



♦ BM – Focus



Brent Manley

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Open Challenge Hand

North	♠ Q752 ♥ T2 ♦ AJT63 ♣ AK	You are playing IMP game. You end up in 6♠ West Leads ♣Q, you win on Table with the ♠A. Can you make your Slam contract safely?
South (D)		
♠ AKJT		
♥ AK8653		
♦ 4		
♣ 84		

North		Standard Bidding			
♠ Q752		West	North (D)	East	South
♥ T2					1♥
♦ AJT63		PASS	2♦	PASS	2♠
♣ AK		PASS	3♠	PASS	4♥
		PASS	4NT	PASS	5♠
		PASS	5NT	PASS	6♥
South (D)		PASS	6♠	ALL PASS	
		Bidding Notes			
		1♥	5+♥, opening		
		2♦	4+D, GF		
		2♠	4♠		
		3♠	Fit ♠ Agreed suit		
		4♥	Cue ♥A, Slam interest		
		4NT	Keycard (♠)		
		5♠	2+♠Q		
		5NT	Kings?		
		6♥	♥K		
		6♠	to play		

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**THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF
LOSERS
THOSE THAT ALWAYS PULL
TRUMP AND THOSE THAT
NEVER PULL TRUMP**



The bidding

After a straightforward 2/1 auction, in which you admitted to three key cards and the ♥K, you land in a 6♠ contract. West leads the ♣Q. You win in dummy performace. Now what?

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: 4♠+2♥+1♦+2♣=9 Work to do

Losers: No tops

Options for 12 tricks

After dummy won the opening lead, you (declarer) observed that he might have even bid 7♠, as North was unlikely to have three low hearts. Even so, the contract would then have been no worse than on a 2-2 heart split, provided trumps were not 5-0. Declarer then reflected that such considerations were no reason to go down in a small slam. Can you see the safe way of making 6♠?

Your Solution

- T1 West leads the ♣Q, you win the trick with the ♣K, ♣6, ♣4
- T2 You cashed the ♠A, as Both E/W following ♠3, ♠4. You saw that it would be a mistake to draw a second round of trumps if both majors turned out to be 4-1, as happened to be in this case. You reckoned that if you drew a second round of trumps when both majors were 4-1, he would no longer have the entries to establish the long hearts.
- T3 So You cashed the ♥A, ♥7, ♥2, ♥4
- T4 You then played a safety play of low heart ♥3 from hand and you were pleased when East showed out: in fact, you would have failed if he had tried to cash the ♥K! (East would have ruffed and returned a trump, preventing declarer from ruffing two more hearts and drawing East's last trump. You would have had the dismal task of conceding a heart trick to West for down one.) As it was, the defence was now powerless. West took the ♥J, ♥T, ♦5.
- T5 West then switched to ♦9, but you won the trick with the ♦A in dummy.
- T6 Crossed back to hand with a trump ♠5, ♠6, ♠T, ♦9.
- T7 You then and ruffed a low heart ♥5 with dummy's high ♠Q.
- T8 There was a trump left in the dummy, so you could draw East's remaining two trumps and claim 12 tricks as the hearts run.

You as declarer made four trumps, four hearts, a heart ruff and the three tops in the minors.
The full deal:

	North	
	♠ Q752	
West	♥ T2	East
♠ 4	♦ AJT63	♠ 9863
♥ QJ97	♣ AK	♥ 4
♦ 972		♦ KQ85
♣ QJT73	South (D)	♣ 9652
6♠/S Lead ♠Q	♠ AKJT	Vul All Dir: South
	♥ AK8653	
	♦ 4	
	♣ 84	

♦ MH – Imprecision



Mark Horton

Article called
“Imprecision” from his
“Misplay these hands
with me” series, from the
Bridgefeed website.

I am in the Netherlands competing in one of their many excellent invitation events. My partner (who will go on to win a world title) originates from China. During the qualifying rounds I pick up the following as dealer (I am South and East–West are vulnerable):

South (D)
♠ A6
♥ Q5
♦ AKT82
♣ 7432

We are playing Precision, which means I must choose between a 13–15 1NT and a nebulous 1♦. I have never considered 5–4–2–2 to be a notrump distribution, and although here it has some minor pre-emptive value against a possible major-suit overcall, I reject it in favour of a 1♦ opening.

When West makes no contribution, partner responds 1♥, but then East comes in with an overcall of 3♠.

I have nothing to say with a minimum hand, but partner continues with 4♦. Because my opening bid did not promise any diamonds at all, partner must have good support for that suit, and I take it to be game forcing.

My hand looks quite promising, so I show my control in the enemy suit by bidding 4♠. Now partner asks for keycards, and as we include the king of trumps in our responses, I bid 5♣ to show three. When partner signs off in 6♦ we are left with this auction.

North		Bidding			
♠ 5		West	North	East	South (D)
♥ AKT74					1♦
♦ QJ73		Pass	1♥	3♠	Pass ¹
♣ AQ5		Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
		Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
		Pass	6♦	All Pass	
South (D)	Bidding Notes				
♠ A6	1♦	Unbal <16 HCP			
♥ Q5	1♥	4+♥, 6+hcp			
♦ AKT82	3♠	Vul Pre-empt			
♣ 7432	Pass ¹	Nothing to say, little ♥ support			
	4♦	Forcing D suit			
	4♠	Cue			
	4NT	Keycard (D)			
	5♣	1or3 Keyards			
	6♦	To Play			

T1 West leads the ♠8 and partner puts down a fine hand:

He might have tried for a grand slam by bidding 6♣ but playing me for perfect cards is rarely profitable.

I can ruff a spade in dummy to bring my total up to 11 so prospects are excellent.

T1 West leads the ♠8 and I win the opening lead in hand with ♠A

T2 Ruff my ♠6 on table with the ♦4

T3 Cash the **♦Q**. Both opponents following.

T4 A trump to my **♦K** collects the outstanding cards in the trump suit,

T5 So I continue with cashing the ♥Q

T6 Then a heart to the ♥K. I was expecting to be able to show my cards, but things take a turn for the worse when East discards a spade.

T7 I discard a club ♣2 on the ♥A

T8 I then ruff a heart in hand.

T9 The club finesse may be right, but if I can duck a club to East he will be endplayed. I play the ♣3, intending to play the ♣5 if West follows with the ♣6, but my hopes are dashed for a second time when West produces the ♣9. To guard against being on the wrong end of a brilliancy (West playing the ♣9 from ♣986) I go through with my plan, playing dummy's ♣5, but East follows with the ♣8 leaving West on lead.

T10 East exits another club, When the club finesse proves to be wrong I am one down.

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ 5	
West	♥ AKT74	East
♠ 983	♦ QJ73	♠ KQJT742
♥ J9832	♣ AQ5	♥ 6
♦ 64		♦ 95
♣ J93	South (D)	♣ KT8
	♠ A6	
	♥ Q5	
6♦/S	♦ AKT82	Vul EW
Lead ♠8	♣ 7432	Dir: S

Postmortem

I missed a simple safety play in the heart suit.
Finessing the ♥T on the second round, which
ensures four tricks in the suit even if East wins
with a doubleton ♥J

♦ JF – Missing a Grand



Julian Foster

Julian Foster (many times NSW representative) analysing (bidding & play) on an interesting hand from a club session. Sourced SBC Wisdom articles.
Slam-Game?

This Board brought up the situation when bidding in “protective” position and some play & defence tips too.

North		Dealer: East Vul: Nil
West	East (D)	
♠ 542	♠ KT6	♣ Q43
♥ T95	♥ KQJ76	
♦ KT7	♦ 53	♠ A9
♣ J986	♣ A2	
16	South	NT
4 11	♠ J873	
9	♥ 32	S 2 4 1 4 2
	♦ AJ8	
	♣ KT75	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

If East passes as dealer it is likely to be passed round to North who will open 1NT (15-17). South will probably try stayman and when there isn't a spade fit will bid 3NT.

West	North	East (D)	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

♠
♥
♦
♣

However, these days many Easts will open 1♥. I would too. Even though I only have 11 points it's such a good suit I want partner to lead it, and it makes bidding easier if you get in first.

West might dredge up a raise to 2♥ but this is dubious with such poor shape. If he passes the spotlight falls on North.

West	North	East (D)	South
		1♥	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

What does 1NT mean now after 1♥, P, P? Is it the same as bidding 1NT immediately over 1♥ (i.e. 15-17)?

Some pairs agree it is still 15-17 but a very common treatment is for it to be weaker (11-14). Why the difference? It's because South may have had to pass with quite a reasonable hand (he could easily have a balanced 12-14 points that just can't bid over 1♥. It would be quite embarrassing to pass out 1♥ when you both have balanced hands with 14 points! So North is in “protective” seat - meaning they may need to bid on hands lighter than normal to allow for the fact partner may not have been able to bid.

A broad rule of thumb in this position is to mentally add 2-3 points to your hand and bid like that. At the same time partner needs to mentally DEDUCT 2-3 points from their hand to compensate! So, what should North do with 16 points (which they mentally treat as 18-19)? Start with **double** and then rebid NT. Here South will probably respond 1♠ over the double (they should mentally treat their hand as 6-7 points instead of 9) and then raise the 1NT rebid to 3NT so the same spot will be reached.

What about the play? The obvious ♥K lead should lead to the contract going off. Declarer should duck the first two rounds of hearts and win the third (at the table it looks like two declarers didn't do this, they won the 2nd round of hearts, but this isn't effective to cut off East's long heart suit). Declarer then takes the diamond finesse (no doubt quite hopeful it would win if East opened the bidding). Even when that disappointingly loses West at least has no more hearts, so the contract isn't immediately doomed. But a spade return should beat it as declarer only has 8 tricks (even if they take the ♠A they only have 1♠, 1♥, 4♦ and 2♣). However, see the advanced section for more about the defence and play.

Key points to note

- It is advantageous to get into the bidding first. Don't be ashamed to open

with 11 points - especially when you have a good suit that you are happy for partner to lead.

- After an auction of bid, pass, pass, to you, you are in “**protective**” seat and should be aware that partner may have had to pass some quite decent hands. You should therefore come back into the auction with weaker hands than normal. A guide is to mentally add 2-3 points to your hand, partner should deduct the same from theirs.
- 1NT in protective position is frequently played as 11-14 rather than 15-17. Worth agreeing with your partner.
- Remember to hold up aces when declaring NT to reduce the defence’s communications.
- Don’t take a finesse you know cannot win - consider another line. Running a long suit can sometimes cause the defence insoluble problems (see advanced section).

More advanced

Firstly, even though I recommended West pass 1♥ look how nasty it makes the bidding for NS if he does raise to 2♥. North can’t really bid at all - 2NT is incredibly risky when East might be sitting over you with 19 points, and 3♥ with such a bad 5 card suit is just as bad.

So how do NS get into the auction? The answer is more “**protection**”! This time from South who should come back in with a double. This is actually pretty safe - they didn’t make a takeout double of 1♥ to start with so they can’t suddenly have one now. Double just says they do have the shape but didn’t quite have the strength to act the first time. North needs to take that into account but with 16 points they may well just jump to 3NT since partner clearly has SOMETHING to come back in with a double.

Note at the table that did have this auction, North bid only 3♦.

Although they scored quite well this time, 3♦ is a big underbid here. They might have had almost nothing but in fact have 16 points! So, they need to pretty much force to game (and

just jumping to 3NT is the most practical way to do that).

What about the play and defence? When West wins the ♥K what suit should they switch to? It looks pretty obvious to play a spade anyway. But it is just possible declarer has ♠AKQ ♥A84 ♦Q9642 ♣32 and East has ♠1096 ♥KQJ76 ♦53 ♣AQ4. Now West needs to play a club (or declarer will score 4♠,1♥,4♦).

But there should be no doubt - East should have signalled spades. How?

By a **suit preference card** when they played the third round of hearts. By then the layout is known so East has a free choice of which heart to use to knock out declarer’s ace. The highest heart (♥J here) should clearly signal his entry is in spades. Holding the ♣A he should instead use the lowest heart (♥6 here) to knock out the ♥A.

So, if West does play a spade now what? Assuming the auction did start 1♥ P P declarer knows this finesse cannot possibly win (having now seen the ♥K with West, East has to have the ♦K to even come close to a 1 level opening bid). So, declarer should win the ♦A and try something else. On this particular hand it doesn’t work but it might have done!

Suppose East had started with the same hand they have but their clubs were ♣QJx instead of ♣Qxx. Look what happens when declarer starts running their diamond suit. East has to find 3 discards from ♠KT76 - ♣QJ3. He can spare the ♠T and one heart but then what on the last diamond?

Discarding the ♠K is obviously fatal. A club discard will allow declarer to score the A, K and T. So, East has to pitch his winning heart. But now he no longer has two winners to beat the contract!

Hence declarer now has time to knock out his ♠K to set up 2♠,1♥,4♦ and 2♣. It’s amazing what can sometimes happen when you just run your long suit!

Julian Foster (many times NSW representative)

♦ Bridge Puzzle 10



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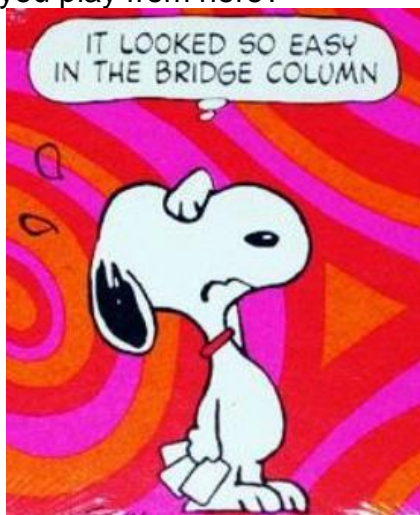
Puzzle This 10

North (D)	Std Bidding			
♠ Q543	West	North (D)	East	South
♥ KQ		Pass	Pass	1♥
♦ 8542	Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
♣ 753	Pass	4♥	All Pass	
South	Bidding Notes			
♠ AKJ	1♥	5+♥, Opening		
♥ AJT987	1♠	4+S, 6+hcp		
♦ K2	3♥	18/19 - 6+♥		
♣ K2	4♥	To play		

You (South) are declarer in 4♥.

- T1 West leads a trump, you win ♥K East following.
- T2 Recognizing that you need to use dummy's limited entries to lead up to your minor-suit kings, you try a low diamond ♦2 toward your hand. West captures your ♦K, however, with the ♦A
- T3 West plays another trump, ♥Q, East again following suit.

How do you play from here?



Solution

You could, of course, win the trick in dummy ♥Q

T4 and play a club ♣3 toward your ♣K. This works, as long as West didn't start with both minor-suit aces.

There's a **slightly better line**, however, that increases your chances.

You started with nine tricks: 3♠+6♥

If either minor-suit ace is onside or if spades are 3–3 you can make your 10th, game-going trick. When the ♦A turned out to be on your left, however, a little care is required in which order you play to give yourself the best shot.

The superior play is

- T3 West plays another trump, ♥Q, East again following suit, you win ♥A
- T4 Draw the outstanding trump
- T5-6 Cash ♠AK
- T7 Lead ♠J & overtake in Dummy ♠Q
- T8 If the spades are 3–3, your home: Simply cash the 13th spade.
- Else
- T8 If the spades are not 3–3, however, you can use your dummy ♠Q entry to play a club ♣3 toward your ♣K.

What happens if both aces are off-side and spades aren't 3–3?

Simple: You can't make 4♥!.

♦ RK - System, judgement, and aggression



Rakesh Kumar

NSBC Autumn Online Swiss Pairs.

Club member **Rakesh**

Kumar describes himself as an enthusiast who makes enough errors to have plenty of material for bridge columns.

A field of 60 pairs competed for the generous prize money in this RealBridge event held on 23 April 2023. In the Open section (44 pairs) the eventual winners were David Weston - Kim Morrison, followed by Wei Zhang - Wayne Zhu and Alicia Mercer - Prue Siemsglue.

The Restricted section (16 pairs) was won by Mary Carter - Diane Hood.

The competition was in the now customary format of 6 x 9-board matches. Unlike the Australia Day Swiss Pairs about which I wrote a few months ago, this time there weren't too many "deals of doom" where the declaring side was inevitably heading over the cliff for disaster. So, there were plenty of rewards available for aggressive bidding, careful play and tight defence – but the card gods continued to provide challenges in all of those areas. I'm going to show you some of the bidding conundrums.

1. With both sides vulnerable, partner as dealer opens 1NT and you hold:

♠ KQ963
♥ K8652
♦ 865
♣

Before you get a chance to show your useful major suit holdings, your RHO bids 2♣ showing at least 5/4 in the majors! What are you going to do?

2. Here's another challenge. Vulnerable against opponents who are not vulnerable, as dealer you open 1♦ with this hand:

♠ AQ9
♥ QJ43
♦ QT86
♣ T4

LHO overcalls 1NT, showing 15-18 hcp and a stopper. Partner bids 2♠, constructive but not forcing, and RHO doubles. You pass, LHO bids 3♥ and after partner passes, RHO raises to 4♥. What, if anything, are you going to do?

3. With both sides vulnerable, LHO deals and opens 2♦, natural and weak. Partner overcalls 2♥ and RHO raises to 3♦. What will you do with this hand?

♠ AK6
 ♥ Q95
 ♦ 8
 ♣ AKQJ83

4. And finally, as dealer with both sides vulnerable, how would you bid this hand?

♠ K87
♥ 8
♦ AKQT6
♣ AT93

Partner's first response to your opening 1♦ bid is 1♥. What then?

This was the deal associated with the first problem. As North, you don't have quite enough strength to force to game and in any case, which game? Partner almost certainly has good clubs and probably good diamonds too, but can 3NT come home? Is it better to simply pass and collect whatever penalty might be available?

Board 7

Dealer S | Vul All

♠ AT72
♥ QJT74
♦
♣ 8642

♠ KQ963
♥ K8652
♦ 865
♣

W N E S

♠ J5
♥
♦ AQJT9732
♣ K975

	♠	♦	♥	♣	NT
N	-	-	2	1	4
S	-	-	2	1	4
E	1	-	-	-	-
W	2	1	-	-	-

I'm not sure that there is a clear answer, but the Swiss-Pairs-aggressive approach is to bid to 3NT, presumably via Lebensohl, and hope to make it. This time, that works. However, the range of scores on the board was very wide, from +800 NS when East ended in 3♦x, to a variety of minus scores up to -400, when West chose not to bid at all.

On the second deal of interest, the natural reaction is to look at your excellent defensive prospects and pass. In any case, with a minimum hand opposite a notionally 7-9 hcp hand, you wouldn't think of bidding 4♠ at adverse vulnerability, would you?

Board 16
Dealer W | Vul EW

♠ AQ9	♠ 76	♠ JT85432
♥ QJ43	♥ AKT2	♥ 53
♦ QT86	♦ K4	♦ KJ52
♣ T4	♣ AQ987	

♠ K	♠ 76	♠ JT85432
♥ 98765	♥ AKT2	♥ 53
♦ AJ972	♦ K4	♦ KJ52
♣ 63	♣ AQ987	

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	2	2	4	-	-
S	1	1	4	-	-
E	-	-	-	4	-
W	-	-	-	4	2

Well, at Swiss Pairs, perhaps you should. After all, if the opponents have some 24+ hcp as suggested by the bidding *and* they have a good fit, what has partner got? Probably not much by way of high cards, so perhaps 5-7 hcp and seriously good shape. You have the perfect holding in spades for him, so all he might need to make game is something useful in either of the minor suits. In fact, 4♠ is unbeatable – six tables played in spades, 3 of them in 4♠ of which 2 were doubled. Again, the scores varied widely because at the other end of the spectrum, 4 were allowed to get away with making 4♥.

There are many who hold a natural weak 2♦ opening in contempt. However, it can be quite an effective small-calibre weapon, because it means that if the opponents have the balance of strength, they are forced into a competitive rather than a constructive auction. That was certainly the case on this next deal:

Board 20
Dealer W | Vul All

♠ J2	♠ T754	♠ Q983
♥ K63	♥ AJT874	♥ 2
♦ QJT643	♦ A9	♦ K752
♣ 64	♣ 7	♣ T952

♠ AK6	♠ T754	♠ Q983
♥ Q95	♥ AJT874	♥ 2
♦ 8	♦ A9	♦ K752
♣ AKQJ83	♣ 7	♣ T952

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	7	-	7	5	7
S	7	-	7	5	7
E	-	1	-	-	-
W	-	1	-	-	-

After 2♦-2♥-3♦ South has a problem. Of course, 4♥ must be cold, but with so much playing strength, does 6♥ have chances? Will investigation lead to stopping in 5♥ going

down, for a large and unnecessary loss? Again, the Swiss-Pairs-aggressive approach is to try for slam. Half the field did get there, but only 2 pairs managed to bid it after a weak 2♦ opening, whereas 4 pairs who had that bid against them (and one who had to deal with a crazy brave 3♦ opening!) stopped in game.

And finally, a deal where the issue is not about being brave but about stopping in time. This also raises issues about system and strategy. In the "good old days" it was normal for opener's jump shift rebid to show 16-19 hcp and at least 5/4 shape, so if you still bid that way (I do) then on this deal North would start with 1♦ and rebid 3♣:

Board 45
Dealer N | Vul All

♠ 642	♠ K87	♠ AJT5
♥ AQJT	♥ 8	♥ 9654
♦ 8732	♦ AKQT6	♦ 954
♣ J7	♣ AT93	♣ K8

♠ Q93	♠ K87	♠ AJT5
♥ K732	♥ 8	♥ 9654
♦ J	♦ AKQT6	♦ 954
♣ Q6542	♣ AT93	♣ K8

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	4	3	-	1	1
S	4	3	1	1	1
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Any such rebid would almost inevitably lead to 5♣, which fails. These days, many play that a jump shift rebid promises 18+ hcp (the almost-universal North American approach) and is therefore effectively game-forcing. However, a non-jump rebid (of 2♣ in this case) is forcing unless responder has a bare minimum hand. With 8+ hcp, South is required to take some action but if she does raise to 3♣, this will again lead to 5♣ (or a hopeless 3NT).

So how did 4 pairs manage to stop below game? Well, in 3 auctions either North or South chose to downgrade their hand and pass. And then there was the outlier approach of Jake Andrew - Alan Stoneham. Jake opened 1♠ as North, so as to be able to reverse rather than worry about relative minor suit lengths ... the auction proceeded 1♣-1♥-2♦-2♠ (blackout = cheapest of fourth suit or 2NT to deny game interest)-2NT (forced)-3♣. That certainly worked!

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Festival – Open Online MP Swiss Pairs

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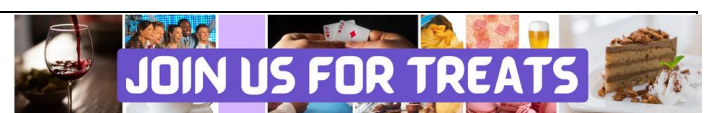
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Player Fees \$60 per Pair Why not join? Remote Members just \$35/year

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



Come and join us at **East Lindfield** or **The Willis** for Coffee, Cake and F2F Bridge or Cheese, Biscuits and Bridge, we have been hermits since our COVID lockdowns, let's get out, play some bridge and socialise.

◆ Our Watermark Swiss Pairs @ EL

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



Last year's winners

Ven	T	Grade	NSBC Festival SWISS PAIRS Congress in June	Sponsor
EL	13	Open	Michael Prescott & Marlene Watts	Watermark
		Inter	Rob Holgate - Neil Williams	



◆ 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	T	Grade	NSBC Festival Friday Congress Open SWISS TEAMS in June	Sponsor
RB	28	Open	Michael WHIBLEY - Nick JACOB - Mathew VADAS - Jane BEEBY	Falls Village
		Inter	Lorna Davies & Sharon Thompson, Steve & Mary Colling	



18th Online Swiss Teams Congress
Festival – Online Open Swiss Teams

NORTH SHORE
BRIDGE CLUB

Saturday 24th June (2 sessions)
10am Start– 4th Swiss Teams Congress Event
Prize Pool: Generous Prize Pool (Dependant on Entries)

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Gary Barwick 0413 884 805
Chief Director: Mathew McManus
Entry Management: Enter by MyABF Website
Pre-payments: Visitors –Please Pay using ABF Bridge Credits, Members Choose "Club PP System"

2022 17th Winners: Michael WHIBLEY - Nick JACOB - Mathew VADAS - Jane BEEBY

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB
Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level 4Bc. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. Yellow systems Restricted.

Player Fees \$120 per Team

Why not join? Remote Members just \$35/year

18th Watermark Swiss Pairs
Festival -Swiss Pairs (Imp/VP)

WATERMARK
RESIDENCES

Friday 23rd June 2023 @ our East Lindfield Venue
10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Pairs Event
Prize Pool: Sponsored & Generous, + Best restricted

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: Mike Prescott 0435 528 872
Chief Director: Mathew McManus
Entry Management: Enter by MyABF
Pre-Payments: Visitors pay MyABF Credits & NSBC Members select "Club PP System"
2022 17th Open Winners: Michael Prescott & Marlene Watts

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB
Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club
2b Carlyle Road, East Lindfield
Tel: 02 9415 8344

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. Yellow systems Restricted.

Player Fees \$90 per Pair includes Refreshments & a Light Lunch

◆ 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	T	Grade	NSBC Festival Sunday Congress SWISS TEAMS in June	Sponsor
EL	21	Open	Jeanette Abrams - Margaret Foster - Colin Clifford - Helen Lowry	TBIB
		Inter	Fiona Lavery - Catherine Else - Jenny Barnes - Fiona Fawcett	



◆ 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	CC	Club	Ven	T	Grade	NSBC Winter Teams Congress
8	2024						
7	2023	Y	NSBC	RB		Open	
						Restr	
6	2022	Y	NSBC	RB	30	Open	Michael Courtney & Chris Depasquale, Simon Hinge & Stephen Lester

7th Online Winter Teams Congress
Open Swiss Teams

Sunday 30th July on RealBridge

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

Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries

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"

2022 6th Open Winners : **Michael Courtney & Chris Depasquale, Simon Hinge & Stephen Lester**

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Player Fees \$120 (PP) or 120 ABF Credits per Team

Why not join the NSBC? Remote Members just \$35/year

◆ June Advanced Courses

Link to [Website Advanced Teaching](#)

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

Anita Curtis

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

18th TBIB Swiss Teams
Festival -Swiss Teams (Imp/VP)

Sunday 25th June 2023 @ our East Lindfield Venue

10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Pairs Event

Prize Pool: Sponsored & Generous, + Best Intermediate

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: **Mike Prescott 0435 528 872**

Chief Director: Mathew McManus Director: **Ronnie Ng**

Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

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

17th Winners: Jeanette Abrams - Margaret Foster - Colin Clifford - Helen Lowry

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Player Fees (pp) \$45pp includes Refreshments & a Light Lunch

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.

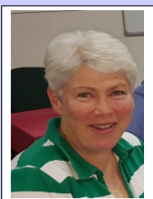
Date	Lesson Topic	Description
7 Jun	Reverses & Jump Shifts	BYG/Intermediate bidding. Learn how to show a 2 suited hand with extra values – essential for all aspiring intermediate players. This is a bidding only session.
14 Jun	Eddie Kantar's Ducking in suit contracts	Intermediate declarer play. When 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 – Tools for major suit success going to slam	BYG/Intermediate bidding. You have done the 1 st part of 4SF. This lesson highlights how 4SF can be used when interested in 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 Realbridge 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,
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♣ 2023 Victor Champion Festival (Melbourne)

2023 Victor Champion Cup Festival of Bridge 8th – 12th JUNE 2023

Chief Tournament Director: Laurie Kelso
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Wollstonecraft Teams

Sunday 11 June, 2023 at 10 am

Six 9-board matches (finish at 5.30)

♦ Spring Nationals Flyer & Event Table

Sydney Spring Nationals



18 - 25 OCTOBER 2023

TBIB OPEN TEAMS
BRIDGEGEAR INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS
TED CHADWICK RESTRICTED PAIRS
SPRING NATIONAL NOVICE PAIRS

SPRING NATIONAL MIXED TEAMS
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PENLINE SWISS PAIRS

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96 King St, Ashbury

Chief Tournament Director: Matthew McManus
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 email: sn@abf.com.au

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Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25
Open events							
TBIB Open Teams Qualifying			Open Teams Semi-finals	Open Teams Final	Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Qualifying		Mixed Teams Final
Women's Teams Qualifying Incorporated in the Open Field			Women's Teams Final		Spring Nationals Seniors' Teams Qualifying		Seniors' Teams Final
			Dick Cummings 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 Nationals Novice Pairs				