



Hello April... It's a jam-packed month..... including Easter 🥚🥚🥚🥚

President's Report

How exciting is this, to have a Newsletter up and running again. Not just running, but sprinting! But let us not forget the great job that Jeannette Wyman did for many years, a hard act to follow. This is a great initiative from Jacqui to present all the monthly updates in such a way. Excellent. The only trouble is, this will be my one and only President contribution :(

I'll soon be gallivanting around Europe - mostly Italy and finishing in Scotland - with two other couples. Fortunately, G and L do play bridge, so either they come back as better players, or I come back as a worse one. Or perhaps we'll find some common level somewhere in between? That's a scary thought. I will miss you all and our club for nearly ten weeks, during which time a new President and a new Committee will have made their mark, and a good mark it will be. I have every confidence our new President will do a great job, and I know our lovely members will give them and the Committee all the support in the world.

My time as President has been immensely rewarding, and I thank everyone for your support and friendship along the way. We have a great membership here. Problems are really very few, and we have good programs in place, new players are always coming through the door, (with great trepidation), and we are always trying to be a better club, the best club.

The goals and aspirations will continue, and when I come home towards the end of June, I will be a committee member doing my bit for the club, as so many others do.

Take care, and good bridging!

Andy Slater

April Calendar

April 2023

Eclectic:	
Mon 03 PM	Help with Play 2
Tues 04 AM	Help with Play 2
Tues 04 AM	Red points
Fri 07	No Play (Good Friday)
Sat 08	Play as usual (Easter Saturday)
Mon 10	Play as usual (Easter Monday)
Mon 10 PM	Help with Play 3
Tues 11 AM	Help with Play 3
Sat 15 (11:30 am)	NSBC AGM
Sun 16	NSBC 1 Day IMP Pairs
Mon 17 PM	NSBC Monday Shield – Round 1
Mon 17 PM	Help with Play 4
Tues 18 AM	Help with Play 4
Wed 19 AM	Red points
Mon 24 PM	NSBC Monday Shield - Round 2
Mon 24 PM	Help with Play 5
Tues 25 AM	Help with Play 5
Mon 25	Play as usual (Anzac Day Holiday)
Fri 28 PM	Red points

April Competitions

ONE DAY IMP PAIRS

Sunday 16th April
Starts 9.30am
Entries close Thursday 13th April
Entry via MyABF
Entry fee is \$35 / player or \$70 / pair
No payments on the day
Sandwich lunch provided
Red point event

MONDAY SHIELD

Monday PM 17th and 24th April
Starts at 7.15pm
Entries close Thursday 14th April
Entry via NSBC website
Entry fee is \$10 / player / session (two sessions)
Payment by bridge credits each session
Red point event

Guy Horsley

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A Reminder: When driving into the baseball car park - drivers must turn left and drive around when looking for a park.

Drivers cannot go straight ahead when entering, because - another car may be heading towards you!



For the member who earns the most **GREEN** master points in a year.



Leta Leiper Award 2022

The winner is Kerry Barridge.

New Members since the last Newsletter

ROSALEEN	COFFEY
BEVERLEY	FAWCETT-SMITH
JOYCE	GARTON
WENDY	GIBSON
HARRY	SUNDERLAND
JUDITH	HEFFERAN
WILLEMINA	HENDRIKS
ELAINE	JONES
JUDY	MCDOUGALL
LYNNE	NUNAN
ANNETTE	MACAN
WARREN	MCILWRAITH
JANET	MCKEOUGH
JOAN	MCPHEAT
KAY	REISINGER
KEALY	RICHARD
STEPHEN	ROFF
JENNIFER	WARDLEY
ROBYN	WILSON
BARRY	WITHAM
PIP	WITHAM

Results in March

NSBC GNOT QUALIFIER

Congratulations to:

♠ First Place: Martin Team

- CARMEL MARTIN
- WENDY GIBSON
- LINDA NORMAN
- ABBY WANIGARATNE

♠ Second Place: Lehmann Team

- DAVID LEHMANN
- BERT LUCHJENBROERS
- NATALIE BLOCH
- RICHARD MCLAUCHLAN



Walk-In Sessions

Don't forget our Walk-In Tuesdays (AM) and Wednesdays (AM).

NO partner is required. Just turn up and a partner will be there for you.

Walk-In volunteers from the Club who are on a monthly roster turn up to the session and make up the pair if required. In appreciation, a free game is given whether they play or not. The walk-in volunteer may not be needed every week.

Any member who would like to volunteer a session a month please contact

Kate O'Donnell at partnership@nsbc4011.com.au

Partnership Requests

Members looking for a partner, please
send your request to;
partnership@nsbc4011.com.au

Please include the following details:

- - Name
- - Session
- - Number of Masterpoints

Many thanks to Kate O'Donnell who tirelessly answers the very many partnership requests and makes every endeavour to fill each request.

McCutcheon Results for the year to 31st December 2022

NSBC members that scored in the top ten of their ranking.

National Master – Vesna & Voyko Markovic (9th & 10th)

State Master – Rosemary Porter (7th)

Bronze Regional Master – Sandi Pirozzo (1st) & Ann Sauer (3rd)

Silver Local Master – Robyn Wells (8th)

Local Master – Jacqui Dudurovic (4th)



SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS

FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2023

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc (4-545)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Graduate			
0541656	Blue, Margot	4.21	Nil
1033298	Fawcett-Smith, Beverley	2.42	Nil
1106937	Marr, Abigail Anne	3.01	Nil
Club			
1120158	Bonner, Allan	5.32	Graduate
1133802	McClure, Fay	6.57	Graduate
1014481	Taylor, Denise	5.69	Graduate
Local			
1083686	Hawken, Carolyn	15.25	Club
0966649	Moss, Jill	15.30	Club
Bronze Local			
0729949	Bagster, John	25.32	Local
0800155	Fox, Carmel	25.03	Local
0659460	Higgins, Anne	25.02	Local
Silver Local			
1002961	Ponting, Arthur	35.19	Bronze Local
Regional			
0754897	Ellis, Brad	51.86	Silver Local
0637319	Thomas, Roderick	50.14	Silver Local
0868558	Wilson, Maxim	50.08	Silver Local
Bronze Regional			
0736198	Brown, Warren	100.82	Regional
0842567	Geise, Daina	101.14	Regional
0504912	Shine, Patricia	100.46	Regional
State			
1058061	Baran, Helen	71.06	Regional
0953210	Dudurovic, Jacqui	71.59	Regional
Bronze State			
0708763	Clarke, Richard	107.09	State
0855359	Witham, Barry	127.48	State
National			
0375594	Porter, Rosemary	262.63	Bronze State

The **NSBC AGM** is in less than two weeks. All members are welcome. It will be the last AGM for Andy who will be stepping down as President. It is a great opportunity to acknowledge the great service by Andy over the past five years.

NSBC Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15th April 2023

Jill Wilson Building at 11.30am

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

All Committee
Positions
Vacant

Nominations
forms at front
desk

Proxy forms at
front desk

What is happening in the kitchen....

Over the past year there have been many changes to kitchen management. With the departure of the wonderful Helen Bryant, the past year has been spent overseeing the management of the kitchen and procedures. The culmination of this has seen the consolidation of many “small” roles under the Umbrella of Kitchen Convenor.

Congratulations and thank you to our new Kitchen Convenor, Sheena De Jager Miles. With the departure of many longstanding staff, we now have three lovely ladies looking after us. They are Kim Reinke, Solange Graham and Ayla Padilla.



Lost Property

A number of water bottles, glasses and umbrellas have been left at the club. When you are next at the club, please check the lost property table.

Thank you, Lesley!

March 2023 saw our lovely Lesley retire from her many years serving us all from the kitchen with her lovely smile and contagious humour. We thank Lesley for her tireless service and are grateful that we will still see her at the bridge table.

Thank you Lesley

After many years servicing members from the kitchen Lesley has decided to hang up the tea towel. Thank you Lesley.



There are still many members emailing the club using the old email address. Please update your contact email addresses for the club as follows:

NSBC CLUB EMAIL ADDRESSES

- ❖ enquiries@nsbc4011.com.au
- this is for general correspondence
- ❖ partnership@nsbc4011.com.au
- for partnership requests
- ❖ competitions@nsbc4011.com.au
- for competition / congress entries and enquiries



MyABF

The MyABF Payment for Sessions (P4S) pilot has been a huge success. NSBC has over 88% of members registered with 99% of players paying by bridge credits. More and more members are enjoying the convenience and switching to automatic top-up. Even our guests are all ready to go with their bridge credit accounts!!!

The big heroes of the pilot are our wonderful directors. Yes, there was trepidation and challenges, but our directors are the true trailblazers in Australian Bridge history. Their tenacity to learn and expand their knowledge is a huge credit to them and as a club we should be very proud of their significant contribution. Thank you, Director's!

As members you have your place in bridge history as well. Also, your management of your bridge credit accounts, ensuring you have adequate bridge credits to pay for your session is of great assistance to our director's and you have all mastered it so well.

Thank you!

MyABF is here to stay! I am sure most of us now wonder why we didn't do this earlier!



Above: NSBC leads the way. Presentation on MyABF at the Gold Coast Congress.



Partnerships:

There are some words of wisdom in this article by Kim Fraser in the latest Australian Bridge Magazine. The theme is; partners are trying their best – be kind!

The psychology of bridge

Partnership dynamics

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By KIM FRAZER, MELBOURNE

HAVE YOU EVER sat at the bridge table and thought that you had three opponents? Sometimes it feels like you are competing against not only the opposing pair, but also against your partner. You signal for a suit change, but your signals are misinterpreted while your partner seems on a different wavelength or planet. Or you make a bid that your partner looks at with a confused expression, and suddenly you find yourself playing in the wrong contract.

I think we have all experienced this in some form or another. Sometimes partner is just distracted by something else that is going on in their lives, while at other times you are just not operating together as a team. When a simple comment like, "I meant my 3♣ bid as a mini-splinter partner," after you think there has been a system 'forget', brings on a ferocious glare, you know it is going to be a long day. But who forgot the system? And how can you avoid making the same mistake on another board before the end of the round?

We all know that our partner is our ally at the table, even if sometimes it might seem like they are operating against us. They are, hopefully, trying their best. They don't choose to forget your system agreements on purpose, but inevitably mistakes do occur, particularly if you play with multiple partners or you have recently made changes to your agreements. They, and you, need to recognise that a remark about a bid or play can be required to bring closure to a bad outcome so that both of you can move on to the next board. It is not intended to apportion blame.

Having an agreement with your partner that you won't launch into

lengthy discussions at the table is a fantastic rule, and good for both you and the opponents. Nobody likes to sit and listen to the opponents argue about what should have been done on a hand. But that doesn't mean you have to sit there wondering if your partner has forgotten the system. A simple remark without judgement can go a long way to ensuring both are on the same page. After all, your partner might think that it is you that has forgotten what you agreed to play. It is a fine line to keep the conversation brief, but everyone permits an, "I meant 3♣ as a mini-splinter," with a reply like, "Oh yes, that's right," type of exchange.

Take this deal from a recent event which features a routine bidding sequence:

Board 5 ♠ 9 5 4
 N/NS ♥ J 9 2
 ♦ K 10 8 7 5 2
 ♣ J

♠ A K Q 6 ♠ J 8 3
 ♥ K 8 ♥ A 7 5 3
 ♦ A 9 ♦ Q J 6
 ♣ A K 6 5 4 ♣ Q 9 3

♠ 10 7 2
 ♥ Q 10 6 4
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 10 8 7 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	pass	pass	pass
2♣ ¹	pass	2♦ ²	pass
2NT ³	pass	3♣ ⁴	pass
3♦ ⁵	pass	3♠ ⁶	pass
3NT	all pass		

1. Game force.
2. Negative or waiting.
3. 23+ balanced.
4. Puppet Stayman.
5. At least one four-card major.
6. Four hearts.

When dummy came down, I was surprised that my partner hadn't looked for slam. After all, we had at least 33 points, and had I been in his position, I would have simply bid 6NT over 3NT. So, to clarify the situation our conversation was something like, "Did we agree 2♣ is 23+ balanced," with "Yes, we did." Right – I can ask later why he didn't want to look for slam with our combined holding, but at least I know we are on the same page – maybe!

Perhaps at the time his decision was influenced by an earlier board in the round where our combined 34 points wasn't enough to make slam, and he decided it was going to be one of those nights!

Since we weren't in slam, 12 tricks were made on the lead of a diamond from North. However, on other leads the slam cannot be made. We had a great discussion after the round about the board and what might have been done differently, and we can both move on.

To succeed in a partnership, both have to recognise you are on the same team. If one member of the partnership is worried because there has been a misunderstanding, they are raising this so that it doesn't happen again in the round. If they are not permitted to raise this, then they may be distracted and unable to perform at their best. The question of what they should have done will linger in their mind. The simple question, "Is our 2NT rebid showing 23+ points partner?" which confirms your agreement allows both to move on and get over the board.

Consider how you and your partner interact at the table when something has gone awry and work out a way to deal with it so you can perform at your best.

Until next time – happy bridging!

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Andy Slater –
Bridge Club
President
Extraordinaire



Final Word – Thank you Andy Slater

The time is rapidly drawing near to when we bid farewell to Andy as NSBC's 19th President. Andy has navigated the Club through unprecedented times with aplomb. Some of the significant events were;

- The management of COVID which saw initiatives quickly implemented such as The Daily Cheer, so members did not feel isolated, online bridge, online scheduling and strict health and hygiene protocols to ensure members felt safe.
- NSBC becoming a cashless club which saved much time in cash counting and reconciliation, improved hygiene as "dirty" cash was no longer handled and meant volunteers no longer had to carry substantial sums of money to the bank.
- The partnership and walk-in initiatives.
- Participation of NSBC in the testing and pilots of MyABF and the successful implementation of the Payment for Sessions roll out which sees NSBC at the frontier of bridge technology in Australia.

Andy has also undertaken all the teaching including each year the 2 x 8-week Beginner courses, 2 x 6 week Help with Play, mentoring and

Intermediate lessons. Andy has nurtured a whole new generation of bridge players that are actively playing in the club's two novice sessions on Tuesday and Friday pm. These sessions are amongst the biggest sessions played each week at the club. Andy has also been the club's convenor for congresses overseeing the club's largest open competitions. All this alongside the general Presidential duties. He has been a busy man, made a significant contribution to the club and now it is time to pass on the baton.

To be successful in such a position not only requires certain skill sets but also a unique persona. Andy has unrivalled diplomacy skills that have ensured the stability of the club and committee during his tenure.

Members are comfortable approaching Andy with the most sensitive of issues knowing they are in good hands. Never has a cross word been exchanged, always a smile and good humour!!!

For all the above, on behalf of NSBC members, the committee says thank you to Andy. We will miss you but wish you a safe and wonderful trip and look forward to seeing you at the bridge table on your return.



Andy Slater – Bridge Club
President Extraordinaire

Can you bid like a Champion?

The following hand was played at the 2023 Summer Festival Open Teams semifinals. Four tables bid four different auctions with 3 different auction outcomes.

There were two auctions that arrived at the same contract that achieved the best outcome. A Free Game will be given to the first person to email how one of the auctions was bid achieving the best score and two free games if you can show how both auctions were bid!!!

The dealer is West.

Board 28	♠	Q J 8 4 3		
W/NS	♥	—		
	♦	K Q 9 7 3		
	♣	K J 9		
♠	K 9 2		♠	10 7 6 5
♥	Q 10 9 7 6 4		♥	A K 8 5 3
♦	8 2		♦	5
♣	4 2		♣	Q 10 3
	♠	A		
	♥	J 2		
	♦	A J 10 6 4		
	♣	A 8 7 6 5		

Wishing all our members and their families and friends a safe and happy Easter holiday.

