



Mark, Melbourne Cup, Angie



26 Nov Inter-club Teams Congress Trumps



1st Dec – Full to Capacity.. Extra Party on 8th
8th Dec – New Open/Rookie sections

2nd Christmas lunch for Members Only

Fri, 08 Dec 23, 10:00

The 1st December Christmas Party-Lunch is now full, so we are adding a second one - Friday 8th December at East Lindfield. Separate sections - Open and Restricted-Rookie. Play a duplicate session at 10am - then stay for lunch. Normal table fees for the bridge, followed by free lunch provided by the club. If you are wanting to play in the Restricted/Rookie section please put a R after your name. Bookings are essential in click [here](#) to register.



♦ 2023 Melbourne Cup Pairs



Traditional celebration lunch and fun pairs bridge game on **Tuesday 7th November, 10:30 am at East Lindfield**. Bring a plate to share - the club will provide drinks, wine, champagne! There will be sweeps, a hat parade and of course watching the race on the big screen. Entry fee is **\$25** - Booking is essential - click on above heading or go to Upcoming Events



Melbourne Cup @ East Lindfield



was most likely during one of these discussions that she reached for a kitchen knife and stabbed him in the stomach. Well, she didn't actually play bridge so it could have been something else.

I know you are used to my exaggerated tales, but this bit at least is 100% true.

I am sure he tried to sleep it off and forgive her, but unfortunately that ended the relationship.

Or did it?

They got divorced, then decided to play one more congress together as their system notes were so detailed and they couldn't find anyone else to play transfers over a club, and before you know it, they were at a registry office getting married for a second time.

A more minor dispute occurred over odds-and-evens or low encourage, and once again the marriage was off. This time without the ritual stabbing.

Nigel went on to happier times with a more compatible partner, and his ex-ex-wife found love again with a kitchen implement salesman or similar, and wished to get married again. Her new partner was very compatible, being both stab proof and Catholic.

Unfortunately, as Henry VIII found out, the Catholic Church isn't big on divorce, so in order to get married again they needed some papal help.

Not long after they got together, the Pope at the time found himself with a document requiring his attention. A poor young woman, it turned out, had fallen prey to a very bad creature who had lured her into getting married at a young age and had turned out not only to be a bad egg, but to be a non-human. One of the reasons for granting an annulment being that the husband (my Uncle Nigel) had not actually been a person in the first place.

The Pope duly signed the document, and my Uncle Nigel was officially labelled "A Beast".



Another Story

Mark Guthrie
President NSBC

I've written about my Uncle Nigel before. He passed away not that long ago after a terrific life as a full-time bridge player and part-time wonderful human being. I will start with another story about him if I may.

Nigel was brought up as a Catholic and married young, not as young as me, he didn't have to take a day off school to get married, but still pretty young. Now, as us bridge players know all too well, many partnerships have their ups and downs, or downs and downs. Nigel was a strong believer in the need to find 4-4 fits in the majors, while his wife thought that 3NT was a great contract, especially when playing matchpoints. It

Now, I don't think I can get close to that classification, but I did get something similar from one of my customers quite recently.

I build IT systems for a living, and I received a very interesting email from one of my customers not so long ago.

I will preface this by saying that my absolute top suggestion for ANYONE, whether in the corporate world or outside, is this:

- **Don't write nasty things in email.**

If you feel tempted to do this, then pick up the phone and tell people, go to a coffee shop and tell people, find a stranger at a bus stop and tell them or get a can of aerosol and write it on a wall, but NEVER, NEVER put it in an email.

Now my top piece of advice that people ignore is also:

- **Don't write nasty things in email.**

People aren't the smartest people.

So, one of my customers obviously didn't follow this advice. That's okay, people do stupid things and often get away with it. Maybe nobody will find out. Maybe you haven't sent this to a friend of the person you were having a go at. Maybe you get lucky.

Or in this case, maybe you are having such a bad day that you don't need someone else to forward it to the person you are griping about, maybe you actually forward it to them yourself by accident.

And this is how I came to read a rather interesting email about myself.

I would publish it here, but instead I'll take some of my own advice about putting things in writing and leave it to your imagination. Suffice to say, it wasn't a glowing reference for my character, but at least they stopped short of calling me "A Beast".

The whole management team of the company was copied into this one, so I waited in hope of an apology or a retraction to come through. It's been many weeks and I'm still waiting.

I decided that perhaps this partnership was over, and then being the idiot that I am, I thought, "You know what, I quite like working with this company. I've got a thick skin, maybe I could forgive them and work with them again."

I showed my wife Julie, who is a nurse, the stab wound in my stomach where the knife went in and I said "Looks like a clean cut, no real damage. What do you think?"

She wouldn't even look at it. She said, "Learn from Nigel. Don't work with them again. These people are absolute bloody fools."

The Willis

We have moved out of The Willis in preparation for the renovations starting. It is always hard to predict how the timeline on these things will go, and there was a little slippage with getting started, but hopefully we will be back in again shortly and enjoying the upgrades.

A big thank you to **Mike, Josh, Rod Owen, and Allan Pike** for the all the work done in moving everything out and into storage or other locations. As always, our sponsors, Two Men and a Truck were on hand to move us.

For those of you missing The Willis, we have great games both online and at East Lindfield that you can play in.

Success in The Spring Nationals

The Spring Nationals have recently completed, and while I made every effort to finish dead set last in the events I entered, it was very nice to see some NSBC teams doing well.

The Bridgegear Intermediate Teams was won by **Lydia Gibbs, Kevin Murray, Rob Holgate and Peter Fitzmaurice**.

While the Two-Men-and-a-Truck Restricted Teams was won by **Mary Carter, Janice Olevson, Felix Shteyman and Fiona Fawcett.. Congratulations!**

**Angie Boulton****Retiring as a Bridge Director**

Angie has been involved with our club in various roles since even before it became North Shore. A long-term director and teacher, Angie has also done a number of administration and finance roles for us. All up, Angie has been supporting us for nearly thirty years.

Angie is hanging up her director's badge for the last time and planning to spend more time playing bridge.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Angie for all of her years of service.

♦ 2023 Club Champion Race

The 2023 club champion (Brownie Cup) is determined from results in 29 major club events. In October 2 CC event was finalised



The leaders board scores at end of October. The race tightening up with 3-4 real contenders for the 2023 title.

2023 Club Championship Leader Board			
Rank	Member	CC Points	Events Played
1	Peter Jeffery	98	17
2	Andrew Peake	80	13
3	Yumin Li	78	12
4	Michael Courtney	74	11
5	Gisselle Mundell	72	9
6	David Weston	68	9
7	Wayne Zhu	67	10
8	Wei Zhang	54	10
9	Peter Gill	53	17
10	David Hudson	50	8

**Peter****Andrew****Yumin****Michael****Giselle****David****Wayne****Wei**

♦ Labour Day MP Pairs Congress @ EL



On 2nd October, the NSBC hosted at East Lindfield the **Labour Day Match Point Pairs Congress**. This event attracted 22.5 Tables and was well directed by Mike Prescott.

Sue provided an excellent lunch & Nibbles throughout,

**Mike, Catherine, Cevat****Fiona, Mike, Sue**

Pos	2023 Congress -Labour Day Matchpointed Pairs at EL	Score MP	CC
N1	Cevat Emul & Catherine Zhang	124%	10
N2	Sue Morgan & Fiona Russell	117%	7
N3	Helen Milward & Paul Weaver	115%	5
N4	Peter Jeffery & George Finikiotis	114%	4
N5	Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach	114%	3
N6	Matt Smith & Warren Robinson	113%	
N7	Adam Rutkowski & Leo Goorevich	109%	2
N8	Hans Van Weeren & Aleksandor Milovanovic	109%	1
E1	Frank Budia & Theo Mangos	123%	10
E2	Wayne Zhu & Wei Zhang	117%	7
E3	Tomer Libman & Lavy Libman	115%	
E4	Neil Williams & Elizabeth Neil	109%	5
E5	Hui Li & Patrick Jiang	108%	
E6	Patricia Lacey & Margaret Gidley-Baird	107%	4
E7	Robin Ho & Alexander Cook	107%	3
E8	Linda Aubusson & Liz Fanos	102%	2
E9	Malcolm & Kathy Clift	102%	1



Frank, Theo, Mike



Mike, Wayne, Wei

◆ Sydney Spring Nationals

◆ TBIB Open Teams (50T)

TBIB Open Teams Final Results

Click on the set results to display the scorecard

Team #	Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
1	GUE	0.4	39	39.4	40	79.4	28	107.4	32	139.4
2	ASHTON	0	47	47	23	70	44	114	62	176

Team members

GUE David Gue - Joachim Haffer - Joshua Tomlin - Philip Markey
ASHTON David Wiltshire - Sartaj Hans - Andy Hung - Sophie Ashton



Andy, David, Sartaj, Sophie

◆ BridgeGear Intermediate Teams (16T)

2023 Sydney Spring Nationals

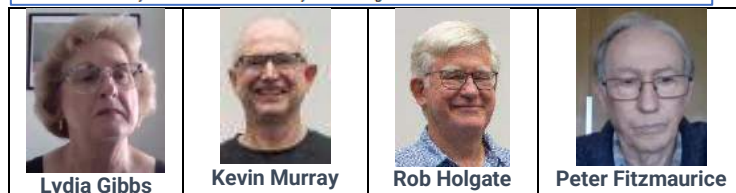
Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Final Results

Click on the set results to display the scorecard

Team #	Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
1	CARTER	2.7	23	25.7	10	35.7	46	81.7	14	95.7
2	GIBBS	0	35	35	39	74	53	127	23	150

Team members

CARTER Jodie Gudaitis - Sandy Carter - Colin Speller - Nerida Gillies
GIBBS Lydia Gibbs - Kevin Murray - Rob Holgate - Peter Fitzmaurice



◆ Two Men & a Truck Restricted, Novice & Rookie Teams

Two Men & A Truck Teams Results Round 5

Click on number to view the match result

Click on names to view history

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total
1	51	SHTYMAN	4	0	1	79	57.62	10.81	68.43
2	52	DRAKE	4	0	1	46	55.71	9.19	64.90
3	53	STEBBING	3	0	2	8	39.01	13.89	52.90
4	54	LEE	2	0	3	5	44.60	6.11	50.71
5	55	PILOSSOF	1	0	4	-26	20.26	18.83	39.09
6	56	LOVERIDGE	1	0	4	-112	22.80	1.17	23.97



Janice, Felix, Mary, Fiona

Spring Nationals Mixed Teams (T22)

Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Final Results

Click on the set results to display the scorecard

Team #	Team	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
1	MILNE	0.9	20	20.9	51	71.9	27	98.9	31	129.9
2	MULLAMPHY	0	33	33	1	34	55	89	37	126

Team members

MILNE Will Watson - Geeske Joel - Jamie Thompson - Liam Milne - Sophie Ashton - Lauren Travis

MULLAMPHY Jenny Thompson - Sue Lusk - Matt Mullamphy - Bruce Neill



Will, Geeske, Laren, Baby, Liam, Sophie, Jamie

Penline Swiss Pairs

Penline Swiss Pairs Results Round 8

Click on number to view the match result

Click on names to view history

Rank	Pair	Names	Score	Total
1	2	Michael CARTMELL - Richard DOUGLAS	10.00	114.42
2	1	Bill NASH - James WALLIS	12.70	108.57
3	12	Elliott KAPLAN - Peter ROBINSON	10.00	99.96



Michael



Richard

Comp Night – Club Pairs Championship



The club MP Pairs championships were hosted on RB Platform on Comp-Nights from Late Sep-Late Oct. The championships attracted 11 Tables, and a complete round robin of 5B matches was played. Well directed by Ronie Ng. 3 Pairs will represent the club at the state Open Pairs in Nov.

Pos	2023 Comp night - Club Pairs Championship	Score MP	CC
1	Andrew Peake & Gisselle Mundell	59.90%	10
2	Yumin Li & Peter Jeffery	55.40%	7
3	Elliot Kaplan & Peter Gill	54.60%	5
4	Alex Kemeny & Heath Henn	53.00%	4
5	Avril Zets & Joan Butts	52.76%	3
6	Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	52.43%	2
7	Cevat Emul & Catherine Zhang	52.29%	1



Andrew



Giselle



Yumin



Peter

Jacaranda Teams – How NSBC Teams

None of the winning Teams in the **Watermark Club Teams** have agreed to represent NSBC on 8th October at the NSWBA Clubrooms.



The event was won by the Bloom team



Martin



Nigel

















Tony



Liz

◆ State Open Pairs Finals

We wish all players representing NSBC at the **State Open Pairs Championship** on **18/19 Nov @ NSWBA club rooms**, Good luck!

			
Malcolm	Natalie	Robin	David
			
Andrew	Gisselle	Yumin	Peter
			
Elli	Kevin	George	Leo
			
Mannie	Lorna		

Malcolm Martin & Natalie Chupin (**WS Pairs Champion**)
 Robin Devries & David Burton (**EL Pairs Champion**)
 Andrew Peake & Giselle Mundell (**Club Pairs Champion**)
 Peter Jeffery & Yumin Li
 Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies
 George Finikiotis & Leo Goorevich
 Mannie & Lorna Ichilcik

Club Admin

◆ MP – Manager Update

Mike Prescott
0435 528 872



Club Manager

Gary Barwick
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Online Bridge Manager

NSBC Membership Numbers	Home Club Members	Non Home Club Members
2-074 NSBC East Lindfield	353	20
2-120 NSBC - Willis	1077	163
RealBridge (remote members)		132
Total Oct	1430	315
Grand Total Memberships end of Sep	1745	
End Previous Month (Sep)	1759	

We pay both ABF & NSWBA affiliation fees per **"Home Club"** Members only.



The draft Fees for 2024

- Table fees will at this stage remain the same.
- Thursday night events will remain the same.
- Membership will be **\$70.00** Full membership till December 31st 2024 if joined and paid by 29th February which time membership will be **\$90.00**.
- Non-Metro Sydney RB players outside Sydney \$45.00
- Congress Face to Face will go from \$45.00 to **\$50.00** No member discount.
- Congress Online will go from \$30.00 to **\$35.00** No member discount.

◆ 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>

The Willis Renovations – Alternate Games

East Lindfield Rookie Games

- Tuesday Rookie **1.30pm** this has a 30-minute pre-game lesson followed by the normal 18 boards.
- Thursday morning Rookie **10.00am** with Sue this is 21 boards.

Online Rookie Games

- Monday 2pm
- Tuesday 2pm
- Wednesday 2pm
- Tuesday evenings 7pm
- Wednesday evenings 7pm

Online Restricted Games

- Thursday 1:30pm
- Friday 1:30pm

East Lindfield Open Games

- Monday 1pm
- Wednesday 10am
- Thursday 1pm
- Saturday 1pm

Online Open Games

- Monday 10am 1:30pm
- Tuesday 1:30pm, 7pm
- Wednesday 10am, 1:30pm, 7pm
- Thursday 10am, 1:30pm
- Friday 10am, 1:30pm
- Saturday 1:30pm

◆ 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](#).

**NSWBA Price Increases**

As you may already know from the latest NSWBA Transition Project update, a decision has been made to **not sell the premises at Goulburn St.** While many members may welcome this decision, it is important for members to understand that NSWBA is running at a loss. Despite some improvement since COVID, we are still a long way short of being financially sustainable. In addition to the increased cost pressures felt by many other organisations, we also must deal with a reduced membership base that was already declining

prior to COVID and has not recovered to pre-COVID levels since. Currently, we are running down our cash reserves.

We therefore need to take some actions. First, the NSWBA Council has decided to increase **2024 table fees** across all session types.



SBC Members prices for duplicate sessions will increase to **\$16** (\$13 for concessions)



NSWBA championship sessions will increase to **\$22 - \$24** depending on the event.

Price rises for visitors, supervised play, workshops and all other state events have also been approved. These price rises will come into effect on **1 November 2023**.

We understand however that many of our members are also facing cost of living pressures, so have decided not to increase annual membership fees for 2024 notwithstanding a **\$10 increase** in the annual State Affiliation fees.

These price rises will help improve SBC's financial outlook but will still not be enough to achieve financial stability. We are therefore also looking at other initiatives to improve the bottom line, including attracting and retaining new players and finding ways to make better use of our space in the city premises. These ideas will take some time to implement. You will not see any changes to the premises for some time yet, but when these options have been fully investigated, we will share the plans and gather feedback from members.

Our club has a lot to offer – a great city location, accessible by multiple public transport routes and modes, opportunities for learning and simply having fun and most importantly, a very welcoming community of bridge playing members.

We thank you for your on-going support, and hope you understand that these changes are necessary for our club to succeed and thrive. We

look forward to seeing you at the club again soon.

John Scudder
Chairman
New South Wales Bridge Association Limited

NSW Bridge Association Transition - Frequently Asked Questions

[Link to Webpage](#)

FAQs and John Scudder's Perspective

There is a lot going on at NSW Bridge Association (NSWBA) and you might ask yourself, "What does this all mean? And how is this going to affect me?"

The project team, together with Council, is dedicating the next two newsletters to answering your questions. This update focusses on explaining the NSWBA Transition Project, while the next update will focus on the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 6 November 2023.

About the Transition Project

Please find a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and their answers here. This list aims to address many of the requests for information we have received. However, we have asked John Scudder, Chairman of the NSWBA, for his perspective and some more in-depth explanation.

Q: What is happening with the NSWBA Transition Project? Where are we at?

A: The Transition Project has been going on for some time, definitely longer than anticipated. Turns out the project is quite complex. It is not just about separating the current functions of the NSWBA but also about setting up the new organisations and improving our skill set and volunteer base. It is exciting to see a number of

great people, with relevant experience and commitment, putting up their hand to volunteer and lead us through the restructure.

To date much of the work has been happening in the background – we are in the final stages of agreeing how to separate. I am pleased to report that this is happening very much in a collaborative spirit, with trust and goodwill from all parties. Both groups, one representing the Club and one representing Bridge NSW (the new name of the NSW peak body for bridge), are mindful that their success depends in part on the other's success.

Shortly we will be in a position to share the transition roadmap, with more detail. Knowledge transfer is already in full swing.

Q: We understand that Council is committed to the separation, yet we hear lots of rumours and different stories? Can you explain why we are doing this?

A: Many people don't appreciate the financial pressure the NSWBA is under. There is a false sense of security, that we can continue just as we always have, that we don't need to change. The reality is, we are losing money.

Let me explain our current circumstances, and to do that best we need to revisit history:

The NSWBA was established in 1963, as a state association and a bridge club, with the main object to promote bridge.

On the bridge club side we acquired the Sydney Bridge Club in 1982 and the Sydney Bridge Centre in 2015 which ensured successful club operations for a long time.

On the state association side we focussed initially on establishing competitions and events, very successfully I might add, e.g. just think about our outstanding ANC record. However, over the last two decades we also welcomed an increasing number of new bridge clubs in the state, requiring representation and support from their state body. Today we have over 150 clubs that are affiliated with the NSWBA making us the

largest state association for the ABF. In fact we represent about 1/3 of the ABF membership.

Like most bridge bodies across Australia, we have experienced a decline in members, table numbers, and events attendance. The pandemic has dramatically accelerated this. To put this into stark numbers, NSWBA club table numbers recovered after Covid and have been stable for months now, but are still less than 50% of where they were before the pandemic. At the same time, costs are going up for everything. This affects not only our NSWBA club, but all our affiliated clubs.

This has made it very clear to Council that action must be taken. We can no longer afford to put our head in the sand and just ignore the facts. However, our current structure of being a state body and a club with different stakeholders makes this too complex. Therefore this transition project is setting up both organisations for the future.

Q: Can you share more details about the decline in player numbers?

A: I am happy to share table numbers for the Sydney Bridge Centre, the NSWBA club in 162 Goulburn St. In the financial year 2017/2018 we had 6,833 tables and in FY2018/19 we had 6,654 tables. Then a complete collapse during Covid, no surprise there. We have seen great recovery from those years, but the latest figures for this financial year are a total of just 3,174 tables. This is more than a 50% decline! We cannot continue with the same cost structure with fewer than half the players.

Q: Won't the increase in member fees and affiliated club fees prevent the need for other change?

A: The recent price increases are only part of the necessary changes, but will still not be enough to make us profitable. That is essential for budget improvement, yes, but does not address underlying issues including a reduced pipeline of new players, the low useage of our large and expensive inner-Sydney property, and that bridge is not being actively promoted and positioned as a mind sport.

Q: Where can NSWBA members, representatives from affiliated clubs and NSW bridge players find more information?

A: I encourage everyone to read the communications we are providing and attend one of the Town Halls we are planning (online or in person). Most importantly, reach out to any of the proxy board members to see how passionate and committed they are and learn directly why they want this Transition Project to be a success. And Always ask questions!

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Kind regards,

The Project Team
NSWBA Transition Project

Everything about the EGM

Members of the NSWBA have recently received an invitation to an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 6 November to vote on two motions.

We have again sat down for a Q&A, this time with John Scudder (Chairman of the NSWBA) and Mary Anne Loveridge (Chair of the Club Proxy Board).

About the EGM – Interview with JohnScudder

Q: Members of the NSWBA have been invited to an EGM. Can you explain what this means and why do we need this?

John: A request from 5% of members to put a motion has been received. Therefore, Council is required to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

Some members are concerned about the coming changes to the NSWBA. They have submitted a motion which aims to modify our constitution.

Q: You have proposed an alternative motion. Why?

John: The Council understands the disquiet of members and while we have repeatedly stated

that there is no intention to sell the premises, it seems this is insufficient. I would like to state: even if Council were to endorse a decision that changes the business model of NSWBA, such as selling our premises, it is inconceivable that we would do so without gaining approval from our members. All Councillors would agree with me on this.

The EGM and the motion, as submitted by members, seeks to alter the existing constitution and enshrine the need for a 75% majority approval for even considering the sale of the property. Now, handcuffing the Council (or a board) is not normal practice for any company and would dramatically limit our ability to conduct business in the best interest of the organisation. Even more problematic is, it will forever ensure that a minority of members can inhibit the wishes of the majority. It is my personal opinion, particularly in the context of the emotional tone of this debate (which seems to ignore facts and constructive discourse) that this clause would be impossible to remove, no matter how dire the need.

Motion 1 is therefore a compromise, giving a direction to Council to not even consider a sale of the property for two years. This would not alter the constitution and limit the handcuffs to two years. That said, most Councillors disagree with Motion 1 as well, because it would hinder due diligence and proper governance by a future Council or Club board.

Q: So why the discussion about potentially needing to sell the Goulburn St property?

John: There is a lot of misinformation out there, and I am happy to share where I think the rumours might be stemming from.

Let me be clear: the Council never passed a motion to sell the property. During a strategic review workshop in 2022 a recommendation was made to accept an attractive offer. It appears that this has been interpreted as a decision to sell.

Since then Council has undertaken further due diligence and considered a range of alternatives. I am pleased to report that the Transition Committee and the Proxy Boards have found a

solution, allowing the property to be retained in its current form without incurring significant losses and risk insolvency.

About the EGM – Interview with Mary Anne Loveridge

Q: We hear that there has been a breakthrough on the separation discussions, what is happening?

Mary Anne: The two proxy boards have come up with a plan for how NSWBA could split into two organisations, which maximises the chance of both entities succeeding in the future. It has been great to work with the State Proxy Board – they understand what is important to us, and I think we really get them. We both understand why we need each other. We need a healthy bridge community in NSW, and we won't have that if we are not successful.

Under the plan, the Club will have full use of the Goulburn Street property, with the exception of a set number of days for State events, which the club is pleased to host. Bridge NSW, the new State organisation, will have sufficient funds to create a peak body that will promote Bridge across NSW, and enable it to give a level of support to players and clubs across the state.

The plan was put to the NSWBA Council and has been endorsed. This is exciting - we've been looking forward to this milestone, and I'm pleased to see progress at last. For those of us who have worked on this for months, the separation is now feeling achievable. We look forward to getting it done and focussing on activities that really benefit members.

Q: Does this mean that the club is now financially out of the woods?

Mary Anne: No, it doesn't. While our table numbers have improved since the lows of COVID, they're still less than half what they were before COVID. The recent price rises will help, but won't be enough by themselves. In addition to this, under the Separation Agreement, the club will own the premises and take on its running costs. We will still need to do a lot of work in the next few years to turn around the fortunes of the

club. I am optimistic we will do it with the help of skilled volunteers, good management and the support of members.

Q: Will we have to sell the club premises?

Mary Anne: To repeat, there is absolutely no plan to sell the premises. Under the separation agreement, the Club will have full use of 162 Goulburn St in perpetuity, and we will need to make sure that we really do get the most out of it. The Club proxy board has some ideas on how we can increase our membership and gradually add more playing sessions. These will take some time to work through, but I remain optimistic for the future of the Club – and that will be easier for us if Bridge NSW is successful too.

Q: If we don't have to sell the club premises, why are we having an EGM to vote on this?

Mary Anne: The EGM is NOT a vote on whether or not to sell the premises.

The first motion is designed to make it difficult for the board to even explore selling for the next two years, independent of changing circumstances. This motion does not get in the way of any current plans, but it does mean that there are circumstances where the board will be restricted in its ability to act in the best interest of the company (its fiduciary duty), e.g. financial stress or a lucrative opportunity to upgrade. It also means that the will of 25% of members will take precedence over the will of the majority.

The second motion would modify the NSWBA constitution to make it virtually impossible to sell in any circumstance, unless we received approval from more than 75% of voting members – so again, the will of 25% of members will take precedence over the will of the majority. I have even bigger concerns with motion 2, as this motion alters the constitution and therefore has no end date – it is permanent.

You may or may not be aware that Councillors can be held personally liable for breaches of their fiduciary duties. You are probably also not aware that the Council and others have received threats of legal action where a member is seeking to challenge decisions. As a volunteer on the board,

this is serious - there may be consequences for my family should such a threat come to fruition. My willingness to work hard toward this separation and help the club is based on working constructively with like-minded people as are currently volunteering on the two Proxy Boards. What we have achieved to date is rewarding, and I trust that we can garner the support of members to deliver on our plans.

Q: How should I vote in the EGM?

Mary Anne: If either motion passes, there's a good chance we'll have trouble attracting and retaining high quality board members to help steer the club through this significant change. Motion 1 is the less draconian of the two as it does not alter the constitution and will expire, but it will still make it more difficult to run the club. I think people should make up their own mind, but if you trust the future board which you elect to do the right thing, then vote NO to both motions.

Following consultation with NSWBA legal Counsel, the State Proxy Board, and the Club Proxy Board, the majority of Councillors recommend that members Vote NO for Motion 1 and Vote NO for Motion 2. Keep reading to understand why.



Allison Stralow



2023 WBF Women's Online Autumn Festival

The main prize, courtesy of the WBF President, Jan Kamras, is Free entry to the National Women's Pairs event in the next WBF Pairs Championship for the winner and a partner of her choice from the same NBO; WBF online Master Points will be awarded to the Festival's top 20 players and there will be lots of BBO prizes.

» [2023 WBF Women's Online Bridge Festival Flyer](#)

» [Women's Online World Bridge Club Website](#)

♦ Bridge Lessons.



Liz Wilkinson

Liz Wilkinson is now teaching "Bridge Basics" on **Wednesdays** & "5 Essential Conventions" on **Tuesdays**, both at **East Lindfield**.

Bridge Basics has started on Wednesday afternoons continuing into November. This course expands on basic ideas, introduces some new concepts, and focuses on card playing skills. If you know someone who hasn't played for a while and can't remember much more than the basics, this course would be great to get them back into the game. Please contact Fiona for more details

info@learnbridgeinsydney.com.au



Link to [Website Teaching Basics](#)



These lessons cover five essential conventions that will help players move from Supervised into Rookies – **The last is on Pre-empts**. The lessons are Tuesday mornings 10am at East Lindfield.

\$20 for Members, \$25 for Visitors

Any questions, please contact Fiona on 0407 698 786 or email her at

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Five Essential Conventions	Tuesdays 10am @ East Lindfield
Pre-empts	14th November



Anita Curtis

Anita Curtis is running 2 separate intermediate sessions: - Wednesday pm for more **experienced intermediate players** & Thursday AM for those just **starting intermediate**

NSBC Thursday mornings online at 9.30am

November 2023 Program with Anita Curtis



Thursday mornings for the rest of the year will be consolidation through hand analysis of the DYS course and, also a few lessons at lower intermediate level - Broaden Your Game (BYG). 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
Nov 2	NO LESSON
Nov 9	Covering honours in defence
Nov 16	Gentle Hand Analysis 6
Nov 23	Card combinations part 2 (missing 2 honours)
Nov 30	Gentle Hand Analysis 7

Bridge Basics - Face-to-Face	Wednesdays 2.00pm @ East Lindfield
Overcalling and the Takeout Double	1st November
Counting losers, playing and defending a suit contract	8th November
Play in your Major when you have a fit, more bidding when partner opens 1NT	15th November
Making the best of your high cards, the fine art of Finessing	22nd November
Being Competitive, getting into the bidding after an opponent has opened	29th November
Defending well, the hardest part of the game.	6th December

NSBC Intermediate/BYG November 2023 Program
LAST WEDNESDAY LESSONS 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
1 Nov	No lesson	
8 Nov	Eddie Kantar's Defence in No Trumps	Intermediate/BYG defence. Eddie Kantar explains best practice defensive principles in NT contracts.
15 Nov	Overcalling with 2 suiters – Michaels Cue Bids	Intermediate/BYG bidding. How do you show 2 suited hands as overcaller? The "Michaels" convention allows you to show 2 suiters in one bid!
22 Nov	Eddie Kantar's Suit Establishment	Intermediate/BYG declarer play. Challenge yourself by looking at suit establishment even when there are bad breaks!
29 Nov	Gentle Hand Analysis 5, 2023	BYG/Intermediate all skills. 8 hands to bid, play & defend at the intermediate level. The last Wednesday Intermediate lesson!

Then following a 1-week break for the GNOT National finals the XMAS Teams

Christmas Teams
 Thursdays 7th, 14th & 21st Dec

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14th Online XMAS Teams
Comp Night – XMAS Teams

Thursday's 7, 14, 21 Dec
 7pm Start – Club XMAS Teams Championships (Imp/VP)
 Prize Pool: Generous Prize Pool
 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"
 13th 2022 Winners: **Martin Bloom, Mathew Vadas, Shane Harrison, George Fleischer**

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB
 Online Venue with RealBridge
 Tel: 0413 884 805

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

Why not join? Remote Members just \$25/year!

◆ **Thursday Comp Night –Q3/4 2023**

Online TRUE MIXED TEAMS
 THURSDAYS 2, 9, 16 & 23RD NOVEMBER

TRUE MIXED TEAMS
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40th Online Club True Mixed Teams
Comp Night – Club True Mixed Teams

Thursday's 2, 9, 16, 23 Nov
 7pm Start – Club Mixed Teams Championships (Imp/VP)
 Prize Pool: Generous Prize Pool
 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"
 39th 2022 Winners: **Joan Butts, Michael Courtney, Avril Zets, Craig Gower**

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB
 Online Venue with RealBridge
 Tel: 0413 884 805

Player Fees per Team (304 ABF Credits) Members (via Club PP System only \$256)

Why not join? Remote Members just \$25/year!

Then the 2024 Calendar starts after Christmas with the Summer Pairs.

SUMMER PAIRS
 28th Dec
 4th Jan
 @ 7PM

SUMMER Teams
 4 x Thurs Nights - 25th Jan, 1st, 8th & 15th Feb

Mixed Pairs CHAMPIONSHIPS
 3 x Thursday nights
 • 29th Feb
 • 7th March
 • 21st March

◆ 26 Nov Inter-Club Teams Congress Trumps



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Be in **OUR TEAM**

26TH NOV @ TRUMPS

Less than 100 MP's

Less than 300 MP's

Less than 750 MP's

Open **FULL**

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◆ 16 Dec RB Festive Congress Swiss Pairs



Festive Season Swiss Pairs

Saturday 16th Dec at 10am

2 x Sessions

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Festive Season Swiss Pairs

Saturday 16th Dec at 10am

2 x Sessions

Rookie/Restricted Section

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◆ 17 Dec RB Festive Congress Swiss Teams



Festive Season Swiss Teams

Sunday 17th Dec at 10am

2 x Sessions

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Festive Congress

Swiss PAIRS

DECEMBER 16

Swiss TEAMS

DECEMBER 17

SCAN ME

Online



2nd NSBC Festive Season Online Swiss Pairs

Saturday 16th December 2023 on RealBridge

10:00am Start 2 Sessions – Swiss Pairs (IMP) 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 Winners: **Michael Courtney & Linden Raymond**

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) \$30pp

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



4th NSBC Festive Season Online Swiss Teams

Sunday 17th December 2023 on RealBridge

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

Prize Pool: Generous, but dependent on Entries

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

Director: Ronnie Ng

Entry Management: Enter by MyABF

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

2022 Winners: Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach, Leo Goorevich & George Finikiotis

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Player Fees (pp) \$30pp

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

And coming in the new year, we have 3 Congress Events

◆ 7 Jan RB Congress Swiss Teams



SUMMER TEAMS

Sunday 7th January @ 10am

Online SWISS TEAMS

◆ 28 Jan RB Congress Swiss Pairs



Online Swiss Pairs

Sunday 28th January 10am start - 2 x Sessions - Swiss Pairs (IMP) Event

GENEROUS PRIZES

◆ 11 Feb RB Congress Swiss Pairs



ONLINE SWISS PAIRS

2 x sessions SUNDAY 11TH FEB 10:00 AM

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◆ 2023 Club Championship events remaining

2023 Club Champion - Agreed Qualification Events						
2023 CC Number	CC Max	Event Style	Dates	Venue		CC Event Name
26	10	4x Comp Nights Nov	Thu-02-Nov	RB	Comp	Club True Mixed Teams Championships
27	10	3x Comp Nights in Dec	Thu-07-Dec	RB	Comp	Club XMAS Teams
28	10	1x Sat Congress Dec	Sat-16-Dec	RB	Congress	Festive Season Swiss Pairs
29	10	1x Sun Congress Dec	Sun-17-Dec	RB	Congress	Festive Season Swiss Teams

2024 Club Champion - Tentative Early Qualification Events

2024 CC Number	CC Max	Event Style	Dates	Venue		CC Event Name
1	10	2x Comp Nights Dec/Jan	Thu-28-Dec	RB	Comp	Summer Imp Pairs
2	10	1x Sun Congress Jan	Sun-7-Jan	RB	Congress	Summer Teams - Congress
3	10	1x Sun Congress Jan	Sun-28-Jan	RB	Congress	Aust Day Weekend Swiss Pairs
4	10	4x Comp Nights Jan/Feb	Thu-25-Jan	RB	Comp	Summer Teams
5	10	1x Sun Congress Feb	Sun-11-Feb	RB	Congress	Online Swiss Pairs
6	10	3x Comp Nights Mar	Thu-07-Mar	RB	Comp	Club Mixed Pairs Championships (State Qual)
7	10	1x Sun Congress Mar	Sun-10-Mar	EL	Congress	Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs
8	10	1x Sun Congress Apr	Sun-21-Apr	RB	Congress	Online Autumn Swiss Pairs

◆ 2023 Club July Table Numbers

2023 Session Table Statistics									2023 Totals		2022		History 2021		2020	
2023	No Sess Played	Avr Tables / Session	Congress Tables	RB Session Tables	EL Session Tables	WS Session Tables	Ven Note	Total Tables	Comments	Ven Not e	Tables	Ven Not e	Tables	Ven Note	Tables	
YTD	1602	8.02	812	7,110	3,727	1,239	YTD=	12,845				17,685		18,852		15,533
Aug-23	161	8.63	78	736	417	159	RB EL WS	1,389	Congress RB Swiss Pairs + EL greg Quittner Swiss Pairs, Comp Night BAM & Club Teams, ABF Coffs Tables RB= 56% F2F= 44% Open = 60%	RB EL WS	1,452	RB EL NR	2,418	BBO	1,458	
Sep-23	143	8.42	46	672	368	119	RB EL WS	1,204	Comp Night - Club Teams, Club Pairs, Interclub Pairs Congress, ABF Territory Gold, Canberra Bloom, NZ National Congress Tables RB= 55% F2F= 45%	RB EL WS	1,288	RB EL NR	1,977	BBO	1,460	
Oct-23	124	8.49	45	600	334	74	RB EL WS	1,053	Comp Night - Club Pairs, MP Pairs Congress, WS Renovations 2 weeks, No Bridge WS 18/Oct, Spring Nationals Tables RB= 57% F2F= 43% Open = 68 %	RB EL WS	1,337	RB EL NR	1,782	BBO	1,393	

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◆ Canberra Summer Festival Event Table (Jan)

Tues 9th	Wed 10th	Thur 11th	Fri 12th	Sat 13th	Sun 14th	Mon 15th	Tues 16th	Wed 17th	Thur 18th	Fri 19th	Sat 20th	Sun 21st
Women's Teams			One day Novice teams	TBIB Open Swiss Pairs		South West Pacific Teams				NOT finals		
Senior Teams			One Day Swiss Pairs	Under 750 Swiss Pairs		Under 750/300 Teams					Mixed MP Pairs Qual	Mixed Final
Life and Non Life Teams				Novice Swiss Pairs					2 Day Swiss Pairs			
	Chris Diment Swiss Pairs	Women's Playoff										
	Novice MP Swiss Pairs	Senior Playoff										