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Monthly Newsletter

September 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

Come and try Bowls on Sunday 29th September

From 12pm to 2:30 pm | \$5 per person includes a Sausage Sizzle

The whole family are welcome

East Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club

Labour Day (October 7th)

East Lindfield - Labour Day Congress - Register here and also **Red Points**

The Willis - Closed

Online - Open Session at 1:30pm (**Red Points**)

Online - Rookie Session at 2pm (**Red Points**)

Online - morning session will not be on.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we step into the first days of spring, I hope this message finds you well and filled with the same sense of renewal that the season brings. The days are getting longer, the flowers are starting to bloom, and there's a feeling of fresh beginnings in the air. It's a perfect time to learn new things with heaps of lessons available over the next three months and to reflect on our

new things, with heaps of lessons available over the next three months, and to reflect on our achievements over the past month. Congratulations to all the winners from Coffs Week—you make us all proud! We also look forward to the exciting plans we have lined up for the season ahead. Don't forget to try our new [calendar function on the website](#).

Your Committee, together with Mike and Gary, will be looking at ways to boost our online offerings. The “what and how” of this is still being worked out, but we wanted to let you know that, among other things we are busy working on, this has been added to the list. Most of the achievements since the last newsletter come from our Treasurer Jo, who has been deep-diving into our finances, seeing how they work, and looking at ways to remove duplication and risk. All of this is leading to more efficient and cost-effective processes.

On a more routine note, but still representing progress and change, we have completed the migration from the two Dropbox accounts we used to our own Company Drive on Google. This will enable us to streamline our operations further and ensure on-going security for members' personal information.

Mike and Gary have finalized the 2025 calendar. I was amazed at the lengthy process this entails, with all congresses requiring approval from BNSW via a manual entry process, along with considerations of national events and school holidays. This process is normally done in November; however, Mike noticed that the State and National calendars were filling up earlier than normal, so we had to bring this process forward. Well done, Team NSBC!

I attended the first council meeting of BNSW. As one of the largest clubs, NSBC has an automatic seat. The first council is appointed, and the next will be elected. Being new to Bridge governance, I was appalled to hear about the existing NSWBA structure, and I believe the separation is a positive step for bridge in NSW and for all of us at NSBC. This meeting was more about how the new organisation will look and served as an introduction to the BNSW Board. My personal view is that everything looks positive, with discussions about doing more for clubs and understanding what clubs need. Hopefully, we will see some deliverables soon. As your representative, I will keep you posted. You can also subscribe to the new BNSW newsletter by [registering here](#). To see the August edition of the BNSW Newsletter - [click here](#). If you have any concerns about State Bridge that you think should be raised, please let me know by emailing me.

This month, I would like to personally thank Jill Hagley. Jill and David have been very active members of NSBC. Jill, together with Robyn Rogers, is one of our Welfare Officers. If you are sick, lose a loved one, or need cheering up, we let Jill or Robyn know, and they are responsible for sending you a little note or giving you a call. I always see Jill in the kitchen helping at congresses, laying out table numbers, collecting boards, and helping directors in general. Members like Jill make our club special, so from all of us, Jill—THANK YOU.

Remember, there's never been a better time to dive into our lessons, join our upcoming congresses, and stay connected with our bridge community. Your participation makes all the difference! As we embrace this new season of growth and opportunity, let's continue to support each other, be kind to our partners and opponents, and, most importantly, take care of ourselves. Here's to a fantastic spring filled with learning, laughter, and success!

MAJOR RESULTS

COFFS HARBOUR GOLD CONGRESS

Intermediate Swiss Pairs

Congratulations to Lydia Gibbs and Kevin Murray, who have won the Intermediate Swiss Pairs event. Kit Meyers and Kerry Rymer were runners-up in the same event. [See full article.](#)

Open Teams

Congratulations to James Coutts who was part of the winning COUTTS Team. Also to Sophie Ashton and David Beauchamp, part of the ASHTON Team that came Second, and to Sandra and Andrew Richman - part of the RICHMAN Team who came Third. [See full article.](#)

BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

Congratulations to Team ASHTON: consisting of Ella Jacob, David Wiltshire, Andrew Spooner and Sophie Ashton. [See full article.](#)

WINTER ONLINE SWISS PAIRS

Congratulations to George Fleischer and Matthew Vadas on winning the Open section and to John Allcock and Walter Cellich on being the best Restricted Pair. To see all results, photos and full article - [please click here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Pairs Qualifier - EAST LINDFIELD

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

[Club Championships](#) | Pairs | East Lindfield | [Red Masterpoints @ State Level](#)

No booking required, just show up

Margaret Smale Metro North Interclub Teams Challenge - East Lindfield

Sunday 22nd September

[Interclub](#) | Teams | East Lindfield | [Red Masterpoints](#)

Email Sue Crompton at sue@northshorebridgeclub.com.au to enter

NSBC Open Pairs Championship - State Qualifier

Thursday 26th September, 10th & 17th October

[Thursday Nights](#) | Club Championships | Pairs | State Qualifier | Online | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

Labour Day Matchpoint Pairs

Monday 7th October

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

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

"MANY GAMES PROVIDE FUN, BUT BRIDGE GRIPS YOU. IT EXERCISES YOUR MIND. YOUR MIND CAN RUST, YOU KNOW, BUT BRIDGE PREVENTS THE RUST FROM FORMING."

Martina Navratilova



LESSONS

John Newman Series

We are pleased to announce that following the feedback and success of John Newman's Friday afternoon lessons, John will be doing more this month. These lessons are for anyone from Supervised to Intermediate players wanting to improve their bridge in a fun, interactive session.

[Friday Sept 6th @ 1PM - Click to book](#)



HAND EVALUATION
with John Newman

BOOK VIA WEBSITE

WHEN TO BREAK THE RULES

Are you missing Game or SLAMs?

Learn some easy evaluation methods you can use to fix common bidding mistakes and avoid poor contracts

SEPTEMBER 6 FRIDAY @ 1PM

The poster features a dark background with colorful text and graphics. On the left, there's a graphic with the word 'BREAK' in a blue box and 'RULES' in a yellow box, surrounded by musical notes and a speaker icon. Below this is a cartoon character with a distressed expression, holding their head. On the right, there's a calendar icon showing 'SEPTEMBER 6' and 'FRIDAY @ 1PM'.

[Friday Sept 20th @ 1PM - Click here to book](#)



Landing on your feet in tricky auctions
with John Newman

Fourth suit forcing
Find the best contract, Clarify ambiguous hands, Uncover hidden fits

Cue Raises
Uh! Why is Partner bidding the opposition's Suit? Learn how to make it hard for the Opps to find their fit and tell Partner you can support them.

When is No Trumps best?
Learn how to reach 3NT when it's right and how to avoid No Trumps when it is wrong!

at East Lindfield
\$20 members
\$25 visitors

SEPTEMBER 20 FRIDAY @ 1PM

Scan Me

The poster has a light beige background with blue and purple decorative elements. It features several text boxes with different topics: 'Fourth suit forcing', 'Cue Raises', and 'When is No Trumps best?'. There are also illustrations of playing cards (diamond, club, heart, spade) and cartoon characters. At the bottom, there's a calendar icon showing 'SEPTEMBER 20' and 'FRIDAY @ 1PM', along with a QR code and a 'Scan Me' button.

Online Lessons with Anita Curtis

These lessons are for rookie, restricted, and new open players looking to improve their game, learn, or refresh themselves with new conventions. The lessons are online via Zoom, you can attend or order the recording if the time is inconvenient. Please [click here](#) to see the list of topics for the upcoming lessons.



Lessons for the new player, Supervised and Rookies

If you have completed Bridge Basics, and are playing in supervised or Rookies, this series of lessons is a great way to improve your bridge. Learn how to get extra tricks and make those contracts.



Starting 7th September on Saturday mornings 10am at East Lindfield. No need to book, just turn up.

- **7th Sept** - It's not a magic trick! Know where your tricks come from.
- **14th Sept** - "Aces, Kings, Quacks." Make the most of your high cards
- **21st Sept** - "A bag of tricks." Turn your long suits into tricks
- **28th Sept** - "Tricks of the Trade." Use the power of trumping for extra tricks

DEAR DIRECTOR

Board 24 Thursday 1st August Restricted online

On this hand West is dealer.

Yes you have more clubs than hearts however the game is about the majors and you are not strong enough to reverse.

So you should open 1Heart. Now as North you should overcall (not 3 Diamonds) that would be a weak bid. Just 2 Diamonds. Now as East you have 4 trumps in hearts you should bid 3 hearts. Not strong enough for a cue raise. As South you may decide to come into the action and bid 3 Spades.

West should bid 4 hearts here. Now as North you have no defense against 4 hearts. Even without South bidding anything I would bid 4 Spades. Notice you now have told partner at least 9 of your cards. If partner doesn't like 4 spades they can go back to diamonds.

5 diamonds should not make but also 4 Spades scores better.

North		West		East		South		HCPs	
NV		D	NV	NV		NV			
♠ A K 4 3		♠ Q		♠ J 8 7		♠ 10 9 6 5 2		14	
♥ J		♥ A Q 7 6 4		♥ 10 8 5 2		♥ K 9 3		11	6
♦ K 10 9 8 7 5 3		♦ 6		♦ J 4 2		♦ A Q		9	
♣ K		♣ Q J 8 6 5 4		♣ A 9 3		♣ 10 7 2			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	-	4	-	4	-
South	-	4	-	4	-
East	4	-	4	-	-
West	4	-	4	-	-

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

South	V	HCPs
♠ Q J 6 3		15
♥ A 10 6	1	12
♦ Q 2		12
♣ K 9 4 3		

Board 2 Rookie August 21st.

East Opens 1C and South Passes and so does West. North should overcall 1 Spade (some Easts did bid 2 Hearts not really strong enough to bid).

Now as South a better bid is to bid 2C (this is a cue raise) 10 plus HCP and a support for Spades. Now North is very excited you could now start cue bidding your first round control.

So North would bid 4C (this is NOT GERBER!) and now South co-operates and bids 4Hearts. North has a second powerful 5 card suit and with no Aces missing should bid 6 Spades.

Brushing up on etiquette and rules

Just something I see a lot when I am directing. This is more directed at playing Face to Face than when you are online. I know leading is difficult but when you lead don't pull a card out and put it back in your hand.

In the Laws of Bridge this is not allowed and the director may get called. The reason behind this is you are telling partner you have more than one choice of lead.

Please remember if the director gets called to the table you are not in trouble it is just to make sure everything is fair.

MONTHLY WINNERS

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

East Lindfield Monday 10.00 AM Rookie - Geoff Robbins / Barbara Robbins
 East Lindfield Monday 1.00 PM Open - Marlaine Gahan / Colin Thomas
 East Lindfield Monday 7.00 PM Supervised - Anne Handel / Margriet Shaw-Taylor
 East Lindfield Tuesday 1.30 PM Rookie - Louise Reid / Yeung Cheung
 East Lindfield Wednesday 10.00 AM Open - Peter Taylor / Anne Taylor
 East Lindfield Thursday 10.00 AM Rookie - Nicky O'Brien / Lyn Solomon
 East Lindfield Thursday 10.00 AM Supervised - Pat Quirke-Parry / Anita Van Den Bogaardt
 East Lindfield Thursday 1.00 PM Open - John Jongkind / Ian Lincoln
 East Lindfield Saturday 1.00 PM Open - Marlaine Gahan / Helen Stewart
 East Lindfield Saturday 1.00 PM Supervised - Karen Slee / Craig Goulding
 The Willis Monday 1.15 PM Rookie - Jane Loveday / Pauline Beckton
 The Willis Tuesday 12.30 PM Open - Graham McMahon / Yu-Shiun Chen
 The Willis Wednesday 12.30 PM Open - Lydia Gibbs / Kevin Murray
 Online Mon 10.00 am Open - Margaret Foster / Robbie Feyder
 Online Mon 1.30 pm Open - Helen Milward / Helen Lowry
 Online Mon 2.00 pm Rookie - Peter Messinesi / James McDonnell
 Online Tue 1.30 pm Open - John Milston / Ruth Phillips
 Online Tue 2.00 pm Rookie - Marg Daridis / Robyn Walker

Online Tue 7.00 pm Restricted - John Milston / Wendy Milston
Online Wed 1.30 pm Open - Les Grewcock / Peter Jeffery
Online Wed 2.00 pm Rookie - Marina Shteyman / Caroline Forbes
Online Wed 7.00 pm Open - David Osie / Judy Osie
Online Thu 1.30 pm Open - Joan Plivinick / Carol McMurray
Online Thu 1.30 pm Restricted - Denise Reilly / David Boyle
Online Fri 1.30 pm Open - Giselle Mundell / Jane Reynolds
Online Sat 1.30 pm Open - Giselle Mundell / Rena Kaplan

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members on their promotions.

Maxine Foster to Local Master
Lyn Solomon to Local Master
Donna Linnegar to Bronze Local Master
Barbara Richards to Silver Local Master
Peter Trebeck to Silver Local Master
Caroline Forbes to Regional Master
Kit Meyers to Bronze Life Master
Noelene Fritschy to Graduate Master
Geraldine Hardman to Graduate Master
Margaret King to Graduate Master
Jim Macready to Graduate Master
Enid McGuigan to Graduate Master
Leslie Schrieber to Graduate Master
Jackie Procter to Club Master
Nicky O'Brien to Local Master
Rosemary Mayes to Silver Local Master
David Perry to Silver Local Master
Carolyn Yates to Regional Master
Lois Chambers to Life Master

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Leone Devine - St Ives
Anne Handel - Phillip - ACT
Deanne Hinton - Manly Vale
Louise Horsley - Pymble
Patrick Horsley - Artarmon
Jill Johnson - Artarmon
Trish Kerr - Chapman
Tess Mulveney - Wahroonga
Michael Price - Cremorne
Liz Reynolds - Pymble
Paula Torpy - Waverton
Rob Ward - Bathurst
Josephine Williams - Cheltenham
Lotte Williams - West Pymble

New Supervised Session starts Wednesdays at the Willis

We are pleased to announce another Supervised session starting on 11th September, which will add to our other Supervised sessions. See the days below.

CALENDAR OF SUPERVISED SESSIONS

NEW



WEDNESDAYS

9:30AM - 11:30 AM



MONDAYS

9:45AM & 6:45PM



THURSDAYS

10AM - 12PM



SATURDAYS

1PM - 3PM

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WWW.NORTHSHORE.BRIDGE-CLUB.ORG**



COME AND TRY - BRING THE FAMILY

Lawn Bowls



Sunday 29th September
from 12pm to 2:30 pm

2B CARYLYE ROAD, EAST LINDFIELD





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