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MG – President's Update



Normally I think I'm supposed to tell you what is happening, what with me being the President and all that.

However, this time it is more of a question.

You see, after an unfortunate incident at the AGM, I was pulled aside and it was suggested that for my own safety, and in the best interests of the club, I should go as far away as possible, as quickly as possible. The incident I am referring to, was of course getting accidentally elected President for another year.

To paraphrase Oscar Wilde

"Electing Guthrie as President for one year may be regarded as misfortune, letting it happen for a second year looks like carelessness".

So, at the start of May I snuck off to the airport under cover of darkness and headed to the other side of the world, leaving Mike and the committee to get on with it. Well, not the whole committee, as I met Rod at the airport, and he was heading away too. I didn't ask him what he was running from, but I did sneak a look at his boarding pass to get some ideas for destinations and as a result we are both in the UK.

I'm writing this on a train from London to Edinburgh, so I am in danger of going so far from Sydney that I start coming back again.

Have you noticed how when people get on trains or even more so, on planes, they suddenly need to call someone for no reason, so they have an excuse to tell them that they are busy travelling somewhere for important business? The woman next to me has just done it, "Hi, I'm just calling about the cheese I left in your fridge three weeks ago, did I mention I was on the train to York?"

Anyway, I've just done exactly the same thing, only instead of phoning someone, I have written about it in a newsletter for no apparent reason.

And I'm not really travelling first class on a train with Julie up to Edinburgh drinking champagne, we are on a Greyhound bus travelling overnight and not sitting together. I'm having to hug the homeless bloke in the seat next to me just to stay warm.

Julie always likes to play bridge when we travel, and it is a good opportunity to check out the competition. So far, we have been to London, Bath, and Portugal. I forget how totally spoilt we are having so many sessions to play. It has been a real struggle to find a game anywhere. In Portugal they have the Internet, but in the place where we stayed it was too slow for RealBridge, so we played a few games on BBO. Ironically, we lost to a pair from Portugal which seems very unfriendly when the Algarve depends so much on tourism.

In London we played at the Young Chelsea Club. Only one word of their name seems accurate since they have moved to Hammersmith, but it was a very nice friendly club, and we had a really enjoyable time.

It is hard to draw comparisons with other bridge clubs without sounding like a bit of a tool, but I do spend some of my time on the web looking around at bridge in other countries and seeing what sort of turn out they get for their games, how often they play, what they charge, etc. It brings it home more clearly when I am actually in another country and trying to find a game to play in. When I am in Sydney, it is easy to think, "I've got a free morning/afternoon, I think I'll play bridge", but in a lot of places you need to plan your life around bridge if you want to play, and not the other way around.

London is very up and down in terms of costs, you can pay north of \$30 for a glass of house wine in some places or get lunch with a pint for about \$10 in a Wetherspoons pub, but I don't think the Young Chelsea is particularly expensive when it comes to bridge in the UK. We played in one of their longer events (no food or drink provided but they had a really nice bar, not Wetherspoons prices!). It cost us 20 pounds each to play 36 boards. That is approximately double what we pay per board at North Shore.

Anyway, enough of telling you that you've never had it so good!

We also played rubber bridge, but with 5 players I obviously didn't get a game. I was allowed to shuffle and when I got bored with that, I went for stacking the deck and going for more and more outrageous hands. I combined two packs and spent about fifteen minutes setting it up so that everyone got a Yarborough.

Annoyingly, they passed it in.

They weren't bothering to cut the deck so on one hand I gave everyone an entire suit, in order. That is when we switched to playing Scrabble.

I can't find a game in Edinburgh this weekend, so we may be back in Sydney for our next fix of bridge.

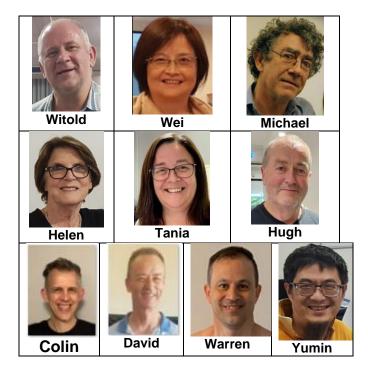
As far as I know the club is doing well, but (as usual), what would I know. You tell me. I should have put a question mark in the title of this one.

Cheers Mark

2023 Club Champion Race

The 2023 club champion will be determined from results in 29 major club events. One event Completed in May





The leaders board at end of May

202	23 Club Championship Le	ader B	oard
Rank	Member CC	CC	Events
Natik	Member	Point	Played
1	Witold CHYLEWSKI (JUN)	38	10
2	Wei ZHANG	33	8
3	Michael COURTNEY	26	7
4	Helen LOWRY	23	9
5=	Hugh GROSVENOR	22	7
5=	Tania LLOYD	22	7
7=	Colin CLIFFORD	20	10
7=	DAVID HUDSON	20	4
7=	WARREN DOBES	20	5
7=	Yumin Ll	19	5

A big June looms with 5 CC events completing, 3 with double points.

- 20cc Comp Night RB GNOT
- 10cc Congress RB MP Swiss Pairs
- 20cc Congress EL Watermark Swiss Pairs
- 10cc Congress RB Swiss Teams
- 20cc Congress EL TBIB Swiss Teams

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Sue Crompton discusses "Alerting" in our game of bridge

When we first learnt bridge there was so much going on. Counting points, working out what to bid and how on earth am I going to make this contract. It is no wonder you may have felt overwhelmed. To make the aspect of the game even more confusing there are numerous rules and etiquette to have to contend with. This week I am going to look at one of the rules that is often forgotten.

I often play-in whilst directing which I enjoy and I do see a lot of interesting bidding and play at the table. What I also see quite regularly is that people don't realise they need to alert their partner's artificial bids or bids with special meanings.

For example, when partner opens 2 Clubs (usually a game force bid) this needs to be alerted and also if their partner responds 2D this also needs to be alerted. Any bids that are not natural or have a special meaning need to be alerted by their partner. There are always exceptions to the rules, an example is when you respond 2C (Stayman) after partner's 1NT opening call in an uncontested auction. The 2 Club bid doesn't need to be alerted. Any artificial bids over 3NT also do not need to be alerted unless it is an opening bid. The opponents can always ask for a review of the auction when it is their turn to bid.

Another example of when you don't need to alert your partner's bid are Cue bids. One last point if your partner fails to alert one of your bids please don't remind your partner during the auction. Wait until the end of the auction and before the opening lead if you are either declarer or dummy. If you are the defending side, after the whole play has finished. Please then explain the error. Please call the Director if the Opponents feel they have been disadvantaged.

Next month will be on Unauthorised Information.

Almost Winter Teams Results



Mathew McManus well directed our pop-up Teams Congress. 15 Teams in Open & 4 Teams in Restricted sections

Tani	ia L		Hugh Grosvenor	Andrew Richman	-	andra	n	
т	Pos	NSBC	Score	сс				
	1		loyd, Hugh Gro n, Andrew Ricl	osvenor, Sandra hman	I	81 VP	10	
	2	Jennett		th Henn, Marga	ret	70 VP	7	
	3	Alexand	der Milovanovi	c, Angeline Chri Chylewski	stie,	68 VP	5	
	4	Jennife	Kaiping Chen, Witold Chylewski 08 VF 3 Jennifer Carter - Lyn Carter - Malcolm 67 VP 4 carter - Tony Hutton 67 VP 4					
15	5	Wieslaw Przewozniak - Sherlock Shoa - Patrick Jiang - Kelsey Chen 66 VP 3					3	
	6	Alan Sto	Alan Stoneham - Mitch Dowling - Jake Andrew - Edmond Le					
	7	Robyn F	Robyn Freeman-Greene - Dale Lacey - 63 VP					
	8	Lyn Mu	Lyn Muller - Sarah Green - John Mosley - Sharon Mosley					
	9	Patrick	Neary - Liz Wil			61 VP	1	
т	Pos	Scotford - Fiona Lavery Of VF I NSBC Congress - Almost Winter Score Score Restricted Swiss Teams Score I						
	1		76 VP					
4	2	Lorna D	Queree, Stephen Calcroft 70 vr Lorna Davies, Felix Shteyman, David 70 vp Craig, Sharon Thompson 70 vp					
-	ann		Shan Lawson	Kathy Duke		Stephe Calcro		

Honour Board – <u>Almost Winter Congress</u> Full Results - <u>Link to NSWBA Site</u>

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NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club Members	Non Home Club Members
2-074 NSBC East Lindfield	324	14
2-120 NSBC - Willis	1113	167
RealBridge (remote members)		130
Total Mar	1437	311
Grand Total Memberships end of May	1	748
End Previous Month (Apr)	1	729

We pay ABF & NSWBA affiliation fees per "Home Club" Member.



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Thank you to all those that supported this cause, we raised **\$2188** for Cancer Council.

Together, we have supported a Charity that we hope that we will never need, but someone, somewhere does and will. Your generosity has enabled us to raise over \$2k for Cancer Council Australia which are much-needed funds for vital cancer research, support services, prevention programs, and advocacy.

We had 40 players attend the "Biggest morning tea", where we also got to share in the talents of our members baking skills -Yummo. The Club donated \$2 of your table money, which was a total of \$80.

If you missed out, you can still make a donation by clicking here.

Thank you once again.

Club Committee Minutes The club publishes regular committee minutes https://www.northshore.bridgeclub.org/meeting-minutes

History Club Newsletters

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

LG – Website Changes

Website news

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 clicking here.

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At NSBC you are never alone



Welfare Officers





Jill Hagley

Robyn Rogers

Our Club is a community, and it is important that we care for each other - that could be a simple good deed like buying someone a coffee or giving them a lift. To help with the process Jill and Robyn have volunteered to be our welfare Officers.

They do not have crystal balls and although very active in the club, we need your help to let us know when someone is ill, has lost a loved one, needs a bit of help etc.

Jill can be contacted on0402900297Robyn can be contacted on0413183963We also have a form on our website, which will
be sent to them. To find the Form - click on
Forms in the main menu of our club Website.



So, please whatever your concern - let us know and together we can support each other.



VALE Peter Fordham



NSWBA State Mixed

Peter died on Monday 22nd May 2023, with his family by his side, after a long battle with cancer.

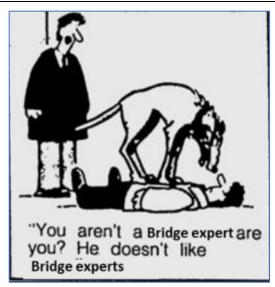
Peter discovered the joys of playing bridge while at Queensland University in the 1960s. He went on to represent Australia a number of times and won many Australian and State Championships.

Over the years, he represented three States, Queensland, NSW and ACT, in the Australian National Championships - not something many people have done!

While not able to move very well he enjoyed on-line bridge right up to the very end.

We will miss him.

Bruce Neill



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State Mixed Pairs - Finals

4x NSBC Representat	ives - State Mixed Finals	Cat	Qualification?
Giselle Mundell	Andrew Peake		Q 3 EW
Mischa Solar	George Bilski		Q 3 NS
Linda Aubusson	Stephen Bock		
Margaret Foster	Colin Clifford		Q 5 EW
Other NSBC Membe		Qualification?	
Michael Courtney	Joan Butts		Q1 NS
Lorna Ichilich	George Fleischer		Q5 NS
Rakesh Kumar	Jenny Michael	С	
Di Coats	Alan Bustany	С	
Peter Gill	Liz Sylvestor		Q1 EW
Dagmar Neumann	Maurits Van Der Vlugt		Q2 EW
Liz Adams	Tony Nunn		Q4 EW
Robin Ho	Alexander Cook		Q7 EW



Overa	Overall					
Resul	Results after 13 rounds					
Place	Result	%	Pair Name			
1	387.0	62.02%	MICHAEL COURTNEY - JOAN BUTTS (13)			
2	357.0	57.21%	NICOLETA GIURA - NICK HUGHES (3)			
3	343.0	54.97%	PAULINE GUMBY - WARREN LAZER (11)			
4	325.0	52.08%	ANDREW PEAKE - GISELLE MUNDELL (10)			





DI COATS / ALAN BUSTANY (6)

MATT SMITH / WARREN ROBINSON (8)

ORSOLINA ARONEY / DAVID PAUL (15)

STEVEN BOCK / LINDA AUBUSSON (1)

Country Final (May 2023) Results after 9 of 9 matches

Place Pair Names

1

2

3

4

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0-	14	



Allison Stralow

ABF Online Committee Interim Report (April 2023)

The ABF Online Bridge Committee presented its interim report to the 2023 ABF AGM on 3rd May. The Committee and Task Force will now be spending the next five months, consolidating all its findings, and doing more research to make a final presentation to the ABF Board in October. Included in this will be the input we get from our New Zealand

counterparts, as they work through their trial online events during the year.

Please also refer to an article which our group prepared called 'What does Bridge look like in 2035'.

If you would like to contribute any feedback, please do so by contacting Jenny Thompson at jenny.thompson@duckcube.com.

ABF Online Committee Interim Report Summary

ABF Online Committee Online Interim Report

What does Bridge look like in 2035?

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Resu	Its after 6 of 6 matches Pair Names		VPs W-D-L	Do you know anybody who may be interested
				Do you know anybody who may be interacted
2023	NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs Congress (May 2	0201		
	NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs Congress (May 2	023)		CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE
				Share the news Starting 6th May
3	COLIN KLEINIG / JANE STEPHENS (1)	221.0	51.2%	SATURDAY BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSONS
-	CHRIS WILLIAMS / LARRY BRYANT (5)	259.0	60.0%	
2				

Matchpoints Percentage

293.0 67.8%

32 71.37 4-1-1

35 70.40 4-1-1

26 67.45 2-2-2

New F2F lessons begin 16/Aug. info@learnbridgeinsvdnev.com.au

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INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE

FACE TO FACE LESSONS

- 2 hour lessons held at East Lindfield.
- Course notes for you to revise.
- No partner needed, just give it a go!
- Course starts Wednesday 16th August 2023, 2 4pm



WHAT OUR PAST PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID

"Thank you for being such a good teacher, you have made the lessons so interesting and entertaining, it has all made sense." "I have very much enjoyed these classes and I have

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"Everyone has encouraged us to have a go and not made us feel useless."

supportive, welcoming culture."

been so impressed with the professionalism and

• Bridge Lessons. Link to <u>Website Teaching Basics</u>



Jessica Brake has been teaching **Bridge Basics Online** (Zoom is Mon 9.30am and practice Wed 7pm on RealBridge with John Newman.)

Jessica Brake

Bridge I	Basics (Online) Mondays 9:30
5th June	Being Competitive, getting into the bidding after an opponent has opened
12th June	Defending well, the hardest part of the game.
Build on	the Basics - Thursdays 1:30 Willis
1st June	2C Game Force Opening and 2D Response
8th June	Counting and Dumping Losers
15th June	Overcalls, Part 1
22nd June	Overcalls, Part 2
29th June	Takeout Double, Part 1
13th July	Takeout Double, Part 2
20th July	Stayman Part 2
27th July	Transfers



Liz Wilkinson is teaching **Build on the Basics** at the Willis on Thursdays 1:30. A great new lesson every week. See <u>website</u> <u>for more details</u>. Liz will also be teaching BB on Saturdays.

Bridge I	Basics (Face-to-Face) Saturdays
17th June	Responding to partner's opening of 1NT
24th June	How to count your tricks and develop your playing skills
8th July	Finding a fit in a Major suit, and focus on Responder
15th July	Developing a long suit for extra tricks and planning the play in a No Trump contract
22nd July	Overcalling and the Takeout Double
29th July	Counting losers, playing and defending a suit contract
5th August	Play in your Major when you have a fit, more bidding when partner opens 1NT
12th August	Making the best of your high cards, the fine art of Finessing
19th August	Being Competitive, getting into the bidding after an opponent has opened
26th August	Defending well, the hardest part of the game.

Returning to Bridge after a long break?

Liz Wilkinson is teaching "**Build on the Basics**" at the Willis every Thursday at 1.30. These lessons are perfect for people returning to bridge after a long break and for Supervised players wanting to raise their game to the next level. Lessons feature both explanation and play so that you have the chance to put new skills into practice.

Players may come to one or all of the lessons, but please register your initial interest to <u>info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au</u> \$20 per lesson for members, \$25 for non-members.

The full curriculum is available on our website (very bottom of the page) <u>https://www.northshore.bridge-</u> <u>club.org/building-your-basic-skills</u> Please let your friends know it's time to get back into bridge!

Link to Website Teaching Basics

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June Advanced Courses

Link to Website Advanced Teaching



Anita Curtis has restarted "Develop your Skills", "Gentle Hand Analysis" & "Broaden your Game".

Anita offers an extensive range of topics in the Broaden Your Game and Intermediate Hand Analysis Classes held on Wednesdays at 2pm.

NSBC Intermediate/BYG June 2023 Program ONLINE WEDNESDAYS at 2pm with Anita Curtis



Broaden Your Game (BYG): aspiring intermediate players who play in Rookies or Restricted.

Intermediate: aspiring open players or those with considerable experience in Restricted.

		D
Date 7 lun	Lesson Topic Reverses & Jump Shifts	Description BYG/Intermediate bidding. Learn how to show
7 Jun	Reverses & Jump Sints	a 2 suited hand with extra values – essential for all aspiring intermediate players. This is a bidding only session.
14 Jun	Eddie Kantar's Ducking in su contracts	it Intermediate declarer play. When do you duck in a suit contract?
21 Jun	Plan the Defence	BYG/Intermediate defence. Consolidates defensive techniques and
28 Jun	Fourth Suit Forcing part 2 – To for major suit success going to slam	
5 July	NO LESSON	
12 July	NO LESSON	
Visitors	\$25; Members \$20	For more information or to register,
		email Anita: ac210927@bigpond.net.au

I invite you to take your game to the next level and join Anita on Wednesdays if you can't make the date or time - Anita will email you a recording to watch at your leisure.

NSBC Develop Your Skills June 2023 Program ONLINE THURSDAYS at 9.30am with Anita Curtis



Develop Your Skills (DYS) is aimed at players who have completed the Build on the Basics course or who have been playing for at least one year. Bidding, declarer play & defence are all targeted, as well as hand analysis to consolidate skills learnt. These lessons will be held **on-line**. You can watch the video at any time or participate in the **zoom** session (9.30-11.30am). You can also play the hands on <u>Realbridge</u> after the lesson at your convenience.

Date	Lesson Topic
June 1	Advancer's Options in the competitive auction (bidding)
June 8	Unblocking in defence (defence)
June 15	Hand Analysis 2 (all skills)
June 22	Cross ruffing (declarer play)
June 29	Life after transfers (bidding)
July 6	NO LESSON
July 13	NO LESSON
July 20	Super accepts - I love your transfer (bidding)
July 27	Establish your side suit in suit contracts (declarer play)

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

For more information or to register, email Anita: <u>ac210927@bigpond.net.au</u>

NSBC Comp Night –Q3/3 2023

A break for the Festival Week, then a 2-week **MP Swiss Pairs.** Previous 2021 winners

2	2023		NSBC	RB	Open		
1	2021	Y	NSBC	RB	Open	25	Tony Nunn & Liz Adams



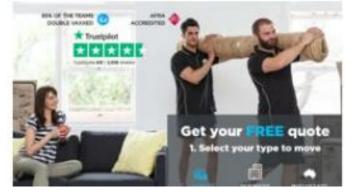
Prize Pool: Generous Prize Pool (Dependant on Entries) Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805 Director: Ronnie Ng Entry Management: Lister by MyABF [maß] Pre-payments: Visitors "ABF Credits", Members via "Club PP System" 2021 1st Winners: Tony Nunn & Liz Adams Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level 48c. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. Yellow systems Restricted. Player Fees (76 ABF Credits per Pair) Members (via Club PP System only \$60) Were well show the subject in the Street of the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. Yellow systems Restricted.

A 2 week break for the ANC, then the BAM Teams stats in late July



• Our Novice & Restricted Teams Congress @ EL

Our Clubs first Festival Event – 9^{th} **Novice & Restricted Teams congress** is being held at East Lindfield on Saturday the 17 June.



Last year's the winners:

Ven	т	Grade	Sponsor	
-	8	Restricted David Hagley, Robyn Rogers, Michael Clarey, Penny Clarey		2men & a
	8	Novice	John Simmonds, Sachiko Cathcart, Simon Hunter, Susan Eason	Truck





Note: Normal Saturday EL Open game still scheduled for 1pm

Our Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress @ EL

Our Clubs second Festival Event – 6th Novice & Restricted Pairs congress is being held at East Lindfield on Sunday the 18 June.



Last year's Winners:

Ven	т	Grade	NSBC Festival Restricted & Novice Swiss PAIRS Congress in June	Sponsor	
EL	10	Restricted	Jay Novak & Richard Carter	2men & a	
	10	Novice	ice Sandra Belcher & Joe Camilleri		





Our MP Swiss Pairs Congress on RB

Our Clubs third Festival Event – 4th **Match pointed Swiss Pairs congress** is being held Online using RealBridge on Thursday the 22 June.

Last year's winners

ND	22	Inter	Michael Bishop & Mary Carter	Village	
RB	22	Open	Anthony Burke & Phil Gue	Falls	
Ven	т	Grade	NSBC Festival Thursday in June Matchpointed SWISS PAIRS Congress	Sponsor	





Our Watermark Swiss Pairs @ EL

Our Clubs Forth Festival Event – **18th** Watermark Swiss Pairs congress is being held at East Lindfield on Friday the 23June. A sponsored event with generous prizes.



Last year's winners

Ven	т	Grade	Sponsor	
EL	13	Open	Michael Prescott & Marlene Watts	Watermark
-	13	Inter	Rob Holgate - Neil Williams	Watermark





Our Teams Congress on RB

Our Clubs 5th Festival Event – **18th Online Swiss Teams congress** is being held Online on RealBridge on Saturday the 24 June.

Last year's winners

Ven	т	Sponsor		
RB	28	Open	Michael WHIBLEY - Nick JACOB - Mathew VADAS - Jane BEEBY	Falls
КВ	28	Inter	Lorna Davies & Sharon Thompson, Steve & Mary Colling	Village





Our TBIB Teams Congress @ EL

Our Clubs final Festival Event –18th TBIB Swiss Teams congress is being held at East Lindfield on Sunday the 25 June. A sponsored event with generous prizes.



Last year's winners

Ven	т	Grade	NSBC Festival Sunday Congress SWISS TEAMS in June	Sponsor
	21	Open	Jeanette Abrams - Margaret Foster - Colin Clifford - Helen <u>Lowry</u>	TRIP
EL		Inter	Fiona Lavery - Catherine Else - Jenny Barnes - Fiona Fawcett	TBIB





🔶 Up Over vs Down Under



Down Under vs Up Over at 6pm Tuesday 4th July 2023. Australia and NZ will form a super team to take on the mighty UK and Ireland. Kenya, South Africa and others will be also joining in. The format is matchpoints pairs 20-22 boards. Regular session prices for members and visitors. Players will be organised into three Expert/General/Beginner. categories The starting time of 6pm AEST allows all countries to align to a somewhat sensible playing time. The event should run approx. 2.5 hours, bookings are essential as numbers will be limited to balance the field. Get in early to secure your spot.

Our Online Winter Teams Congress

Our 7th **Online Winter Teams Congress** is on Sunday July 30th on the RB Platform.

Last Years Winners

No	Year	сс	Club	Ven	т	Grade	NSBC Winter Teams Congress
8	2024						
7	2023	Y	NSBC			Open	
ľ	2023		NOBU	RD		Restr	
6	2022	Y	NSBC	RB	30	Open	Michael Courtney & Chris Depasquale, Simon Hinge & Stephen Lester



Wed 18

Thu 19

Wed 25

Mixed Teams

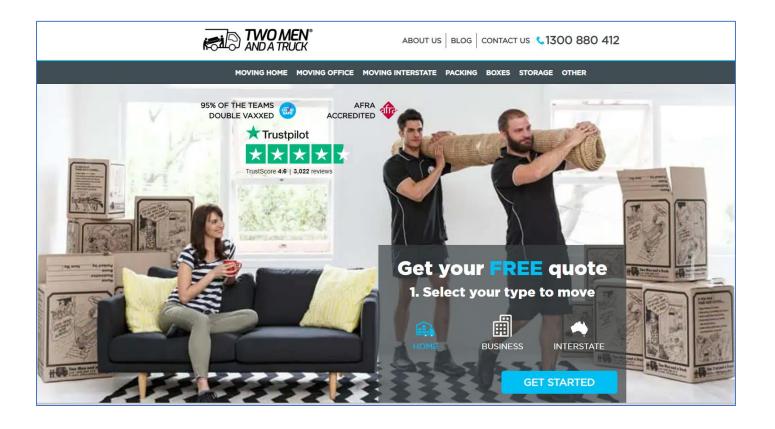
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Spring Nationals Flyer & Event Table



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	Nomen's Teams Qualifying Women's Corporated in the Open Field Teams Final			Spring Nationals Seniors' Teams Qualifying	Seniors' Teams Final					
		Dick Cummin	gs Open Pairs	Penline Swiss Pairs	Rainbow Swiss Pairs					
	Masterpoint restricted events									
Bridgegear Intermediate Teams	Bridgegear Teams Finals	Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs		Two Men and a Truck Teams Restricted, Novice & Rookie						
		Spring Nationa	als Novice Pairs							

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