



Hello May.... Another jam-packed month.....

President's Report

Greetings All

The first duty after election on the 15th of April was to welcome the players in the NSBC 1 Day IMP Pairs and I was struck by the number of young people. I sat down with them at the end of play to find out what got them into Bridge, not games on their phones. They all said their Parents and Grandparents and urged our young players to go to QCBC on Friday nights for Bridge, pizza, and soft drinks with layers their own age. Then when they are comfortable, they will come back to NSBC to challenge us more mature players. When the Elizabeth Gibson Centre was built, we had over 700 members. Now we have 555. We need new blood!

On Friday last, I played with a Partner Request Player. Her first question was “What are you going to do as President?” I had to think as I haven't come with an agenda. I believe opportunities present themselves. We've just got to be ready and switched on – just like Bridge and get a Slam.

May the cards be with you.

Graham Killoran
President NSBC

Around the Table

It's May and we are mid-Autumn and feeling the relief of cooler days. The change of season also saw changes at NSBC and a busy April.

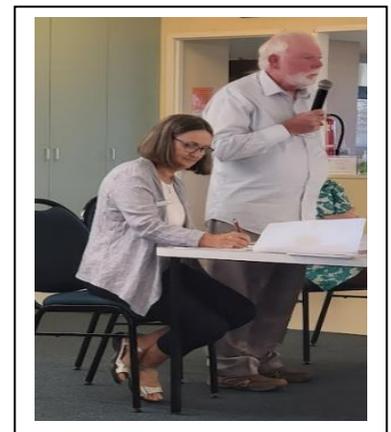
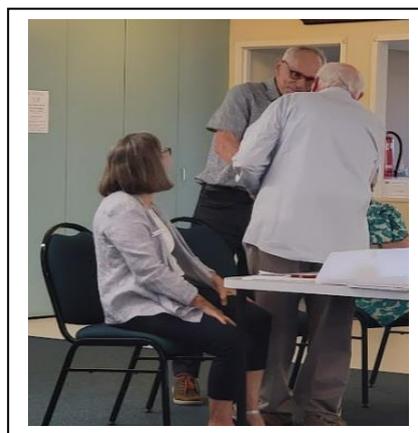
1. NSBC AGM

NSBC held its annual **AGM** on Saturday 15th April, with many members in attendance.



2. Congratulations to our new President – Graham Killoran

This AGM saw our 19th President of 5 years, Andy Slater, step down and our new and 20th President, Graham Killoran step up. Further in the Newsletter is a thank you to our members penned by Andy who is currently on a long and well-deserved holiday in Europe. Launching this Newsletter, is the first update from our new President, Graham.



3. Congratulations Ros Frost – our new Life Member

The AGM also marked the auspicious occasion of Ros Frost being honoured for her longstanding hard work, service, and dedication to NSBC, with **Life Membership**. Ros has been a member of NSBC since the mid 90's and has been involved in dealing at the club since the early 20's. In recent years Ros has been the Club's "Head Dealer" ensuring the Club's major competitions have sufficient and correct boards, hand records and deal files for the Director's – a role of significant responsibility. The honour of Life Membership is bestowed on members who over many years have selflessly given and supported the Club. Ros is now a life member along with current members, Jane Kavanagh, Pat and Peter Macdonald and Elizabeth Gibson.



4. NSBC 1 Say IMP Pairs



The Club also held its **1 Day IMP Pair congress** which was well attended with 50 Pairs compared with 20 last year. The competition was well supported by a number of club members of varying degrees of experience which was great to see and will hopefully encourage others to enter next year. Many thanks to our convenor, Yolande Coroneo, Director Alan Gibson, and volunteers who baked delicious refreshments and helped in the kitchen. Overall winners were Kim Morrison - Tony Hutton (top left) and runners up Ralph Parker – Jenny Hay (bottom left).



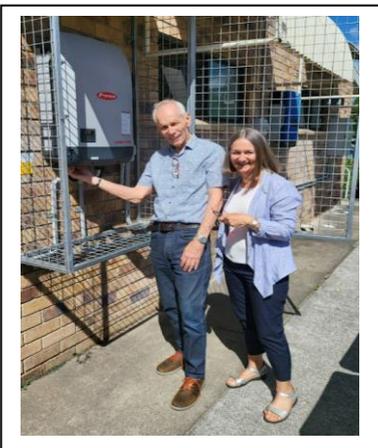
It was encouraging to see a number of “youth” players participating in the NSBC 1 Day IMP Pairs in April and certainly giving the experienced players a run for their money.

Added to which NSBC was treated with a “pop-in” visit by Andy Hung who spent time with the youth payers reviewing hands played.

5. Monday Shield

The members only **Monday Shield** competition was also held and well supported with 21 pairs. Congratulations to the winners Sunil Mukherjee and Eugene Pereira and runners up Yolande Coroneo and Peter Nilsson.

6. New Solar System



April also saw the “switching on” of the Club’s **new solar system**. This has been a long running project since routine maintenance found damage to the previous system from an “alleged” baseball and degradation beyond repair. Thank you to Kevin O’Donnell for his project management to see it to its fruition.

7. Annual Membership Statistics

The annual club membership figures were released by the ABF Masterpoint Centre. NSBC’s membership as at the 31st March stood at 545 which sees the Club retain its position as the second largest club in QLD behind Toowong but slip to 9th in Australia.

Club List - Sorted by Membership

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	CLUB NAME	CLUB NUMBER	HOME MEMBERS
1	North Shore Bridge Club Inc	2-120	1,105
2	SA Bridge Assoc.	5-701	912
3	West Australian Bridge Club	6-795	780
4	Canberra Bridge Club Inc	1-851	682
5	Toowong Bridge Club Inc	4-572	573
6	Sydney Bridge Centre	2-006	523
7	Trumps Bridge Centre	2-259	490
8	Waverley Bridge Club Inc	3-480	483
9	Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc	4-545	460
10	Tasmanian Bridge Association	7-801	409

The membership has continued its downward decline by 4% year on year albeit less than the 14% decline last year. Nationally, 49% of clubs experienced declines, 10% no change and 40% increases. Most of the increases in membership were in NSW and Victoria with QLD overall experiencing a 2.6% decline. Interestingly, with the exception of one and two largely unchanged, the majority of the clubs in Brisbane and surrounds experienced declines. Over the past month NSBC's membership has increased to 555 which is great to see.

The challenge is how to encourage younger people to the game and people generally and how to retain new members. See if you can encourage family members and especially grandchildren to bridge as they will be the future lifeblood of our club and please encourage and support our newer members.

8. On-line Entries – no more...

You may have noticed that you are no longer able to submit **online entries** for Club competitions going forward through the Club's website. An email from our web host states the following;

“From 1 July, we are removing the on-line entry function on the club web site's Coming Events page. There will still be the option for players to click a link that sends an entry email to the Club as before. Also, the ability for clubs to show a list of entries on the website will continue.

This has been done because of increasing problems from spam emails on automated web forms having an effect on the mail server, with the unfortunate consequence that some of those automated entry emails were not reaching the clubs at all. “

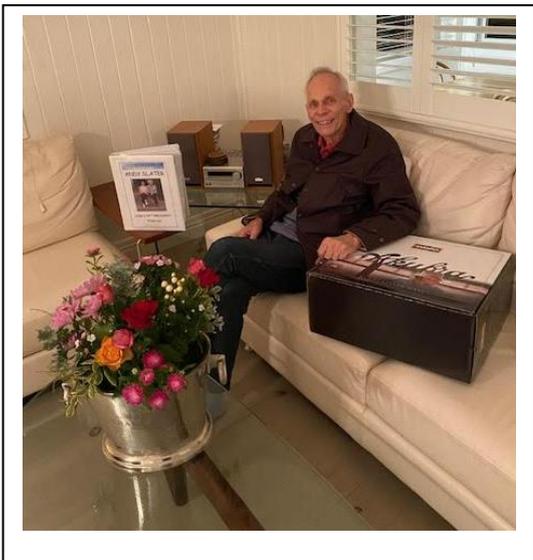
As stated in the email, members can enter by clicking on the email link.



Wednesday Handicap Competition Update fom Peter Flower

The competition has been running for 13 weeks and with 13 different winners. Players who participate regularly will win on a reasonable night along with their handicap. There is no other bridge competition like it. Generally the same players keep winning BUT NOT in this session. A level playing field is guaranteed for regular players.
Come and join this most unusual, exciting and funfilled competition!
 There is yet to be a pair who have won twice... who will be the first!

Thank you from Andy Slater



Dear members,
 I would like to thank all of you who wrote such beautiful comments in my retirement / going away card. I was very touched by all the kind thoughts that were expressed. Also, I would like to thank all those who generously donated to a farewell gift. The Akubra hat will be great protection from the elements, as well as letting everyone know where I'm from! The coat will certainly keep me warm and dry and the ice Bucket, well, the wine and champagne will never have been kept so well chilled!

Thank you again everyone, and I look forward very much to seeing you all again towards the end of June. In the meantime, good luck with your bridge and I hope all the finesses work better than before.
 Kind Regards, Andy



SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS

FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2023

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc (4-545)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Club			
1150723	Keen, Tony	5.26	Graduate
1150731	Smith, Janet	5.10	Graduate
1133845	Von Rotz, Rita	5.26	Graduate
Local			
0932612	Green, Geoff	15.22	Club
Bronze Regional			
1083724	Wells, Robyn	102.45	Regional

May Calendar

May 2023

Eclectic: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Mon 01 AM Play as usual (Labour Day)

Mon 01 PM Help with Play 6 (Labour Day)

Tues 02 AM Help with Play 6

Sat 06 PM Red points

Thurs 11 AM Red points

Fri 19 AM Red point

Tues 30 PM Australia Wide Novice Pairs

Wed 31 PM State of Origin

No Play

New Members in April

FIRST	SURNAME
JANELLE	MCMAHON
BELINDA	CUNNINGHAM
KAREN	AMOS
JANICE	ADAMS
WENDY	SHEERAN
PENELOPE	FRENCH
JO	GREEN
DAWN	GORDON-BROWN
THOMAS	DOHERTY

Guy Horsley
Licensed Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer
The House SOLD Name



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Other Club Results in April

Toowong Novice Pairs:

- 1st Kerry Barridge and Peter Fagan
- 2nd Jacqui Dudurovic and Althea Crowley

Warwick April Pairs

- 1st B – Vesna & Vojko Markovic

Barrier Reef Congress

- 1st Restricted Pairs - Sameer Pandya & John Rivers
- 1st Restricted Teams - Sameer Pandya & John Rivers, Peter Lyons & Daria Williams

NSBC Club Results in April

One Day IMP Pairs:

- 1st Kim Morrison and Tony Hutton
- 2nd Ralph Parker and Jenny Hay

Monday Shield:

- 1st Sunil Mukherjee and Eugene Pereira
- 2nd Yolande Coroneo and Peter Nilsson.

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.



Kate O'Donnell's "Cottage Cheese & Apple Crumble Cake"

In high demand at the recent 1 Day IMP Pairs – Thank you Kate

Ingredients – Base & Topping

- 250 g Self-Raising flour
- 150 g caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar (can do without this)
- 150 g butter

Ingredients - Filling

- 1 tin apple pie fruit (800 g)
- 400 g cottage cheese (Can use 500g)
- 1 egg
- 40 g caster sugar
- 3 tablespoons cream (can do without this)
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 heaped tablespoons custard powder



Method – Base & Topping

- Add together self-raising flour and sugars
- Melt butter, add to flour mix until well combined (should be of a crumbly texture)
- Line a form tin with baking paper (bottom and sides)
- Place 2/3 (two thirds) of the flour mixture into the tin
- Press down with a spoon
- Place in refrigerator while preparing filling

Method- Filling

- Place cottage cheese in a bowl and blend until smooth
- Add egg, sugar, cream, and lemon juice
- Mix until well combined
- Add custard – mix well
- Place the cheese mixture onto the base
- Add apple (cut into smaller pieces as desired) onto the top of the cheese mixture
- Add remaining 1/3 (one-third) of the flour mixture onto the top of the apple

Bake for 20 minutes on 180 then 25 minutes on 170 (approximately)

Important- Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes then loosen the form but do not remove the cake. This will stop the cake from dropping in the middle.

Note: I like more crumble, so I change the base & topping ingredients to:
300 g self-raising flour, 180 g caster sugar, 180 g butter

How would you open this hand?

This hand was played in a recent Tuesday PM session.

No partnership bid to slam.

How would you open this hand and a further question is how would your partnership bid to slam?

Please email you answers to enquiries@nsbc4011.com.au.

Free game to the first two responses that provide good teaching examples for the novice groups on Tuesday and Friday PM.

BOARD 23			
BD: 23	♠ 54	Dir: S	
	♥ K63	Vul: ALL	
	♦ J8743		
	♣ AJ8		
♠ AK963		♠ J72	
♥ AQ975		♥ 2	
♦ KQ6		♦ A52	
♣		♣ KQT752	
	♠ QT8		
	♥ JT84		
	♦ T9		
	♣ 9643		
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT		
N			9
S		18	10
E	4 4 3 6 3		3
W	4 4 3 6 3		

Can you bid like a champion? – Answer

Board 28

♠ Q J 8 4 3	
♥ —	
♦ 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	

In all auctions West opened 2H or 3H – yes with only 5HCP of which 2 were in hearts.

The two winning auctions saw N / S bid to 6D making 12 to score 1370.

One E / W pair bid to 6HX conceding 800





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 Request

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.

Club Emails

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