

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Newsletter - December 2022



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President's Report

A few months ago, I was contemplating the upcoming winding down of Covid protocols within our club. However, due to the resurgence of this virus, the Committee has agreed that it would be wise to keep the sanitiser and wipes going for a bit longer. We were also going to reintroduce our cloth table covers at the beginning of January, but right now a cautious wait and see approach is indicated. Our substitute tablecloths are not perfect, but they are doing the job they are meant to do, to be easily wiped down at the end of sessions. So, bear with us for the time being, your convenience is always a priority.

October was the time to celebrate our Seniors, and a big thankyou to those who provided 'extra special' goodies for teatime breaks at all sessions. About thirty of us attended the talk about scams, which was really interesting. Basically, the baddies out there are becoming more sophisticated and smarter in how they make people think that they are the genuine article. Hang up if you're in any doubt, never give financial details over the phone, and if you're in any doubt about the authenticity of the call, check with your financial institution (not the number they gave you!) if you need reassurance. Thankyou to Kate and Kevin for organising this most valuable talk.

While I'm on the topic, a reminder to our members that MyABF payments are handled by Stripe, an established global online payment. The ABF does not store members' card details. Online business transactions are a long established practice, and that's the way the world conducts most of its business nowadays. Perfect examples are Tolls, Go Card, MyGov etc.

Some things that are happening at our club:

- The Bylaws have reached the stage of the first draft being considered before the full Committee casts their collective eyes over it. After changes are made, it will be sent to our general membership for further suggestions and changes, ready for the April AGM.
- The gents' toilet is undergoing changes to make it 'safer' and easier for use – as I said, convenience is a priority :) Graham Killoran is to be thanked for pursuing and organising this project.
- As everyone knows, I will be stepping down as President at the April AGM. The club has a friendly and hardworking Committee, so whoever takes on the role of President next year will have a great committee to work with, and having an Office Administrator will make it a seamless transition.
- Other roles I will be relinquishing are Beginner Teacher, Programme Book Coordinator, and Congress Convenor. Our new Beginner Teacher starting in January will be Karen Gosney. Karen will do a great job. She is a former teacher, and she will be dedicated and enthusiastic. I couldn't be more pleased to see her taking on the role. The Booklet will be looked after by Brad Ellis, and I will be happy to help him in the setting up of the Programme for 2024, again starting in January. As yet we don't have a Congress Convenor for next year, but if you may be interested, it is now a fairly routine task as our Office Administrator, Jacqui has all the procedures and documents pretty well automated. If you are one of our 'younger' breed of players, do think about stepping up to take on some of the administration of the club, because if you don't, who will?

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- MyABF will be gradually rolled out to the different sessions, starting with the Monday evening early in January. Please be patient as the administration get to grips with teething issues. It would be naive to think that there won't be any, but everyone is doing their best to make it the best.

- Roof repairs and new solar panels are an ongoing project. We've had extensive liaison with the BCC and Origin to bring it all together and get the best arrangements we can.

- Wednesday evening bridge is being revamped. Details are still being worked out, but it will be an earlier starting time and incentives to bring players along to increase the numbers for that session. When we are happy with the new arrangements a notice will go out, but in the meantime, have a think about a Wednesday evening game with earlier starting and finishing times.

Congratulations to our representatives at the Interclub Teams at Arana. Whilst none of the three teams had outstanding results, nonetheless all teams performed well enough to make our club 3rd overall out of the nine clubs participating.

When you are reading this, the Christmas Teams will be over for another year. I hope it went well for your team – not in the sense of winning, but in the better sense of your team enjoying themselves and just happy to be there on the day to share in the spirit of the occasion. Our club is a special place to be – a place for intellectual stimulation, the meeting of friends, and a place that can be a welcome escape from the trials and tribulations of what's happening outside.

This will be Jeannette's last edition as editor of our Newsletter.

As a President it has been a source of great pride that we have such a wonderful publication to keep our members informed and share stories and photos. I cannot thank Jeannette enough for having the expertise and willingness to produce such a quality Newsletter. The hope is that although it will be a hard act to follow, someone will have the knowledge and know-how to carry on the great work that that has been done by our editor these last few years. On behalf of everyone, thank you Jeannette, it has been an absolute pleasure working with you.

On behalf of our wonderful Committee, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a great 2023. Whatever else happens, may your health be good and your family stay well.

Regards, Andy Slater



October – Seniors Month

As part of Seniors Month, the NSBC committee organised a guest speaker, Bob Walker, from the Office of Fair Trading, to give a talk: "All You Need to Know about Scams".

"If it's too good to be true it probably is"

Bob gave a most entertaining and informative talk on SCAMS and how to identify them, and how to deal with scammers on the phone. The Elizabeth Gibson Centre with its updated IT equipment proved an excellent place to hold the event.



At the moment the two largest scams involve Investment /Crypto Currency (No 1) and Romance/ Friendship (No 2). Scammers play the long game and it could be a while before they ask for money, as opposed to the scams you may get on your phone from your son/daughter who have gone shopping with the wrong card and need \$150 deposited into the bank account immediately, which they conveniently include in their text message.



If you are caught in a scam you are not stupid, you have been careless. Common indications are emails with minor differences to the original, e.g. NABB instead of NAB for the bank. But as soon as money is mentioned, you are probably being scammed.

In relationship scams a Google search of the name and photo of the person you are corresponding with, if possible, will probably throw up the other identities of the person you are dealing with.

Web addresses should have the preface HTTPS possibly with the lock symbol. Without them you are not dealing with a reliable site.

However this message is not from a secure site. The link may look genuine with the https starter, but if you hovered over it with your mouse it would come up as a completely different address.

Billing-EToll: As no valid E-tag detected in your vehicle, your trip on 30/07/2022 was unpaid. Please pay now to avoid penalty notice. <https://Li3nk6T.com>

You may receive an email from a person you know, with a link. Always hover your mouse over the email address and you'll find the true origin. A typical message would be "you may know some of the people in these photos" – never click on the link.

It's impossible in a short report like this to do justice to Bob's talk, but below are links to sites where you can get further information.

Next year, Bob has offered to come back and give a talk on "Consumer Rights"

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams>

<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/your-rights/consumer-rights-complaints-and-scams/scams-fraud/common-scams>

<https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams>

Kate O'Donnell

And Seniors' Month also gave us cakes for our tea breaks:



Club Results

Hoffmann Tray Wed p.m. Sept 7 & 14

- 1st: Fay Jeppesen & Annette Hyland
2nd: Yolande Coroneo & Bert Luchjenbroers
3rd: Eugene Pereira & Joyce O'Brien

Newstead Novice Shield Oct 11 & 18 Tues pm

- 1st: Kerry Deane & Jason Cooney
2nd: Robyn Wells & Helen Baran
3rd: Elaine Pomerence & Jan Moore

Thursday Pairs Nov 10 & 17

- 1st: Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett
2nd: Elizabeth Gibson & Dorothy Gehrke
3rd: John Scrivens & Errol Miller

Jill Wilson Championship Pairs Sat. Nov 26



A:1st: Andy Slater & Jacqui Dudurovic



A:2nd: Geoff Saxby & Denis Ward



A:3rd: Carolyn Adcock & Annette Hyland



B:1st: Peter Schmidt (& John Rivers)



2nd: Olivia Jackson & Jeffrey Borg



3rd Denise Taylor & Magda Kowalczyk

Congress Results

QBA Teams of 3 at NSBC Sept 25

C:1st: Suzy Brownlow, Gary Taylor, Gail Taylor & David Lehmann (Capt.)

NSBC 2 day Imp Pairs Sat & Sun 5 & 6 Nov.

A:1: Lyn & Jim Martin

B:1: Frank Hymus & Krystyna Homik

Best NSBC Pair: Andy Slater & Ken Dawson

Congress Competitions Coming Up

NSBC Open 1-day Teams Sunday 22 Jan 2023

Gold Coast Congress 17-25 Feb 2023

Entries online at: myabf.com.au/events

Masterpoint Promotions

Since the last Newsletter, the following Home Club members have achieved masterpoint ranking promotions. Congratulations to all.

Gold Life

Yolande Coroneo

Life

Albert Loh

Bronze National

Rex Meadowcroft

Bronze State

Sandi Pirozzo

Ann Sauer

Bronze Regional

Jason Cooney

Kerry Dean

Bronze Local

Lynette Rose

Local

Gary Rickard

David Baru

Sheena de Jager Miles

Anne McEvoy

Suzy Brownlow

Club

Magda Kowalczyk

Denise Taylor

Paul Jenkins

Serena Hughes

Graham Loy

Graduate

Brett Brownlow

Judy Smith

Trish Aroney

Janet Smith

Damian Mills



New Members

The following new members have recently joined us:

Joseph Coffey

John Keim

Marcus Egan

Deborah Yang

Margaret Olsen

Magdalena Kowalczyk

Robyn White

We welcome our new members and wish them all a long and happy association with our club.

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!



Bridge Calendar

There will be no bridge on:

Christmas Eve, December 24th

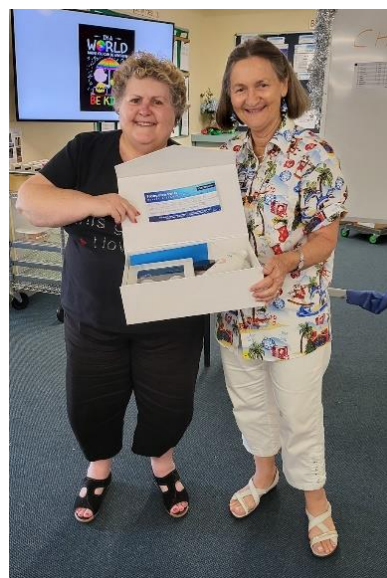
Christmas Day or Boxing Day

Wednesday p.m. December 27th

Saturday 31 December will go to a vote.

Other sessions in the "flat" period from Dec 19th to early January can expect reduced numbers but we will try to operate as normally as possible.

Many Thanks to the
Francoise Aesthetic Clinic
78 Upper Lancaster Road, Ascot
who donated a Gift pack for our
Christmas Teams Day.



*Helen McLauchlan
was the lucky Winner*

Christmas Party Teams – Sunday 11th December

36 teams in full festive spirit enjoyed a great day of fun and bridge.



Sheena de Jager Miles, Ghislaine Green,
Barbara Jeffery, Carolyn Hawken



Jane Propsting, Marilyn Mcpherson, Liane Morris,
Cherylin Rigney



Tony Keen, Rita von Rotz, Tracey Armour
Kim Murdoch



Karen Gosney, Rosemary Nosovich, Graham Killoran
Clare Mudie



Best Christmas Outfit
Graham Killoran



Best Christmas Team outfit: Judy Gillespie, Lesley Wallace,
Lyn Colwell & Jeannette Wyman

And the Team Winners were:



A:1st: Robert Barr, Gayle McCarthy, Donna Krosch, Roy Davenport



2nd: Jacqui Dudurovic, Richard McLaughlan, Natalie Bloch, Andy Slater



B:1st: Kerry Barridge, Ann Sauer, Peter Fagan, Sandi Pirozzo



2nd: Helen Hatch, Trish Hume, Marilyn Williams, Misako James



C:1st: Gail Taylor, Bruce Stephens, Gary Taylor, Diane Ainsworth



2nd: Margaret Hetherington, Jan Schultz, Christine Egan, Ann Sargeant

Melbourne Cup

On November 1st, Melbourne Cup day, the Tuesday a.m. and p.m. sessions were combined and 80 players enjoyed their bridge as well as lucky door prizes, "best race outfit" prizes, sweeps, and viewing the race. Morning tea was "bring a plate" and produced lots of goodies, and lunch went down with a glass of champagne:



Val Morzone was seen giving the plants a drink from a wine bottle – well, she claims it was water, but they do look good - and Ann Sauer, Sandi Pirozzo, Margaret Williamson & Joah Bannah were all smiles.





Best dressed Winners: Andy Slater & Diane Ainsworth

2nd Prize: Peter Fagan & Rita von Rotz



Beginners' Lessons 2023

Beginners' Lessons start at the end of January and beginners are desperately needed. Now is the time to start encouraging those you know, who may benefit from this fabulous game, to come along to lessons:

- Monday January 30, 7pm-9.30pm and
- Tuesday January 31, 9.30am-12pm

If you know someone who would like to come along, give the details to the course coordinator, Peter Fagan, 0403 564 442 or plf@pobox.com

We need those beginners for the future of our club, so please do your best.

A Red Hot Recipe from Suni



Suni's Chilli Chicken

Ingredients:

- 1kg Chicken pieces ie breast & thigh
- 2 Red capsicums (large)
- 2 Onions (large)
- 2 Tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 Tablespoons oyster Sauce
- 2 Teaspoons of honey
- 2 Tablespoons of Sweet chilli sauce (or Hot chilli sauce)
- 2 Tablespoons of ginger paste

NB: If you prefer a thicker consistency and crispier chicken, coat the chicken in cornflour before cooking.

Step 1:

- Cut the chicken into pieces to your liking - not too small/large.
- Mix the soy and oyster sauce and honey.
- Add the chicken pieces to the mixture and coat.
- Marinate the chicken in the fridge for at least 1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Step 2:

- Chop the onions and capsicums into pieces.

Step 3:

- Fry the chicken pieces.

Step 4:

- Add the chopped capsicum, onion, chilli sauce and ginger paste to the chicken.
- Cook the mixture on a low to medium heat until the chicken is cooked through, and the onion and capsicum is soft.



Solution to Brain Teaser #3 in the September Newsletter

The contract is 6 Hearts by South. West leads the King of Clubs. How would you play to make your contract?

North

Spades	4 3
Hearts	6 3
Diamonds	K Q 10 9 6 5
Clubs	A 9 3

East

Spades	K Q 2
Hearts	7 4
Diamonds	8 7
Clubs	K Q 8 7 6 5

West

10 9 7 6 5
10 9 8
J 4 3 2
10

South

Spades	A J 8
Hearts	A K Q J 5 2
Diamonds	A
Clubs	J 4 2

Answer:

The recommended play is to win with Dummy's Ace of Clubs and when you see the Club 10 appear from East, unblock the Jack from hand.

You can now draw trumps, cash the Diamond Ace and lead towards Dummy's Club 9. Nothing can prevent you from reaching Dummy's diamond winners and pitching your two spade losers.

The Bookworm



From the NSBC Newsletter Editor

I have been newsletter editor for almost 5 years now, and it has been a great way to meet club members and learn the mechanics of the club.

But now I think it is time for another to apply their creative skills and bring a fresh approach to our newsletter – and this will be my last.

I would like to thank those who have supported me in the role, in particular Andy Slater, and others who have given me much encouragement.

Special thanks to the Bookworm for his contributions, and Jacqui for taking photos when I wasn't around – and everyone else who has contributed or let me take their photo..

And of course, I will assist in any way with the hand over.

Jeannette


*Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas 2022*

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