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Monthly Newsletter

August 2024

Dear Sharon,

To see all our latest news and events, please visit our website which is updated daily. [Click here to visit the website.](#)

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CLUB NOTICES

NAME BADGES

Name badges have been ordered and they should arrive in the next 2 weeks, we will send you an email once they are here. If you haven't got a name badge yet, you can still order and we will add to the next order. To order a name badge - please [click here](#).

MEMBERSHIP BOOK

We have a membership booklet which was designed to help new members get acquainted with The NSBC Team and show them the way things work at our Club. A number of our existing members also wanted a copy. Copies of the Membership booklet are available at both venues - please ask the Director and here is a link to an [online version of the book](#).

ATTENDING A SESSION WITHOUT A PARTNER

At the Club we want all members to be able to come and play even if their regular partner is unavailable. Some members are attending session regularly without a partner, this is not the intention of this policy - it is to cover off ad-hoc partnership unavailability or members who are new to a particular session still looking for a partner. We have updated the "Attending a session without a Partner" policy and it is available on the website by [clicking here](#).

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I cannot believe another month has gone by. The days are getting longer, and the wet weather has left us 🤞. The Club continues to do well. A slower month was expected in July as many of our members are away and have grandparenting duties during the school holidays. To our surprise, it has exceeded our expectations.

Spoiler alert! Congratulations to Sybil Hurwitz on her promotion to Grand Master.

It is with regret that I report we have had a number of “ugly incidents” at the Club. I kindly remind everyone to be courteous and respectful towards each other and our staff. Please refrain from using any offensive language, raising your voice, or swearing. Directors are there to help and ensure the game is played within the rules. When the Director is called, this is not something to fear—they are there to help clarify options in the event of a potential infringement. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive and welcoming environment for all.

Congratulations to all those who played well at ANC in Orange. It is great to see so many of our members featuring in the awards.

On Friday, 30th August, Will Jenner-O’Shea is back for another workshop. I attended the last one and am a total convert to this format of learning. After morning tea, Will explained a technique, then we played some boards, and after each board, we opened up the hands, and he would explain why the technique worked and when it wouldn’t. For me, there were many real “light-bulb” moments, and I highly recommend you try out his next workshop.

Will works the room, so supervised players to open players all got something out of his teachings, as he pitched his explanations to the individual tables. To see more information on the topics of his next lesson and register—[click here](#).

I’ve had a mainly HR month this month, with the re-issue of some staff contracts, amending our Employee Handbook, and modifying the rates in line with the award changes following the minimum wage increase that took effect on 1st July 2024.

Jo is knee-deep wading through the accounting reports and getting to grips with how we do things at North Shore, understanding the various costs and reporting buckets we have at the Club. She has identified a number of small improvements already.

Ian and his Sponsorship group are well into the swing of things and are looking at opportunities to increase our sponsorship for events.

Jake Andrew is starting the process of creating a Subcommittee with the objective of formulating a Strategic Plan for the Club. This will help this current Committee by providing a guideline on what we are working towards. It will also form an important input into the Reserve Fund Subcommittee that Terry Dunne is leading and lastly provide continuity for future Committees.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge one of our most dedicated volunteers, Kevin Davies. Kevin was the editor of our newsletter for a very long time. What you may not know is that Kevin, together with Lee, keeps our Honour Boards and archives up to date. These records are an

together with Leo, keeps our honour boards and archives up to date. These records are an important part of our Club's history. When you next come across Kevin, please thank him for his time and contribution to the Club.

MAJOR RESULTS

Our NSBC Winter Congress was held on Sunday 28th July with 16 Teams competing. The victors were Team Davies consisting of Neil Perry, Elli Urbach, Kevin Davies and George Finikiotis. It was a close finish coming into the last round read all about it on [our website](#).

🏆 Winners - Davies Team – 82.07 VP's



Elli Urbach



Kevin Davies



Neill Perry



George Finikiotis

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Pairs Qualifier - The Willis

Tuesday, 6th August, 20th August, 27th August, & 3rd September

[State Qualifier I Pairs I The Willis I Red Masterpoints @ State Level](#)

No need to book or register - just turn up

NSBC Club Teams Championship

Thursday, 22nd August, 29th August, 5th September, 12th September & 19th September

[NSBC Thursday Nights I Teams I Online I Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

NSBC Winter Online Open Swiss Pairs

Sunday 25th August, 2 x Sessions, Starts 10am

[NSBC Congress I Club championships I Online I Red Masterpoints](#)

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NSBC Winter Online Restricted Swiss Pairs

Sunday 25th August, 2 x Sessions, Starts 10am

[NSBC Congress I Club championships I Online I Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

Greg Quittner Swiss Pairs

Sunday 1st September, 2 x Sessions, Starts 10am

[NSBC Congress I Club Championships I East Lindfield I Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

State Pairs Qualifier - East Lindfield

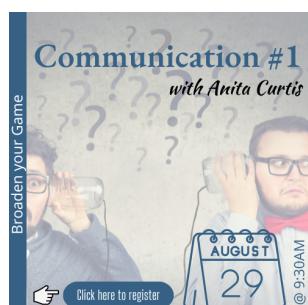
Wednesday, 4th September, 11th September, 18th September, & 25th September

[State Qualifier I Pairs I East Lindfield I Red Masterpoints @ State Level](#)

No need to book or register - just turn up

LESSONS

Anita Curtis has some great Bidding and Declarer Play lessons coming up, to see Anita's full schedule, [click here](#).



Will Jenner-O'Shea is back for another Workshop

Competitive Bidding Workshop
with Will Jenner-O'Shea



How to bid
It's easy when there is a fit and Partner says the right thing. BUT what if they don't?



When to Double
How do we know when to double. Will will help you evaluate your options and tell you what to consider



When to push them



Sacrifice Bids
When should you sacrifice, how to work out what the penalty will be if they double you.



Competitive Bidding practice



\$60 incl. snacks and lunch

Whose auction is it? What is the vulnerability? Lots of tips on when to PASS and when to PUSH!

Practice Hands with play and defence tips

@ 10am
East Lindfield

Competitive Bidding Workshop. How to bid. When to push them. When to Double. Scoring, Sacrifices and Game Try Bids. Lots of Competitive Bidding Practice Hands with Play and Defence Tips.

The day starts at 10am and is at East Lindfield on Friday 30th August. Lunch and morning tea is provided, the day concludes at 3pm. The cost is \$60 per person and Visitors are very welcome.

[Click here to register.](#)

Last Beginner Bridge Lessons for 2024 start on 13th August

Word of mouth is the best form of advertising, so please tell your friends who haven't discovered this wonderful game yet, about our lessons. You can copy the image below and send to them or refer them to our Beginner Bridge Website.

www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au

The graphic features a teal header with white text: "INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE" and "FACE TO FACE LESSONS". Below the header, a bulleted list of course details is displayed against a background of playing cards. The list includes:

- Course starts Tues 13th Aug 24, 10am to 12pm
- Book your place at www.learnbridgeinsydney.com.au
- 2 hour lessons held at East Lindfield Bowling Club.
- Course notes for you to revise.
- No partner needed, just give it a go!
- Free tea and coffee

Three circular callouts provide additional information:

- A dark teal circle on the left says "Only \$100".
- A brown circle in the center says "6 week course".
- A dark teal circle on the right says "2hr lessons full of fun and a workout for your brain".

Playing cards are visible in the background, showing cards like the 5 of Spades, Ace of Hearts, 9 of Hearts, 7 of Clubs, and 3 of Diamonds.

Please let your friends and family know.

DEAR DIRECTOR

Here are some boards from Saturday Open Session at East Lindfield on 21st July

North	V			
♠ A K J 9 7 5 4				
♥ A				
♦ A K 10 4				
♣ A				
West	NV			
♠ 10 3 2	♠ Q			
♥ 7 4 2	♥ 10 9 8			
♦ Q 7 5	♦ 9 8 6			
♣ J 9 7 3	♣ Q 10 8 6 5 2			
South	D V			
♠ 8 6	HCPs			
♥ K Q J 6 5 3	23			
♦ J 3 2	3 4			
♣ K 4	10			
♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	2	6	6	6
South	2	6	6	6
East	-	-	-	-
West	-	-	-	-

Board 15

North should Open this hand a game force bid of 2C (don't forget to alert this bid).

- South should bid 2 Hearts positive points and 5 hearts.
- Now North will bid 2 Spades.
- South will bid 3 Hearts yes in a bidding war but we can't stop bidding until game has been reached.
- North should now bid 3 Spades.
- South is happy to bid 4 Spades.

North knows that they have all the key cards and South showed a positive hand so they are very happy to be in 6 Spades.

This hand is easy to play. Most pairs did not get to slam.

Board 26 - Get to the right slam

East passes and South opens 2C (don't forget to alert), North Should Bid 3 Clubs showing a positive hand

U P U R I T Y H A R D

South now bids 3 Spades.

Now it is tricky there are lot of choices on this hand. You decide to bid 4 Clubs (this is not Gerber!!!).

South now bids 4 Spades. You don't have any spades but you also know you want to be in slam. You decide with your 12 HCP and partner opening a game force bid, 6NT looks like the safest spot to play in.

Yes you can also make a slam in Clubs. Less the half the field got to slam.

North	V				
 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ K 10 9 8 7 5					
West	V				
♠ J 10 9 7 3 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ Q 3	♠ 8 6 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ Q J 7 3 2 ♣ 6 2				
South	V				
♠ A K Q 5 4 2 ♥ A K 5 ♦ 8 ♣ A J 4	HCPs 12 3 4 21				
♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	
North	7	4	6	5	7
South	7	4	6	5	7
East	-	-	-	-	-
West	-	-	-	-	-

MONTHLY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following players who were the overall Monthly Winners for their session.

East Lindfield Monday 10.00 AM Rookie - Geoff Lyons / Les Owen
East Lindfield Monday 1.00 PM Open - Simon Vinson / Christine Vinson
East Lindfield Monday 7.00 PM Supervised - Jo Nolan / Asra Tinker
East Lindfield Tuesday 1.30 PM Rookie - Peter Brook / Jeffrey Ware
East Lindfield Wednesday 10.00 AM Open - Stephen Sharp / Janet Crocker
East Lindfield Thursday 10.00 AM Rookie - Shirley Rutter / Yeung Cheung
East Lindfield Thursday 10.00 AM Supervised - Lynne Fishwick / Neale Fraser
East Lindfield Thursday 1.00 PM Open - David Burton / Bob Lygo
East Lindfield Saturday 1.00 PM Open - Alessandro Gado / Alex Kemeny
East Lindfield Saturday 1.00 PM Supervised - Craig Goulding / Karen Slee
The Willis Monday 1.30 PM Rookie - Robin Low / Cynthia Playfair
The Willis Tuesday 12.30 PM Open - Graham McMahon / Yu-Shiun Chen
The Willis Wednesday 12.30 PM Open - Ian Maclaren / Malcolm Martin
Online Mon 10.00 am Open - David Smee / Ed Truscott
Online Mon 1.30 pm Open - Kevin Davies / Julianne Rocks
Online Mon 2.00 pm Rookie - Linda Cunningham / Ian Newton
Online Tue 1.30 pm Open - Lori Smith / Arjuna De Livera
Online Tue 2.00 pm Rookie - Marg Daridis / Robyn Walker

Online Tue 7.00 pm Restricted - Rosemary Mayes / Jan Hammer
Online Wed 10.00 am Open - Barbara Abraham / Annette Sacher
Online Wed 1.30 pm Open - David Smee / Derek Maltz
Online Wed 2.00 pm Rookie - Stella Jansen / Theo Armenis
Online Wed 7.00 pm Open - Stuart Schon / John Gurewitz
Online Thu 1.30 pm Open - Derek Maltz / Adam Rutkowski
Online Thu 1.30 pm Restricted - Brian Emanuel / Meera Kudva
Online Fri 1.30 pm Open - Lorna Ichilcik / Lynn Kalmin
Online Sat 1.30 pm Rookie - Noni Glew / Judith Chapple
Online Sat 1.30 pm Open - Giselle Mundell / Rena Kaplan

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members on their promotions. It is fantastic to see so many of our newer players getting their first promotions. Well done.

* * * Sybil Hurwitz to Grand Master * * *
Rodney Scotford to Silver Life Master
Mary Carter to Bronze National Master
Sherlock Shao to National Master
Sharon Thompson to Bronze State Master
Sandra Belcher to Bronze Regional Master
Jann Cathels to Bronze Regional Master
Charlie Algert to Regional Master
Rose Braude to Regional Master
Margaret Parker to Silver Local Master
Peter Cassin to Bronze Local Master
Stephen Sharp to Bronze Local Master
Leigh Brooks to Bronze Local Master
Peta McElhone to Bronze Local Master
Neil Edwards to Bronze Local Master
Jeff Ware to Local Master
Peter Brook to Local Master
Paul Swinhoe to Local Master
Cathy Cameron to Club Master
Julie Travers to Graduate Master
Geoffrey Lyons to Graduate Master
Pamela Hannam to Graduate Master
Marina McCullagh to Graduate Master
Patrick Lockley to Graduate Master
Robyn Holt to Graduate Master
Ruth Browne to Graduate Master
Brian Warren to Graduate Master
Lesley Irwin to Graduate Master

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Pamela Adorini - St Ives
Craig Becconsall - Phillip - ACT
Monique Branch - Manly Vale
Tony Carr - Pymble
Joy Carrigan - Artarmon
Jane Cozens - Artarmon
John Dunn - Chapman
Mike Fowlds - Wahroonga

Barbara Gordon - Cremorne
Don Gunasekera - Pymble
Pamela Hannam - Waverton
Melissa Iverach - Bathurst
Pamela Lamont - Cheltenham
Barry Morris - West Pymble
Samantha Morris - Turramurra
Barbara Robbins - Killara
Geoff Robbins - Killara
James Robinson - St Ives
Janet Rowlatt - Wentworth Falls
Sarah Salt - Avoca Beach
Merran Strasser - West Pennant Hills



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