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# Monthly Newsletter

May 2025 | Editor: Russell Spear

Dear Sharon,

Please see below our latest Newsletter for April.

If you have any comments, negative or positive, helpful hints, things you would like to see in Newsletter, please send an email to [news@northshorebridgeclub.com.au](mailto:news@northshorebridgeclub.com.au)

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## CLUB NOTICES

### New Rookie Sessions

**East Lindfield on Wednesday morning - Started April**

**East Lindfield starting on 5th May, 6:45 pm**

We will continue the Wednesday Morning session going forward. We need your support to make this session a success so please join Sue Crompton at 9.45am Wednesday mornings at East Lindfield for Free pre-game talk followed by a duplicate session at 10.00am.

Another new Rookie session is starting on 5th May on Monday nights with Jenny Barnes, so come and join Jenny for a fun-friendly game with a Pre-game talk at 6:45pm.

## New to North Shore Bridge Club Pairs Congresses in 2025

We're excited to announce a change to our Congress events for 2025! Instead of Restricted sections, we're introducing Intermediate/Restricted sections to encourage more entries and make the events even better for you.

All players with under 750 Masterpoints will be eligible to play. Depending on the level of participation, we hope to offer both Intermediate and Restricted prizes – this will be determined by the number of entries.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea – Let's Raise Our Cups for Cancer Research

On Wednesday 7th May at 09:45 we'll be hosting our annual Biggest Morning Tea, supporting Cancer Council. This is also a **RED** Point event. We ask you to join us in what will be a heart-warming event for a truly worthy cause where in addition you can enjoy delicious homemade treats, and a chance to showcase your baking skills!

North Shore Bridge Club will be donating part of the table money on the day, and we've got a fabulous raffle brimming with prizes (tickets available both [online](#) and in person!).

You can also donate directly to Cancer Council under our club's banner and receive a tax-deductible receipt by [clicking here](#). Every bit counts – whether it's \$10 or \$200 – and together we can make a real difference.

We are aiming to raise \$5,000 for Cancer Council Australia and need your help. Whether it's \$10 or \$200+, every little bit counts — let's come together to support cancer research and make a real difference — [please click here to donate](#). To get all the information [Click Here](#)

## Kings Birthday 9th June Opening Hours

Monday East Lindfield 10.00am Rookie Open Red Points  
Monday East Lindfield 10.00am Supervised Open  
Monday East Lindfield 1.00pm Open Open Red Points  
Monday East Lindfield 7.00pm Supervised **CLOSED**  
Monday The Willis 1.30pm Rookie **CLOSED**  
Monday Real Bridge 10.00am **CLOSED**  
Monday Real Bridge 1.30pm Open Open Red Points  
Monday Real Bridge 2.00pm Rookie Open Red Points

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Introducing Your New Committee

I'm pleased to announce the new Committee for the upcoming term. Jo, Terry, Robyn and I have all stayed on, and I'm genuinely excited to welcome **Peter Marshall** as our new Vice President.

Peter is no stranger to the committee, having previously served on the 24/25 Reserve Fund Sub-Committee, and brings a calm, considered perspective to the team.

We're also lucky to have **Russell Spear** formally joining the committee. Russell has been editing our monthly Newsletter and working closely with me over the past few months. His particular focus is finding ways to encourage members who aren't playing regularly to return to the table by identifying and removing the barriers that might be stopping them.

And last but certainly not least, we welcome **Jenny Madden**. Jenny brings a background in HR and a strong interest in helping enhance the social fabric of the Club. She's already contributed ideas to help foster connection and fun outside of just playing bridge.

It gives me great hope that with this refreshed committee, we can take the Club to even loftier heights.

## Communications Survey Results

I'll admit — I was expecting a bit of a slap on the wrist when it came to the number of emails we send. But the results genuinely surprised me. Less than **1%** of respondents felt we sent too many emails.

The clear message is that members engage with what's relevant to them, and simply skim or skip the rest. That's fine by us — we want to keep you informed, but never overwhelmed.

So, we'll continue on in much the same way, with a few refinements based on your feedback including clearer subject lines, more concise content.

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to respond — your input is genuinely appreciated.

## North Shore Bridge Club – Finding a Forever Home

The Lindfield Rollers, who own the East Lindfield site, are facing a real challenge. Like many local sports clubs, they're grappling with rising costs, stagnant membership, and pressure to stay financially viable. But both the Lindfield Rollers Board and NSBC's Reserve Fund Sub-Committee believe there's a smarter, more sustainable future — and it could involve working together.

The concept is simple:

- A club with lots of land they own outright, a clubhouse with heaps of potential, and a stagnant membership.
- A club with thriving membership but no permanent home.

Together, we believe there's potential to co-create something long-lasting — a shared space secures the future of both clubs for the next 10–20 years and beyond. It would allow the Rollers to stay on the greens, and NSBC to finally hang our hat somewhere permanent — a win-win.

*Stay warm & play bridge!*

## Our Masters of Bridge Thoughts on

### Defence

- Always work on visualising what declarer's hand looks like. If you don't know, then make a guess and update it as you find out more. If you just follow along with the play without thinking about what declarer has, it is easy to make a mistake or fall into a trap.
- Try to work out what declarer is trying to do and do the opposite. A classic mistake I see too often is that I am working on establishing a suit as declarer and the defence returns the suit for me! This is very rarely right.
- Defence is very important and getting a feel for the point count and distribution in each hand will take you a long way.
- Pay attention to partner's signals
- Look at every card and COUNT

### Determining Points in Each Hand

- What you should do is listen to the bidding. Has declarer bid two suits, have they shown a balanced hand extra. Once you see the dummy add your points to dummy and give declarer what you think they will average and how many points will this leave for your partner. Then paint a picture of declarer's shape - you may not get this always exact but you can get pretty close.
- I try to determine points in each hand prior to Declarer being finalised and then after the first card has been played, but also as the hand progresses I gain further information to better recognise the cards and points each player has. I do this by concentration and memory - training myself over the years has led me to be successful in this area
- Especially if I can anticipate if I'll be on opening lead. I want to have a picture of what the dummy and declarer's hands are before I lead. I listen to the auction and narrow down which suit I'd like to lead.
- Listen to the auction! There are a lot of inferences and negative inferences that can be drawn. Don't automatically lead back what partner led. Make sure there is a reason for everything you do rather than just playing randomly. Always try to picture declarer's shape and points, it will help you construct the whole hand.
- I have a tendency to not notice my partner's card, so find it effective to say the card in hand e.g. Spade 5.
- Luckily there is an excellent book available, "How to Read Your Opponent's Cards" by M Lawrence. It deserves your attention.

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## OUR MEMBERS OUR CLUB

A Series talking to Members of our Club about Bridge, its impact and their enjoyment of the game and of our Club and moves to improve Bridge playing at NSRC

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## Our Members - Pat Bond

In the last few weeks NSBC was able to celebrate one of our members 100th birthday, Pat Bond, with a cake at our East Lindfield room, presented by Sue Crompton. What a fabulous achievement for Pat to reach that milestone and to still be playing Bridge at NSBC. After that presentation Pat then traveled to New Zealand for 10 days with her daughter Julie, to catch up with Pat's other daughter Cathy and her family to further celebrate Pat's milestone. The visit to New Zealand brought all the family together, both her daughters Julie and Cathy and their families.

On her return from New Zealand, I was able to sit down with Pat to discuss her association with Bridge, other interests and family.



Pat's interest in Bridge arose at a relatively early age and she was initially taught by her mother, then had lessons in her early twenties with a Mrs Tudor-Hope, who played in a lot of Bridge competitions and had a studio in George Street, Sydney. Pat worked in the Health Department nearby and would go after work to Mrs Tudor-Hope's studio. There she was in a small group with three other learners and they would learn/play under supervision.

She met her husband to be (Eric), in the mid 1940's, at work, and after 30 years of marriage, she convinced him to take up bridge. She arranged for him to have lessons with Ron Klinger. (Ron was a very well-known player, teacher and writer of many books on bridge). Pat says Ron was quite charismatic and her husband became a keen student although she thought this may have been because within his learning group were a number of attractive young ladies.

In addition to an affinity with Bridge, both Pat and her husband Eric were keen golfers. For Pat and Eric, golf and bridge went together, hand in hand and over the years this led to friendships and trips away with a group of friends, all keen on golf and bridge. Craigieburn in the Southern Highlands was a particular spot to which they returned, numerous times, with their friends to play both golf and Bridge.

Eric was a member of Pennant Hills Golf Club originally but then joined Roseville Golf Club. He talked Pat into learning golf and joining him at Roseville. Pat played golf on Tuesdays and Fridays with lady friends, and bridge followed golf, particularly on Tuesdays. On Sundays she played with her husband followed by dinner with friends. They would often invite these friends over to play bridge on Saturday evenings in their home.

At the age of 92, after 52 years at Roseville Golf Club Pat decided to pack away her golf clubs and give up golf. Pat was one of Roseville Golf Club's longest term members, and of course, they

give up golf. Pat was one of Roseville Golf Club's longest-term members, and of course, they gave her a great send off.

She and her husband moved to Lindfield Gardens about 20 years ago. Pat's husband passed away and while she was already a member of NSBC, she began playing even more often. She initially played at Lindfield Bridge club at Lindfield shops and then later at East Lindfield Bow Club. How does she get there each time she plays? – she used to walk of course – it's only 6 minutes away! More recently her lovely partner Penny has kindly picked her up and taken her home which has enabled her to continue playing.

What did Pat like about golf and Bridge – it was the competition, the friendships and the mental and physical exercise. Pat often played in the Herald Bridge competition which she thoroughly enjoyed and which allowed her to meet a wide range of interesting people. She always enjoys the competition, being able to play at a competitive level and of course the social interaction continues to play at a social level at Lindfield Gardens as well as competitively at NSBC.

One of her endearing memories of playing Bridge, was to play with Cathy at NSBC. Pat who plays Standard American, teamed with Cathy who being from New Zealand plays Acol but together they were able to win the day – outstanding.

When I visited Pat, it was her last day at Lindfield Gardens as she has decided to move to Manly Vale, where she doesn't need to be so self-sufficient. In our discussion she indicated she was very keen to continue playing Bridge but perhaps closer by at Manly Vale. Hopefully she will be lost to NSBC as she continues to be a great member.

## **Our Club - How we can Improve Your Experience of NSBC**

Not everyone has identified a partner when they learn Bridge and then finding a partner can be very difficult. NSBC is keen to overcome that obstacle and is developing methods to improve access to partners and improve Players enjoyment of playing from an early stage of joining the Club through their Mentoring Programme

### **Need a Bridge Partner?**

Finding a partner just got easier! Our NSBC WhatsApp Partnership Groups help members connect with players of similar skill levels for both face-to-face and online sessions. Whether you're a seasoned Grand Master or just starting out, there's a group for you. It's self-managed, self-graded, and simple to use—especially if you're already on WhatsApp.

- NSBC members only
- Separate groups by skill level
- Join online or face-to-face groups
- One-off games or regular partnerships

Click [here to read the full article](#) with all the details, group options, and how to join.

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## **MAJOR RESULTS**

NSBC Members have achieved a number of major positive outcomes in recent weeks

**Congratulations** to Ella Jacob and Jamie Thompson in the Youth ITS Team and Bruce Neil be chosen in the Senior Teams ITS Event

In addition 5 members of NSBC have been chosen in the Bridge NSW 2025 Women's ITS Tea  
Wei Zhang, Catherin Zhang, Di Coats, Ruth Tobin and Anita Curtis

**Congratulations to the winners of the GNOT Direct Entry Championship event for 2025**

1st: Team KAPLAN: Elliot Kaplin, Terry Brown, Nigel Rosendorff, Martin Bloom, Peter Buchen  
2nd: Team ZINES: Dennis Zines, Tina Zines, Gary Lane, Leo Goorevitch  
3rd: Team JIANG: Patrick Jiang, Hui Li, Sherlock Shao, Kelsy Chan

**Championship Points**

Championship Points were awarded for place-getters in the above event. As this was one of premier events, the awards were doubled – i.e. starting with 20 points for 1st, then 14, 10, 8, 2 down to 7th.

**Current Leaders in Club Championship race (OPEN):**

Rank	Player	CC Points to Apr 17	Events
1	Peter GILL	27	8
2=	Hugh GROSVENOR	25	5
2=	Patrick JIANG	25	5
2=	Tania LLOYD	25	5
5=	ELLIOTT KAPLAN	24	3
5=	NIGEL ROSENDORFF	24	2
7	WIESLAW PRZEWOZNIAK	22	3
8=	MARTIN BLOOM	20	2
8=	PETER BUCHEN	20	1
8=	TERRY BROWN	20	1
8=	WAYNE ZHU	20	4

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cancer Councils Biggest Morning Tea**  
Wednesday, 7th May 09:45  
Morning Tea | Bridge | Fun | Raffles | **Red Masterpoints**  
[Click here for more Information](#)



### **Mothers Day Swiss Open Pairs Congress**

Sunday, 11th May, 10:00

NSBC Sunday | Pairs | Online | Generous Prizes | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Mothers Day Swiss (Intermediate/Restricted/Rookie Pairs) Congress**

Sunday, 11th May, 10:00

NSBC Sunday | Pairs | Online | Generous Prizes | [Red Masterpoints](#)

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### **Board A Match Teams Championship (3 Week Event)**

Thursday, 12th June, 19th June & 3rd July

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

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Two Men & a Truck (Intermediate/Restricted Teams) Congress**

Friday, 20th June, all day

NSBC Friday starting 10:00 | Teams | F to F | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Two Men & a Truck (Intermediate/Restricted/Rookie Pairs Congress)**

Sunday, 22nd June, all day

NSBC Sunday starting 10:00 | Pairs | F to F | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (Intermediate/Restricted/Rookie) Congress**

Thursday, 26th June, all day

NSBC Thursday | Pairs | Online | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (Open)**

Thursday, 26th June, all day

NSBC Thursday | Pairs | Online | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Watermark Swiss Pairs East Lindfield (Open)**

Friday, 27th June, all day

NSBC Friday | Pairs | F 2 F | [Red Masterpoints](#)

[Click here to enter via MyABF](#)

### **Watermark Swiss Pairs East Lindfield (Intermediate/Restricted/Rookie)**

Friday, 27th June, all day

NSBC Friday | Pairs | F 2 F | [Red Masterpoints](#)

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### **Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Teams (Intermediate/Restricted/Rookie)**

Saturday 28th June, 10:00, all day

NSBC Saturday | Teams | Online | [Red Masterpoints](#)

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### **Fixed Income Solutions Swiss Pairs (Open)**

Saturday, 28th June 10:00 all day

NSBC Saturday | Pairs | Online | [Red Masterpoints](#)

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### **TBIB Swiss Teams Pairs (Open)**

Sunday, 29th June 10:00 all day

NSBC Sunday | Teams | F 2 F | **Red Masterpoints**

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A banner for Morgans Financial. On the left is a stylized logo with a blue and green geometric shape above the word 'morgans'. To the right of the logo, the text 'MORGANS FINANCIAL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'Morgans Financial, our sponsor of the Morgans Club Open Swiss Pairs & Restricted Swiss Pairs Championships, are free initial consultations at their Chatswood offices for financial advice for NSBC members.' Below this text is a bulleted list of three questions: 'Are you frustrated at how little interest your savings are earning?', 'Are you paying high adviser fees for low service?', and 'Is Estate Planning on your agenda but constantly deferred?'. On the far right, a yellow box contains the text 'CALL DANNY DREYFUS ON 02 811'.

To Contact Morgans Financial please [Click here](#)

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## **LESSONS**

### **Eddie Kantar's Plan the Play with Anita Curtis**

Thursday 8th May 0930-1130

Broaden Your Game - Eddie Kantar's Plan the Play (part 2 with new hands)

Description: BYG Declarer play. Get tip from "the master" that will improve your declarer pl

Please register with Anita by Wednesday evening (7th May) by emailing [ac210927@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ac210927@bigpond.net.au). Anita will send you a link to the Zoom lesson. If you cannot atte  
Anita will email you the notes for the lesson plus a recording to watch at your leisure

*Suitable for aspiring intermediate players who play in either Rookies or Restricted*

Visitors welcome - cost is \$20 per person - please pay by [clicking here](#)

Members cost is \$17 per person - will be charged to your PrePay account

### **Revise and Improve Your Competitive Bidding with Will Jenner-O'Shea**

Revise and Improve Your Competitive Bidding. Improve your knowledge of Overcalls and Doubles. How to respond to Overcalls and Doubles. Improve your Competitive Bidding Judgement. Discussion and understanding of how match points scoring works.

Cost \$60 per person (Includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Notes)

Visitors are very welcome

[Register Here](#)

### **Tools for Major Suit Success Part 2: with Anita Curtis**

Thursday 15th May, 0930 - 1130

Broaden Your Game - Tools for Major Suit Success part 2: Showing shortage (Splinters) for :  
or game - bidding

Description: BYG Bidding. Add to your bidding arsenal with shortage bids by both responde  
opener that will help you work out if you should go to slam or not

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### **Untangle the Defence with Anita Curtis**

Thursday 22nd May 09:30 - 11:30

Broaden your Game - Untangle Defence

Description: BYG Defence - 3 simple principles will you to good defensive habits.

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### **Scoring Matters with John Newman**

Friday 23rd May 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Scoring Matters

I'll teach you how to estimate your score during the auction. You'll be able to judge whether to bid, pass, double in common scenarios that players get wrong. These skills help in every competitive auction.

[Click here to book](#)

Visitors welcome

Members \$20 | Visitors \$25

### **Gentle Hand Analysis - May 2025 with Anita Curtis**

Thursday 29 May 9:30 - 11:30

All Skills: 8 Hands to bid, play & defend for the aspiring intermediate player.

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### **And for my next Trick with Liz**

Tuesday 3rd June 10:00 - 12:00

2B Carlyle Rd, East Lindfield NSW 2070

"And for my next Trick" series with Liz Wilkinson for the beginner or someone to improve their bridge. Visitors are very welcome. No booking required, just turn up. No partner required. This week we are covering "It's not a magic trick! Know where your tricks come from."

### And for my next Trick with Liz

Tuesday 10th June 10:00 - 12:00

2B Carlyle Rd, East Lindfield NSW 2070

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## DEAR DIRECTOR

### My Tip for the Week

I often see players not bid to game. They seem to worry - what if I don't make it? or "Oh we are vulnerable, and I thought I had better not bid on".

If you know your side has enough points for a game bid, then bid game. Consider playing 3NT rather than 3 Clubs or 3 Diamonds.

If partner invites you to game, if you have something more than promised or you are at the top end of your range then go for it. What is the worst thing that could happen if you don't make game? The sun is still coming up tomorrow!

### Board 20 EL Wed 2nd April

On this hand only 1 pair got to slam

East and West pass throughout North calls 1 Heart, South calls 1 Spade, North calls 2 Diamonds and now South calls 3 Clubs (4th suit forcing) North calls 3 Diamonds. If you play control bids, South calls 4 Clubs first round control in Clubs (this is not Gerber!). Now North is quite excited and calls for Aces. South responds 5 Hearts (two keycards no Queen of trumps)

Now North can call 6 Diamonds

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

## Board 10 Wed Online Rookie 9th April

East Opens 1D and West should not respond 3NT as this doesn't go with a Heart lead. West should call 2C, no they don't have 5 but it's OK to lie sometimes with a Minor. West's bid is giving vital information about a stopper in Clubs and is a good bid showing 10 plus points and forcing Partner show more about their hand. East has nothing more to show than they have the other 2 suits stopped. With vulnerability in Hearts. It is best that S is on lead and the King definitely makes. East bids 2NT (nothing more to show partner) and West raises to 3NT.

5 Diamonds will fail on Heart lead from West but can make by East by cashing Ace and King of Diamonds and running either Black suit and discard a Heart while North ruffs

North		V	
♠	7 4 3		
♥	Q 10 7 5		
♦	Q 5 2		
♣	6 5 4		

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

South		V	
♠	10 9 6		
♥	A J 9 8 2		
♦	8 3		
♣	K 9 8		

HCPs	
4	
15	13
8	

## ASK GARY

### Howell vs Mitchell movements.

Bridge directors face challenges in selecting movements for sessions, considering factors like stationary seats, players with movement difficulties, and sit outs. Socially, shorter rounds are better for playing with more players, which seems fairer, but in face-to-face games, shorter rounds require more physical movement, making sessions longer and more awkward. Typically, face-to-face bridge uses 3-board rounds. In online bridge, physical movement is irrelevant, so round length and movement type matter less. Two types of movements are available, each with advantages and disadvantages, designed to ensure fair competition for all players.

In duplicate bridge, every board has equal value in the total score, influencing how you bid, declare, or defend. While playing in game and slam is exciting, it's crucial to remember that score play and defence are equally important. Defending is the hardest part of the game, requiring synchronization with your partner, and improving this skill can significantly boost overall results more than any bidding gadgets. If your side doesn't play many hands, focus on better defensive strategies with your partner. Experienced players achieve good results by excelling in all aspects of the game, regardless of their seating arrangement. The saying "the cream rises to the top" holds true in bridge, as skilled players consistently perform well.

A Mitchell movement is characterised by North-South pairs remaining at their table while East-West pairs move to the next table each round. This format is referred to as a "two-winner"

movement as it identifies a winner for both North-South and East-West pairs. In contrast, the Howell movement entails most players moving to new tables and occasionally directions, with some pairs remaining stationary. As a director in face-to-face settings, I prefer the Mitchell movement when there are numerous tables, as it simplifies the administration of the day. However, as a player, I favour the Howell movement since it allows me to compete against the entire field.

The Mitchell movement offers the (small) advantage of comparing performances on the same boards and in the same direction, although it may obscure imbalances if not all opponents are played. For instance, one might play against highly experienced players who capture all tricks while others face less experienced players prone to errors, creating potential disparities on both sides.

Conversely, the Howell movement ensures that players engage consistently throughout the event. If a balanced game is played, positive results should follow. However, this format tends to have a larger bottom field, and finishing last can be discouraging (as everyone experiences). The Howell movement strives to enable comparisons and interactions with all participants in the field as equitably and frequently as possible.

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## MONTHLY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following players who were the overall Monthly Winners for their sessions:

East Lindfield Monday 10.00 AM Rookie - Bernie Egan / Patrick Lockley  
East Lindfield Monday 1.00 PM Open - Fiona Russell / Sue Morgan  
East Lindfield Monday 7.00 PM Supervised - Brenda Nicolson / Fiona Dawson  
East Lindfield Tuesday 1.30 PM Rookie - John Cowan / Tony Sheehan  
East Lindfield Wednesday 10.00 AM Open - Lois Chambers / Maria Remedios  
East Lindfield Wednesday 10.00 AM Rookie - Shirley Rutter / Yeung Cheung  
East Lindfield Thursday 10.00 AM Rookie - Peter Brook / Jeffrey Ware  
East Lindfield Thursday 10.00 AM Supervised - Jan Krone / Kay Fell  
East Lindfield Thursday 1.00 PM Open - Tony Halse / Brett Slater  
East Lindfield Saturday 1.00 PM Open - Margot Lander / Judy Sharp  
The Willis Monday 1.30 PM Rookie - Kate Mallet / Anne Perkowski  
The Willis Tuesday 12.30 PM Open - Gwen Cordingley / Lidia Punturiero  
The Willis Wednesday 12.30 PM Open - Peter Fitzmaurice / Anthony Smuts  
The Willis Wednesday 9.30 AM Supervised - Libby Barrie / Fiona De'Salis  
Online Mon 10.00 am Open - Julia Connor / Helen Christie  
Online Mon 1.30 pm Open - Gary Lane / Leo Goorevich  
Online Mon 2.00 pm Rookie - Anne Lancaster / Debbie Irwin  
Online Tue 1.30 pm Open - Giselle Mundell / Rena Kaplan  
Online Tue 2.00 pm Rookie - Peter Cassin / Margaret Parker  
Online Tue 7.00 pm Restricted - Bricet Kloten / Craig Becconsall  
Online Wed 1.30 pm Open - Fran Campbell / Esther Lee  
Online Wed 2.00 pm Rookie - Noni Glew / Judy Chapple  
Online Wed 7.00 pm Open - Steven Bock / Kevin Davies  
Online Thu 1.30 pm Open - Judy Osie / Rena Kaplan  
Online Thu 1.30 pm Restricted - Brian Emanuel / Meera Kudva  
Online Fri 1.30 pm Open - Fran Camobell / Sallie Quarles

## MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members on their promotions.

Catherine Chaffey to Silver Life Master  
Jenny Barnes to Bronze Life Master  
Gary Barwick to Bronze Life Master  
Alex Jones to Life Master  
Robyn Rogers to Silver National Master  
Ellen Borda to Silver National Master  
Pam Ward to National Master  
Meera Kudva to State Master  
Kwi Tan to Bronze Regional Master  
Brett Slater to Bronze Regional Master  
Russell Spear to Bronze Regional Master  
Judy McGill to Bronze Regional Master  
Catherine Egan to Regional Master  
Theo Armenis to Regional Master  
Kate Dowling to Silver Local Master  
Alan Kaye to Bronze Local Master  
Barbara Gordon to Bronze Local Master  
Paul Swinhoe to Bronze Local Master  
Margaret Clark to Bronze Local Master  
David Rieser to Local Master  
Paul Henderson to Local Master  
Jennelle Ferrier to Local Master  
Jenny Currin to Local Master  
James Robinson to Club Master  
Tammy Sayer to Club Master  
Roger Twigg to Club Master  
Alice Simpson to Club Master

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## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Laura Brain - Cammeray  
Lisa Evans - Carine  
Jan Farrell - McMahons Point  
Neil Glick - Willoughby  
Laraine Gray - Gordon  
Fiona Grellman - Roseville  
Mardi Henderson - Pymble  
Ella Jacob - Ashfield  
Andrew Jobson - Pymble  
Damian Judd - Fraser

Rositta Lee - Roseville Chase  
Di Lewis - St Ives  
Dinyar Mistry - Killara  
Terence Ni - Beverly Hills  
Gordon Ogborne - Lane Cove  
Judy Payne - Medowie  
Bernice Rom - Bellevue Hill



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