avr Tables / Session	Comments	RB Tables	EL Tables	Willis Tables	Net Num of Members at
YTD totals	YTD=	15,311	1557	9.83		10,780	3,338	1,194	End of month
Jan-22	RB EL WS	1,328	129	10.3	ABF RB Summer Festival, Covid resurgence, <mark>RB Congress event,</mark> Tables RB=84% Open =71% F2F=16%	1,118	153	57	1,736
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
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
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
May-22	RB EL WS	1,404	138	10.2	ABF Barrier Reef & River City, <mark>EL Charity</mark> <mark>Day</mark> , Tables RB=71%, Open=68%, F2F 29%	992	304	108	1,782
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
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
Aug-22	RB EL WS	1,452	161	<mark>9.0</mark>	ABF Coffs, 1 EL Teams Congress. EL & WS Open Pairs Tables RB=64%, Open= 65%, F2F= 36%	936	336	180	1,832
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
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
Nov-22	RB EL WS	1,352	157	8.6	EL Metro north Interclub Pairs Tables RB=64%, Open= 66%, F2F= 36%	859	355	138	1828

### This table shows just the "November" Table numbers via Venue & Session Types

NOV Tables - Club Venues	Planned Venue Use	Active Tables	Completed Active Sessions	Tables / Session	%Tables	Nov Tables by - Session Type	Active Tables	%Tables
"RB" RealBridge Online Totals	105	859	105	8.18	64.27%	"Open" Type Sessions	890	66%
"EL" East Lindfield F2F Totals	35	355	38	9.34	26.56%	"Restricted" Type Sessions	116	9%
"WS" Willis Sports & Rec Centre	14	138	14	9.82	10.29%	"Rookie" Type Sessions	285	21%
				F2F%=	36%	"Supervised" Type Sessions		<b>5%</b>
NOV Totals	154	1352	157	8.61		End of NOV Membership= 1828	1,352	