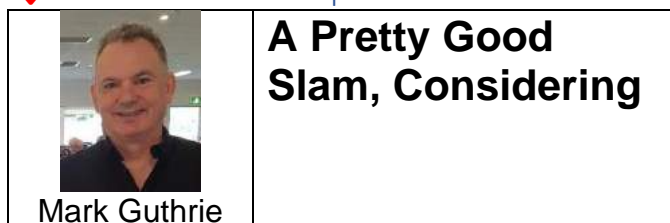


♦ MG – President's Update



A Pretty Good Slam, Considering

Mark Guthrie

The committee is up and running, with plenty of things happening. I'd like to **thank Carol McMurray** and **Jane Russ** again for all of their help last year, and to welcome **Robyn Rogers** and **Helen Stewart** to the committee for this year. I haven't got nicknames for either of them yet, which prevents me from writing much about the committee this month.

So instead, here is a hand for you. Normally the hands I share are disasters, but this one goes to the next level. First, we'll look at it from partner's side of things.

Playing IMP teams, vul against non-vul you pick up this:

North (D)	
♠	J4
♥	KQJT75
♦	5
♣	AKJ3

In an uncontested auction, right hand opponent passes, and you open 1♥. So far so good. Partner bids 1♠ and you respond 3♥. Maybe playing Standard American you would choose a different bid, but you are playing **Precision** which makes 3♥ fairly automatic. Your partner seems to like hearts and bids 4♦, showing slam interest and a first or second round control in diamonds, not surprisingly denying a control in clubs.

What now?

Maybe it is a bit cowardly, but you have seen your partner's hands before when they make a slam try and you decide to sign off in 4♥.

Partner is bouncing up and down in their chair still and your sign off doesn't affect them. They reply 5♦.

What on earth is going on?

Partner must have some absolute monster of a hand, where they can almost work out your cards from the fact you have shown about 15 high card points and they have most of the rest of them in their hand.

Partner was always going to six of something but is probing you to see if you can get to seven. You have a very nice hand in context and the clubs are a given. Partner must have the **A♥** as he hasn't tried to use Roman Keycard which was an option available after 4♥. You could bid 6♣ to show the ace and king but partner probably already knows about those. The **J♠** could be the missing information that gets you to 7NT. You bid 5♠, confident that partner will understand what you are saying. Of course, you could just bid 7NT yourself, but torturing partners is your main pleasure in life. Partner bids 6♠ and you realise that something probably went wrong a few rounds of bidding ago. **You pass.**

At least you won't have to play it and you'll have a few minutes to work out what to shout at your partner about first. Though of course you won't do that because you are far too nice.

Here is the auction in full:

Precision? Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass?	Pass	Pass	
North's Bidding Notes			
1♥	5♥, Opening 11-15 Hcp		
1♠	4+♠ 6+hcp		
3♥	Max 15 points, 6+♥s.		
4♦	Cue -1st or 2nd rnd control		
4♥	To Play		
5♦	Massive hand		
5♠	Something in ♠		
6♠	No idea		

Now let's go over to the other side of the table and see what happened there.

South
♠ KQT82
♥ 4
♦ AQT962
♣ 7

Counting points can take ages, but it only takes a few seconds to work out that this is a four-loser hand. You plan to start by bidding spades and then to bid diamonds until you get to game, or partner supports one of your suits.

Amazingly, partner opens 1♥. You didn't expect that, but now you can go slowly. You start with 1♠. Partner bids 3♥ showing a Max 15 hcp hand. This is going very well.

You are pretty sure that bidding four of a minor when you could have bid 3NT is Minorwood – Roman Keycard in a minor. So, you bid 4♦ and partner responds 4♥. That is one step which shows **one or four** keycards (a keycard being one of the four aces or the **K♦**).

You are trying to work out if partner could have a hand with about 15 HCPs but only one keycard (*They could. Imagine ♥AKQJ ♣KQ*). That takes even longer than counting your own points, so you give up and just bid 5♦ which is pass or correct. With all four keycards partner will go on.

Partner bids 5♠.

You ask for a review of the auction, hopeful that one of the opponents will explain the bidding for you. They are both very good players, and very polite, but they have no more idea than you about what is going on.

It seems like you should be in a slam and if partner does have only one keycard, you are already going off. Better to go off in a major than a minor so you bid 6♠.

Here is the bidding one more time from souths prespective:

Precision? Bidding			
West	North (D)	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass?	Pass	Pass	
South's Bidding Notes			
1♥	5♥, Opening 11-15 Hcp		
1♠	4+♠ 6+hcp		
3♥	Max 15 points, 6+♥s.		
4♦	Keycard (D)		
4♥	1 or 4 Keycards		
5♦	To Play unless 4 Keycards		
5♠	What?		
6♠	No idea		

T1 Your left-hand opponent leads the **T♣** and you are a little surprised by dummy. Not what you expected, and only one keycard.

"Thank you partner. Nice bidding." Remember this is a team's match so you are going to have to score up with your teammates and explain why you've got a negative score when 3NT is cold. You have already used your two main excuses on previous rounds – "a couple of revokes happened" and "they pushed us to the six level". This one might be a bit harder.

Anyway, you are going to have to play it.

Here is the whole hand:

		North (D)		
		♠ J4		
		♥ KQJT75		
		♦ 5		
		♣ AKJ3		
West				East
♠ A93				♠ 765
♥ A863				♥ 92
♦ J74				♦ K83
♣ T98				♣ Q6542
		South		
		♠ KQT82		
		♥ 4		
		♦ AQT962		
		♣ 7		
6♠/s				Dealer: N
Lead ♣T				Vul: NS

The good player on your left sniffed out the heart void that you don't have so didn't lead the ♥A obviously.

- T1 You win the **A♣** on the table
 T2 You play a **K♣** to discard your heart loser 4♥. So far, so good.
 T3 Now you take the diamond finesse winning with the **Q♦**
 T4 Then ruff a **3♦** in dummy **4♠**.
 T5 You play the **J♠** and they hold up the ace, so you can't get back to your hand,
 T6 So, you theatrically ruff **K♥** with the **2♠**.
 T7 Play another trump **K♠**.

There is nothing your poor opponents can do now to stop you making 6♠ as the diamonds & spades all come good.

Normally bridge players feel quite good after making a slam but this auction has left you feeling like you need a shower. Your opponents are unperturbed. What are a few IMPs on one board if they get to play another eight boards against people who bid like that. Rubber bridge anyone?

They pummelled us on the other boards of course.

We explain our "victory" to our teammates.

"Not many people bid slams knowing they are missing 3 keycards. And very rarely in a different suit to the one that was agreed."

"Still, you managed to convince them not to lead either of their aces, and the trumps and diamonds both broke 3-3 with the **K♦** on side. A pretty good slam, considering."



♦ 2023 Club Champion Race

The 2023 club champion is determined from results in 29 major club events.

5 events Completed in June



			
David	David	Michael	Peter
			
Witold	Dagmar	Andrew	Joan
			
Wei	Hugh	Tania	

The leaders board at end of June

2023 Club Championship Leader Board			
Rank	Member	CC Point	Events
1	David Weston	61	7
2=	David Hudson	40	6
2=	Michael Courtney	40	8
4	Peter Jeffery	39	9
5	Witold Chylewski (Jun)	38	11
6	Dagmar Neumann	36	5
7	Andrew Peake	35	6
8=	Joan Butts	33	8
8=	Wei Zhang	33	8
10=	Hugh Grovenor	32	8
10=	Tania Lloyd	32	8

July has 2 CC events completing,

- Comp Night – MP Swiss Pairs
- Congress – RB Winter Teams



Sue Crompton discusses “**Unauthorised Information**” in our game of bridge

This week I am going to talk about **unauthorised information**. At the bridge table sometimes, things go wrong.

You open 2NT for the minors this doesn't get alerted and now partner bids 3♦ (thinking he is transferring to hearts) You doesn't alert this as this is suit preference. One thing I see a lot is partner will grimace or even announce this is a strong bid or minors. So, when things go haywire try not to react and just bid according to your system. The opponents will more than likely call the director and he/she will sort it out.

Another situation that happens quite frequently is when your partner hesitates for what seems like an eternity. You had already planned what you were going to bid but now things are far more complicated.

I was directing and playing in and I had bid and my partner took a long time to bid. I then made my bid and Margaret said do you acknowledge there was a long hesitation and I said yes I do. (Sometimes players don't agree there has been hesitation please call the director and he/she will sort)

I looked at my hand and said “I'm not entirely sure I have my bid” she said “don't worry it's a friendly Saturday afternoon game”. I said “No we need to play to the rules”. But I was directing so I said let me ring Dave Weston and let him make the ruling. Margaret said “Well that's not fair as you cook him yummy meals and he will be on your side” I laughed as yes I do cook him yummy meals, but I know Dave and he will give the correct ruling. He looked at the hand and said you don't have your bid. So, my top score now was taken but to a bottom 😊. So, I know it is hard but try to bid in tempo as the rules are very strict if you take a long time to bid it makes it much harder for your partner to bid. It doesn't mean they cannot bid it is just a lot more difficult.

♦ GNOT Direct Results



This long 5 session, 6-week event, was run as a full round robin of 15 x 10-board Matches. It was well directed by Ronnie Ng.

Prize Winners

- National GNOT entry – Neill Team
- 3 Metro GNOT Entry offers – Butts team, Li Team & Mundell Team

Bruce Neill	David Weston	Warren Lazer	Pauline Gumby

Pos	2023 Comp Night - GNOT Direct Championship	Score	CC
1	David Weston & Bruce Neill, Warren Lazer & Pauline Gumby	220 VP	20
2	Michael Courtney & Joan Butts, Liz Sylvester & Peter Gill	204 VP	14
3	Hugh Grosvenor & Tania Lloyd, Dagmar Neumann & Maurits van der Vlugt	190 VP	10
4	Patrick Jiang & Hui Li, Kelsey Chen & Sherlock Shao, William Zhong (sub)	183 VP	8
5	Andrew Peake & Giselle Mundell, Yumin Li & Peter Jeffery	177 VP	6
6	Denis Zines & Tina Zines, George Finikiotis & Leo Goorevich	157 VP	4
7	Lorna Ichilcik & Judy Mott, Mathew Vadas & George Fleischer	156 VP	2

Honour Board – [GNOT Winners](#)
[Link to Full Results](#)

♦ Festival Restricted Teams Results



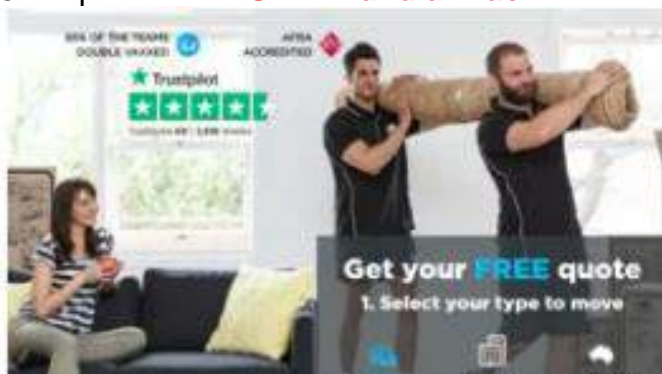
Our Club's first Festival Event – 9th **Novice & Restricted Teams congress** was held at East Lindfield on Saturday the 17 June. Mike Prescott directed the 8-table event.



		Lorna	Sharon	Felix	Mike	David
T	Pos	2023 Festival - Restricted & Novice Teams				Score
8	1	Lorna Davies & Felix Shteyman, David Craig & Sharon Thompson				76 VP
	2	Joan Sleeman & Felicity Wolf, Lesley Morris & Anne Cooper				68 VP
	3	Sue Paul & Kay Fulton, Barbara Wood & Monica Nilsson				67 VP
	Best Novice	Lyn Delalande - Kwi Tan - Marie Harvey - Sue Raymond				

Honour Board – [Restricted & Novice Teams](#)
[Link to Full Results](#)

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		Fiona Fawcett	Mike	Mary Carter
Pos	2023 Festival - EL - Restricted & Novice Pairs	Score		
1	Fiona Fawcett & Mary Carter	82 VP		
2	Lidy Seysener & Susan Jensen	75 VP		
3	Lesley Morris & Anne Cooper	73 VP		
Best Novice	Felicity Wolf & Joan Sleeman			

Honour Board – [Restricted & Novice Pairs](#)
[Link to Full Results](#)

◆ Our MP Swiss Pairs Congress Results



Our Club's third open Festival Event – 4th **Matchpointed Swiss Pairs congress** was held Online using RealBridge on Thursday the 22 June. Mathew McManus our chief director operating from NZ, the 15 Tables. The event was won by Frank Hardiman & Andrew Grace from the **Finesse bridge club** in the eastern suburbs.

◆ Festival Restricted Pairs Results



Our Club's second Festival Event – 6th **Novice & Restricted Pairs congress** was held at East Lindfield on Sunday the 18 June. Mike Prescott directed.

Pos	2023 Festival @ RB - Open MP Swiss Pairs	Score	CC
1 \$300	Andrew Grace & Frank Hardiman	90 VP	
2 \$200	David Weston & Kim Morrison	82 VP	10
3 \$120	Judy Osie & Lorna Ichilcik	81 VP	7
4	George Bilski - Elliott Kaplan	78 VP	5
5	Jonathan Free & Mimi Packer	77 VP	
6	Yumin Li & Peter Jeffery	70 VP	4
7	Nimal Weerasinghe & Hans Van Weeren	68 VP	3
8	Anthony Burke & Phil Gue	67 VP	2
9	Margaret Yuill & Margaret Klassen	67 VP	1

Honour Board – [MP Swiss Pairs](#)
[Link to Full Results](#)

◆ Our Watermark Swiss Pairs Results



Our Club's Fourth Festival Event – 18th **Watermark Swiss Pairs congress** was held at East Lindfield on Friday the 23 June. A sponsored event with generous prizes. Ronnie NG directed the F2F event of 18 Tables



Mike, Liam & David



Peter, Mike & Jamie



Ian, Mike & Richard

Pos	2023 Festival @ EL - WATERMARK Open Swiss Pairs	Score	CC
1	Liam Milne & David Hudson	83 VP	20
2	Jamie Thompson & Peter Cox	82 VP	14
3	Richard Lock & Ian MacLaren	76 VP	10
4	Andrew Peake & Giselle Mundell	74 VP	8
5	Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	72 VP	6
6	Alessandro Gado & Alex Kemeny	71 VP	4
7	Anne Cooper & Fiona Russell	71 VP	2
Best Inter	Alessandro Gado & Alex Kemeny		



Alessandro & Alex

Honour Board – [Watermark Swiss Pairs](#)
[Link to Full Results](#)

◆ Our RB Teams Congress Results



Our Club's 5th Festival Event – 18th **Online Swiss Teams congress** was held Online on RealBridge on Saturday the 24 June. Mathew McManus, our chief director, directing the 18 Table from NZ. The winning team from Canberra.



Richard, Jodi, Arjuna & Lori

Pos	2023 Festival @ RB - Open Swiss Teams	Score	CC
1	Arjuna DE LIVERA - Lori SMITH - Richard BRIGHTLING - Jodi TUTTY	89 VP	
2	Helena DAWSON - David WESTON - Jenna GIBBONS - Julian FOSTER	84 VP	10
3	Robin HO - Peter CLARKE - Hans VAN WEEREN - Alexander COOK	72 VP	7
4	Robyn FREEMAN-GREENE - Dale LACEY - John DRISCOLL - Rona DRISCOLL	71 VP	
5	Chris DIBLEY - George BILSKI - Elliott KAPLAN - Steven BOCK	68 VP	5
6	Gale SPALVINS - Andrew PEAKE - Anthony BURKE - Phil GUE	68 VP	4
7	Aleksandar MILOVANOVIC - Jeanette ABRAMS - Jane BEEBY - Helen LOWRY	67 VP	3
8	Marlene FRANKS - Jenny NARUNSKY - Helene JACOBSON - Brenda KAPLAN	66 VP	2
	Ken MOFFITT - Sue MOFFITT - Tony ABBOTT - Neil WILLIAMS	61 VP	1

Honour Board – [Festival Online Swiss Teams](#)
[Link to Full Results](#) –

◆ Our TBIB Teams Congress Results



Our Club's final Festival Event – **18th TBIB Swiss Teams congress** was held at East Lindfield on Sunday the 25 June with 23 teams. A sponsored event with generous prizes. Well directed by Ronnie Ng.



Susan, Andre, Maurits, Mike & Dagmar

Pos	2023 Festival @ EL - TBIB Open Swiss Teams	Score	CC
1	MAURITS VAN DER VLUGT & ANDRE KORENHOF, DAGMAR NEUMANN & SUSAN HUMPHRIES	106 VP	20
2	NICK FAHRER - DAVID BEAUCHAMP - RUTH TOBIN - ANITA CURTIS	78 VP	14
3	PETER JEFFERY - GEORGE BILSKI - ELLIOTT KAPLAN - STEVEN BOCK	78 VP	10
4	ELLI URBACH - GEORGE FINIKIOTIS - LEO GOOREVICH - KEVIN DAVIES	69 VP	8
5	LARA TOPPER - FRASER REW - DAVID WESTON - JULIAN FOSTER	68 VP	6
6	PAULINE GUMBY - TOMER LIBMAN - LAVY LIBMAN - WARREN LAZER	67 VP	
7	MARY CARTER - CATHERINE ELSE - JENNY BARNES - FIONA FAWCETT	66 VP	4
8	DI COATS - JAN CLARKE - SALLY CLARKE - CHRIS WILLIAMS	64 VP	2
Best Int	MARY CARTER - CATHERINE ELSE - JENNY BARNES - FIONA FAWCETT		



Mary, Jenny, Catherine, Mike, missing Fiona

Honour Board – [TBIB Swiss Teams](#)
[Link to Full Results](#) –

Club Admin

◆ MP – Manager Update

 Mike Prescott 0435 528 872 Club Manager	 Gary Barwick 0413 884 805 Online Bridge Manager
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Hello Bridge Champions,
North Shore Bridge Club is proud to offer a selection of great online competitions for the second half of 2023. All online sessions are hosted on RealBridge. The first two Thursday evening events, are shorter in format the first is 2 weeks and then 3 weeks. These events also make a nice break from our regular IMP scoring Swiss formats. [29 June \(2 weeks\) - NSBC Matchpoints Swiss Pairs Championship](#)

On Tuesday 4th July we have a special single session event starting at 6PM called the Down Under vs Up Over pairs. This time around we have an expert category and are looking for another 14 expert players to join in. Currently we have 32 from Up Over (UK & Ireland) and only 18 from down under. It is a single session event starting at 6:00pm. We expect to have around 1,000 players participating in this event. Regular session fee for members and visitors applies.

[4th July \(Tuesday night 6.00pm\) Down Under vs Up Over #2](#)

After a two-week break on Thursday nights while the ANC are on we restart with the BAM Teams

[27 July \(3 weeks\) - NSBC Board-A-Match Teams Championship 2023](#)

Between our regular Thursday night competition events we also have a couple of all day online congresses.

[30th July \(Sunday Congress\) – NSBC Winter Online Teams Congress 2023](#)

[20th August \(Sunday Congress\) – NSBC Winter Online Swiss Pairs Congress 2023](#)

This follows with our Premier Club Open Teams championship proudly sponsored by Watermark Residences. This is a 5-week event with very generous cash prizes and free entries to the NSWBA Jacaranda Teams 2023 Incorporating the State Open Teams Metropolitan Final for the top placed pairs.

[24 August \(5 weeks\) - NSBC Watermark Open Teams Championship \(SQ\)](#)



Into the final quarter of 2023 we have

[28 September \(4 weeks\) – NSBC Open Pairs Championship \(SQ\)](#) – qualifier for the State Mixed Pairs championship

[2 November \(4 weeks\) – NSBC True Mixed Teams Championship](#) – all playing pairs must be mixed gender

[7 December \(3 weeks\) – NSBC Xmas Teams Championship](#)

And we end the year with our festive season weekend online congress

[16-17 December - North Shore Bridge Club Festive Season Online Congress](#)

We thank you for being wonderful supporters of our championship events. We are currently planning for our 2024 calendar. If you have any suggestions for new events or considerations for our existing events please send them through to me. This year I was caught out with a few major religious holiday clashes, very sorry about that, I will do my best to avoid making life difficult for our members in 2024 in this regard.

Gary

End June Club Membership Numbers

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club Members	Non Home Club Members
2-074 NSBC East Lindfield	340	15
2-120 NSBC - Willis	1110	167
RealBridge (remote members)		132
Total June	1450	314
Grand Total Memberships end of June	1764	
End Previous Month (May)	1748	

We pay both ABF & NSWBA affiliation fees per “Home Club” Member.



◆ Club Committee Minutes

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

◆ History Club Newsletters

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.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](#).

◆ ABF – Club MP profile vs Aus

NSBC Master Point Profile	Home Club Numbers	0-20	20-50	50-100	100-300	300-1000	1000+
2-120 - North Shore	1113	45%	14%	10%	11%	10%	9%
2-074- NSBC@EL	324	43%	18%	14%	18%	5%	1%
ABF National		43%	15%	12%	16%	10%	4%



John Scudder



NSWBA State Seniors & Progress on Restructure

◆ State Seniors Championship Results

The State Seniors championships were held at the CCLC Bridge Club. Our club members did extremely well.

The **2023 State Seniors' Champions** are:




Liz Adams




Peter Gill


Pairs (May 2023)			
Results after 9 of 9 matches			
Place	Pair Names	Percentage	VPs
1	LIZ ADAMS / PETER GILL (2)	58.2%	130.71
2	WARREN LAZER / PAULINE GUMBY (1)	56.5%	124.93
3	BARBARA WILLIAMS / MEGAN GRANT (18)	54.7%	110.52




Chris Dibley



Steven Bock



'Liz Sylvester



Robbie Feyder

Teams (June 2023)				
Results after 6 of 6 matches				
Place	Team (click here to exclude names)	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	SYLVESTER (4) CHRIS DIBLEY - LIZ SYLVESTER - ROBBIE FEYDER - STEVEN BOCK	178	97.08	6-0-0
2	LAZER (1) SALLY CLARKE - CHRIS WILLIAMS - WARREN LAZER - PAULINE GUMBY	92	79.90	4-1-1
3	FOSTER (6) DASHA BRANDT - SYLVIA FOSTER - LORRAINE LINDSAY - DAVID BOWERMAN	73	77.46	4-1-1



Jake Andrew
NSWBA Transition
Project Manager

6 June 2023

Work on the **NSWBA restructure** continues and we need your help. Want to find out more? Please read till the end.

Given Australia's National Volunteer Week in late May, this seems a good time for the NSWBA Strategy Group to acknowledge the many who already make a massive impact on our bridge playing community.

Volunteering is rewarding for those who provide help, and it seems a great way to further improve the bridge community. Most clubs are run by passionate volunteers and there are crucial contributions from many others: those who organise and coordinate congresses, direct sessions, administer masterpoints, serve on committees... and many more, including past and present NSWBA council members. A big shout out to all of them!

The NSWBA Transition Project aims to create a healthy future for bridge in the state, by setting up two successful independent organisations:

- the new **NSW state association** - a capable state peak body, promoting bridge and supporting the community;
- and
- the new Sydney Bridge Centre – a flourishing bridge club, providing a premier customer experience.

To ensure their success we continue to rely on volunteers, now and in the future.

For the current phase of the restructure the necessary skillset is strategic leadership, commercial and financial acumen, and of course change management. However we are

also keen to hear from you if your experience and background lies in marketing and communications, project management, event management, information technology, community programs, facilities management – the list is long.

Interested people with these skills and motivated to help the NSW bridge community, either for the new Sydney Bridge Centre or the new NSW state association, should please contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued help and support,



Allison Stralow

2023 APBF Championships

Australian teams competed recently at the 2023 Asian Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF) Championships and Zone 7 Playoffs, Hong Kong, June 9-17.



2023 ABPF Australian Team Representatives

Results Summary APBF Championships

Open	10th (13)
Ladies	8th (11)
Mixed	4th (12)
Seniors	4th (8)

Zone 7 Playoffs

Open	lost to NZ (80-103)
Ladies	defeated NZ (92-89)
Mixed	lost to NZ (100-141)



NPCS: David Fryda (Open), Peter Buchen (Ladies), Mike Doecke (Mixed), John McIlrath (Seniors)

♦ Beginner Bridge Lessons



Do you know anybody who may be interested in learning to play bridge?

New F2F lessons begin 16/Aug.

info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au

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
- Bookings essential

Only **\$150**

6 week course

2hr lessons full of fun and a workout for your brain

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 been so impressed with the professionalism and supportive, welcoming culture."

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

Contact Fiona

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♦ Bridge Lessons.

Link to [Website Teaching Basics](#)



Jessica Brake

Jessica Brake has now finished teaching **Bridge Basics Online** and will be returning later in the year. Players are now invited to play Supervised Wed 7pm with Jenny Barnes online with RealBridge.



Liz Wilkinson

Liz Wilkinson is teaching **Build on the Basics** at the Willis on Thursdays 1:30. A great new lesson every week. See [website for more details](#). Liz will also be teaching BB on Saturdays.

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

The full curriculum is available on our website (very bottom of the page)
<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/building-your-basic-skills>

Please let your friends know it's time to get back into bridge!

Link to [Website Teaching Basics](#)

BUILD ON THE BASICS

PERFECT FOR PEOPLE RETURNING TO BRIDGE AFTER A LONG BREAK OR SUPERVISED PLAYERS WANTING TO RAISE THEIR GAME

FACE TO FACE BRIDGE LESSONS ARE BACK

TYPICAL LESSON TOPICS

- NT Openings and Play
- Holding up play in No Trumps
- The fine art of Finesses and the "weak break"
- Best leads against a Suit Contract
- Weak Twos - "let's get in the way"
- Dumping Losers in declarer play
- Take out Doubles
- Managing entries and review
- Pre-emptive bids
- Shortage points and ruffing in the Short Trump Hand
- + many more to take your bridge to the next level

WHEN & WHERE?

The Willis Recreation Centre,
325A Eastern Valley Way, Middle Cove

Starting 2nd March 2023, every Thursday
from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

HOW MUCH?

\$20 per lesson for NSBC Members
\$25 per lesson for non-members

Register your interest at
info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au

www.northshore.bridge-club.org

North Shore Bridge Club Inc

♦ July Advanced Courses

We are very lucky to have Nick Jacob coming to NSBC in July for two lessons Monday 3rd July at 2.00pm on Zoom or you can enrol and receive the recording to watch at anytime click [here](#) to enter.

DEFENCE & CONTESTED AUCTIONS

with Nick Jacob

Build on the Basics - Thursdays 1:30 Willis

13th July	Takeout Double, Part 2
20th July	Stayman Part 2
27th July	Transfers

Bridge Basics (Face-to-Face) Saturdays 10am East Lindfield

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.

On Tuesday 4th July Nick's lesson is **Defence** at 2.00pm once again you can enrol; and receive the recording and watch when it suits you click [here](#) to enter.



DEFENCE

- Counting the hand
- Giving the right signal
- Reading the lead



JULY
4
2PM - 4PM

Matt will be doing two lessons Monday 10th July Card Play Series Lesson 1 2.00pm click [here](#) to enter.



SQUEEZES MADE EASY

with Matt Smith

JULY 10
2PM - 4PM

Can't make it, No Worries. Register and Matt will send you the recording to watch in your own time.

Tuesday 11th July at 2.00pm Lesson 2 at 2.00pm click [here](#) to enter.




END PLAYS MADE EASY

with Matt Smith

JULY 11
2PM - 4PM

Can't make it, No Worries. Register and Matt will send you the recording to watch in your own time.

Link to [Website Advanced Teaching](#)




Anita Curtis

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.

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.



Cue Bidding - Tools for Major success

Wednesday 2pm on 19th July

by Anita Curtis

Click here to register



Gentle Hand Analysis #3

Wednesday 2pm on 26th July

by Anita Curtis

Click here to register



I love your transfer partner

Super Accepts with Anita on Thu July 20th at 9:30 am on Zoom

Click here to book in



ESTABLISH YOUR SIDE SUIT

Learn tips and tricks on how to get extra tricks with Anita

Wednesday July 27th at 9:30am on Zoom - or order the recording

EMAIL ANITA

NSBC Intermediate/BYG July 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
5 July	NO LESSON	
12 July	NO LESSON	
19 Jul	Cue bidding – Tools for major suit success	BYG/Intermediate bidding – a bidding only session. The last session in Tools for Major Suit Success. What is cue bidding? When do we use it?
26 Jul	Gentle Hand Analysis 3, 2023	Practise all skills with 8 new hands & in-depth analysis.

Visitors \$25; Members \$20

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

NSBC Develop Your Skills July-August 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
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)
August 3	Do you know how to play this NT contract?
August 10	Do you know how to play this suit contract?
August 17	End of course Hand Analysis 1
August 24	End of course Hand Analysis 2

Visitors \$20; Members \$17

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

♦ Comp Night Events

After the current event completes



ONLINE MP SWISS PAIRS

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE & 6TH JULY

CLICK HERE TO ENTER

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



9th Online Board A Match Teams
Comp Night – Open Online BAM Teams

Thursday 27th July, 3rd Aug, 17th Aug

7pm Start– Board A Match Teams

Prize Pool: **Generous Prize Pool** (Dependant on Entries)

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

Director: Ronnie Ng

Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

Pre-payments: Visitors "ABF Credits", Members via "Club PP System"

2022 8th Winners: Ruth Tobin - Judith Tobin - Linda King - Kim Neale - Michael Cartmell (Sub)

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. The ABF has approved the issue of **red masterpoints at level 4B**. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations. Yellow systems restricted.

Player Fees **per Team** (228 ABF Credits) Members (via Club PP System only \$192)

This will be followed by our sponsored major Watermark Club teams. In late August

WATERMARK CLUB TEAMS

Click here to enter

AUGUST 2023							SEPTEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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



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**

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 **\$120 or 120 ABF Credits per Team**

◆ 2023 Aug RB Winter Swiss Pairs Congress



11th Online Winter Swiss Pairs Congress
Winter OPEN Swiss Pairs

Sunday 20th August 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"

2021 10th Winners: **Leo Goorevich & Elli Urbach**

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 **\$60 or 60 ABF Credits Per Pair**



◆ 2023 Aug Greg Quittner Swiss Pairs



◆ 2023 Aug EL Pairs Championship



11th Greg Quittner Congress
EL Open Swiss Pairs (Imp/VP)

Sunday 27/Aug 2023 @ our East Lindfield Venue
10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Pairs Event

Prize Pool: Generous but dependent on entries, + Best Restricted Pair

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

Entry Management: **Enter by MyABF**

Pre-Payments: Visitors pay MyABF Credits & NSBC Members select "Club PP System"
2022 10th Open Winners: Jeanette Abrams & Helen Lowry

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 (pp) \$90 per Pair includes Refreshments & a Light Lunch

9th EL – Open Pairs Championship

3 x Mon 14th, 21st, 28th August 2023 @ East Lindfield Venue
1pm Start– Matchpoint Pairs Event, your 3 results are combined for the 3 weeks to produce the winner.

Prize: Club Honour Board & Represent NSBC (EL) at the State Pairs Final

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: **Mike Prescott 0435 528 872**
Director: **David Hagley, Just turn up & Play, Must play all 3 sessions to win championship**

2022 8th EL Open: David Burton & Ivan Kerdic

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Player Fees - Normal F2F Rates

◆ 2023 Oct EL Matchpoint Pairs Congress



7th Labour Day Pairs Congress
EL Open Pairs (Matchpoints)

Monday 2nd Oct 2023 @ our East Lindfield Venue
10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Matchpoint Pairs Event

Prize Pool: Generous but dependent on entries, + Best Intermediate Team

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

Entry Management: **Enter by MyABF**

Pre-Payments: Visitors pay MyABF Credits & NSBC Members select "Club PP System"
2022 6th Winners: NS: Kevin Davies - Elli Urbach & EW: Margaret Foster - Colin Clifford

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB
Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club
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Tel: 02 9415 8344

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

◆ 2023 Aug WS Pairs Championship



13th WS – Open Pairs Championship

3 x Tuesdays Aug 15th, 22nd, 29th August 2023 @ Willis Venue
12:45 pm Start– Matchpoint Pairs Event, your results are combined across the 3 weeks to produce the winner.

Prize: Club Honour Board & Represent NSBC (WS) at the State Pairs Final

Convenor, queries & partnership advice: **Mike Prescott 0435 528 872**
Director: **Ronnie Ng, Just turn up & Play, Must play all 3 sessions to win championship**

2022 12th WS Open: Pieter Kliffen & Michael Bishop

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB
The Willis Recreation & Sports Centre
325A Eastern Valley Way, Middle Cove
Tel: 0435 528 872

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Player Fees - Normal F2F Rates

♦ 2023 Club Championship events remaining

2023 Club Champion - Agreed Qualification Events					
CC Number	CC Max	Event Style	Dates	Venue	CC Event Name
13	10	2x Comp Nights in Jun/Jul	Thu-29-Jun	RB	Matchpoint Swiss Pairs
18	10	3x Comp Nights Jul/Aug	Thu-27-Jul	RB	Board a Match
19	10	1x Sun Congress Jul	Sun-30-Jul	RB	Open Winter Swiss Teams Congress
20	10	1x Sun Congress Aug	Sun-20-Aug	RB	Online Winter Swiss Pairs Congress
21	20	5x Comp Nights Aug/Sep	Thu-24-Aug	RB	"WATERMARK" Club Teams Championship
22	10	1x Sun Congress Aug	Sun-27-Aug	EL	Greg Quittner Swiss Pairs Congress
23	10	4xComp Nights Sep/Oct	Thu-28-Sep	RB	Club Open Pairs Championship
24	10	1x Mon Congress Oct	Mon-02-Oct	EL	Labour Day Matchpoint Pairs Congress
25	10	4xComp Nights Nov	Thu-09-Nov	RB	Club Mixed Teams
26	10	2x Comp Nights in Dec/Jan	Thu-14-Dec	RB	Club XMAS Teams
27	10	1x Sat Congress Dec	Sat-16-Dec	RB	Festive Season Swiss Pairs
28	10	1x Sun Congress Dec	Sun-17-Dec	RB	Festive Season Swiss Teams

♦ 2023 Club June Table Numbers

2023 Session Table Statistics									2023 Totals		History					
2023	No Sess Played	Avr Tables / Session	Congress Tables	RB Session Tables	EL Session Tables	Willis Session Tables	Ven Note	Active Tables	Comments	Ven Note	Tables	Ven Note	Tables	Ven Note	Tables	Tables
YTD	1025	7.73	600	4,386	2,195	746	YTD=	7,925			17,685		18,852		15,533	
Jan-23	217	5.93	124	719	330	115	RB EL WS	1,287	Congress RB Teams & Pairs events, Comp-Pairs & Teams. ABF F2F Summer Festival , Tables RB=65% F2F=35% Open =68%	RB EL WS	1,328	RB	1,140	CW EL	631	
Feb-23	205	6.04	68	696	353	123	RB EL WS	1,239	Congress RB Pairs event, Comp Night - Teams, ABF F2F Surfers , Tables RB=63% F2F=37% Open =65%	RB EL WS	1,317	RB EL	1,188	CW EL	1,648	
Mar-23	160	8.90	88	818	386	133	RB EL WS	1,424	Congress RB Teams, EL Swiss Pairs, Comp Night - Mixed Pairs, ABF F2F Tassie , Tables RB=61% F2F=39% Open =68%	RB EL WS	1,543	RB EL NR	1,455	CW EL	826	
Apr-23	139	9.04	100	690	351	117	RB EL WS	1,257	Congress RB Swiss Pairs, Comp Night - Morgan Swiss Pairs, Easter, ANZAC, ABF F2F Barrier Reef , Tables RB=54% F2F=46% Open =69%	RB EL WS	1,242	RB EL NR	1,267	BBO	1,365	
May-23	155	8.75	38	769	401	149	RB EL WS	1,356	Congress Almost winter Teams, Comp Night - GNOT, ABF F2F Adelaide , Tables RB=60% F2F=40% Open =66%	RB EL WS	1,404	RB EL NR	1,387	BBO	1,529	
Jun-23	149	9.14	182	696	377	110	RB EL WS	1,362	6 NSBC Festival Congress Events, Comp Night - GNOT & MP Swiss, ABF F2F VCC Melbourne, King Charles W/E Tables RB=56% F2F=44% Open =70%	RB EL WS	1,573	RB EL NR	1,658	BBO	1,438	

♦ 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
BOBBY EVANS SENIORS' TEAMS
TWO MEN AND A TRUCK RESTRICTED, NOVICE & ROOKIE TEAMS
PENLINE SWISS PAIRS

RAINBOW SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

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96 King St, Ashbury

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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				


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