



Hello June.... Another jam-packed month.....

President's Report

Greetings All

At our last Committee meeting I signed off on 18 new and reactivating members. The majority of those are recent graduates of our Beginners Lessons Program. We welcome them to our playing ranks.

I remember when I was one of the new players with extra pressure made that transition filled with the stories that we heard about playing with the sharks in the various sessions. Most of the myths did not materialise.

But we must take care that we do not frighten the new Players with extra pressure regarding rushing to make bids and play. We must encourage and advise these new Players so that they feel comfortable and look forward to coming back and participating.

Currently we have 571 members. As a committee we have set a target of 600 by the end of the year.

So spread the word – Bridge is the place to be.

Happy Bridging and may the cards be with you.

Graham Killoran
President – Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

Around the Table

It's June and it is nearly halfway through the year. May, while quiet event wise, behind the scenes it has been busy in preparation for the many events ahead of us.

It is quite fascinating observing different players comments around the table regarding bidding, systems, and approaches and likewise the contrast between novices / restricted players and the "expert / representative / pro" players. With that in mind I have collated a collection of different real-life scenarios / observations that have crossed my path and maybe you may find them just as interesting with no particular view of drawing any conclusions. It merely shows the evolution of play; as novices we learn "strict" guidelines, however, it seems when you reach the top it all gets thrown out the window and left to the whims of Lady Luck!

(Observe how many times the word luck comes into it) 😂😂😂😂😂

Scenario 1 – Playing in the novice section, dealer opened one point light using the Rule of 20 / 22. Dealer ended up dummy and hand goes down revealing all to which there were gasps from around the table. RHO comments "you opened on 11 HCP! ***I would never do that***".

Scenario 2 – Gold Coast Open Teams Recount

Bridge is a funny game. There are times when you think you have it under control, then suddenly you get a hand that wrecks your previous confidence. At the Gold Coast Congress, our team had fought hard to be coming ninth after 10 of 12 rounds. The top six would qualify into the play-offs for the championship. For match 11 we came up against team five, who needed a good win to get into the top six. On an early board they stayed in 4S at our table, making 12, but our partners had bid and made the slam. So it wasn't looking good for them. Then along came board 11. As West I bid 1NT with my 16 count, as you do, and partner passed with his four count, making eight tricks.

All very ho-hum you might say but look what happened at the other table!

*The opening 1NT was followed by an immediate 3NT from East (they did not have 3NT level points). It was a desperation bid, needing good scores, and modest contracts would not do. Amazingly, and **luckily**, the contract made. Our opponents went on to become the Gold Coast champions.*

Scenario 3 – Australian representative player in a 2023 Gold Point National congress team final. The winning team is contingent on the last board. The conversation started with recounting a similar scenario the team found themselves previously; "the 3rd set that time killed us - just like it did this time. Last time they just **bid several slams against us which, although they weren't great slams, luckily made**. This time it was more self-inflicted unfortunately! I deliberately bid a pushy slam near the end knowing we needed a swing. It was on a finesse. **Had the finesse worked we would have gained 13 imps instead of losing 13. 26 imp swing - and we lost the match by 23. So I was definitely right to try it -** unfortunately the CK didn't oblige! Sic **Unlucky!**"

Scenario 4 – Extract from QBA article in the Courier Mail on the 13.05.23.

BRIDGE

with Richard Ward

NORTH
♠ 10 5 3 W/ ALL VUL
♥ 7
♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ A 9 8 4

WEST
♠ K J 8
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 10 7 6
♣ K J 5 2

SOUTH
P Fredin
♠ A Q 9 7 2
♥ A 9 6 5 3
♦ 5 3
♣ Q

EAST
♠ 6 4
♥ K J 8 2
♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 7 6 3

Sweden's Peter Fredin must rank as one of the world's most imaginative players. What makes Fredin's approach to bridge so original is that, again and again, he rejects the correct technical line in favour of a psychological one. As Fredin puts it, opportunities to deceive occur all the time, but the vast majority of players are not "wired" to think that way. Or maybe they just don't have his nerve: he's never worried about looking a fool when backing his intuition over the mathematical odds.

This hand was played in Barbados in 2015 and, because Fredin's team was trailing badly in their match, he decided, with no opposition intervention, to take the plunge with the South hand to a precarious but not impossible, six spades. Looking at the two obvious trump losers, how did he make 12 tricks?

He won the opening heart lead then cashed his three top diamonds and the ace of clubs. He ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed another club, ruffed another heart and ruffed the fourth club with the queen of spades. At trick 11, declarer held the ace-nine of spades as he advanced the nine of hearts towards dummy's singleton spade ten. West, reduced to the king-jack-eight of spades, inserted his jack, but was endplayed. Mission accomplished, six spades made but far too difficult for most of us.

PS: There is a small "irregularity" hidden in the Newsletter – free game to the first person to email the club detailing it.



BIRTHDAYS

NSBC has been fortunate to have many longstanding members who have greatly contributed in the past and are still actively involved in supporting the club. In May and April we have two such members celebrating their 90th birthdays; many congratulations to Peter Flower and Margaret Williamson. Peter, the unstoppable and enthusiastic director of the Wednesday PM session for many years until this year, still manages the very successful Wednesday PM handicap competition. Peter is a marketing machine taking every opportunity to promote the activities he is involved in. Margaret with her lovely affable personality, progressive attitude and the vigor of youth, up to this day steps up to be a stand by player in the Club's premier congresses. On behalf of NSBC, thank you Peter and Margaret and we wish you both best wishes for your 91st birthday year.

Members if you know of any member turning 90+ please let us know.

1. NSBC Australia Wide Novice Pairs



The Club held the Australia Wide Novice Pairs competition in the last Tuesday PM Novice session in May with a record 32 pairs playing along with a 5.5 table side section. That is impressive to see 21.5 tables in a purely novice section and demonstrates the enthusiasm of the club's up and coming players. Much of the success can be put down to the Director of the club's two novice sessions, Ghislaine Green who masterfully directed the afternoon. Thank you to Ghi and our many wonderful novices who support the Club's competitions. The winners were; Althea Crowley and Jacqui Dudurovic (east / west) on 70.2% and Jill Lukin and Pat Deighton (north / south) on 64.6%. Nationally, Althea and Jacqui placed 10th overall out of a total of 1303 pairs and Jill and Pat finished at 51.

Other notable mentions are Robyn Wells and Helen Baran finished 69th, Ron Adam and Michael Cohn 169, Denise Taylor and Magda Kowalczyk 175 and Graham Loy and Sandra Kelly 183.

In the under 50 MP category Denise Taylor and Magda Kowalczyk finished 94 and Graham Loy and Sandra Kelly 99. Well done! Club results on last page.

Bridge Lessons 2023

Semester Two

Lessons (8)

Cost - \$80 for 8 lessons. A handbook is available for \$20.

Monday evenings starting at 7pm and finishes 9.30pm

Teacher is Karen Gosney

Dates: 10.07 / 17.07 / 24.07 / 31.07 / 07.08 / 14.08 / 21.08 / 28.08

Tuesday mornings starting at 9.30am and finishes midday.

Teacher is Andy Slater

Dates: 11.07 / 18.07 / 25.07 / 01.08 / 08.08 / 15.08 / 22.08 / 29.08

Help With Play follows the lessons for 6 weeks.

Cost is \$8 EFTPOS or \$7.50 bridge credits per session.

Monday: 04.09.23 – 09.10.23

Tuesday: 05.09.23 – 10.10.23





SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS

FOR MONTH OF MAY 2023

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc (4-545)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Club			
0850640	Bolton, Marnie	5.16	Graduate
1083570	Low, Kaye	5.23	Graduate
1098780	Lundie, Kim	5.78	Graduate
Local			
1095102	Carter, Chrissie	15.27	Club
Regional			
0754900	Dennison, Beryl	50.59	Silver Local
National			
1057278	Sauer, Ann	236.48	Bronze State

June Calendar

June 2023

Eclectic:	Thursday and Friday
Mon 05 AM	President's Tray – Round 1
W/E 10 & 11	QBA Butler Pairs
Mon 12 AM	President's Tray – Round 2
Wed 14 AM	Mixed Pairs – Round 1
Wed 21 AM	Mixed Pairs – Round 2
Wed 21 PM	No Play (State of Origin 1)
Fri 30 PM	Red points

NSBC Australia Wide Novice Pairs:
 1st E/W Althea Crowley and Jacqui Dudurovic
 1st N/S Pat Deighton and Jill Lukin

**NSBC
 Club
 Results
 in May**

New Members in May

BELINDA	CUNNINGHAM
ELIZABETH	JUSTO
JANELLE	MCMAHON
JANICE	ADAMS
KAREN	AMOS
KAREN	HORNSBY
KAYE	SANDERSON
ROSANNE	JACKSON
THOMAS	DOHERTY

Guy Horsley
 Licensed Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer
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NOTICES:

1. TABLECLOTHS

Tablecloths: At the last Committee meeting it was decided to reintroduce tablecloths and yes they will be back by the weekend. Thank you, Daina Geise who washed and freshened, the club's tablecloths. This however is too big a task for one person to continue indefinitely. If you would like to volunteer to take some tablecloths home each week to wash, please email the club at enquiries@nsbc4011.com.au . Thank you.



2. Calligrapher

Seeking someone who has a beautiful, formal hand writing suitable for formal documents and certification. If you would like to assist, please email the club at enquiries@nsbc4011.com.au .



3. Volunteers

Currently the many roles required to run the club are spread thinly over too few hands. Please seriously consider volunteering as many hands make light work. The Club has a number of volunteer positions vacant and asks if you have experience in these fields your expertise and input would be much appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

The positions are:

- ♥ **Congress Committee member** ie assist the congress convenor in the set up and running of congresses.
- ♥ **Social Committee Coordinator and members.** This involves the set up and running of this committee and includes assisting on special days such as Melbourne Cup, Seniors Week and Christmas celebrations
- ♥ **Fire Warden**
- ♥ **Work Place Health & Safety Officer**
- ♥ **External Grounds Coordinator** ie oversee the management and aesthetics of the gardens and grounds of the club
- ♥ **Marketing, public relations and sponsorship**
- ♥ **Whiteboard Management** ie someone with neat and legible writing.



4. Member Sensitivities

Perfume & After Shave: There are some members who have sensitivity to scents. We kindly ask that players moderate the amount of perfume and aftershave worn to bridge in consideration of these players. Thank you.



5. Lost Property



Lost property can be found on a table under the results board. The number of “lost” items is building up and we ask members to check the table sooner than later. Any items on the table at the end of June will be donated to charity.

6. On-line Entries – no more... a reminder

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.

7. Pens



There is no longer a requirement to take your pen from the table with you during the session. Please feel free to continue to use your own pen if your wish.





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

NSBC would like to thank our wonderful walk-in volunteers.

Tuesday AM:
Barbara Jeffery
Doug Meyers
Val Morzone
Robyn Wells

Wednesday AM:
Karen Gosney
Eugene Kaiser
Ann Sargeant

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

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NSBC Results for the 2023 Australia-Wide Novice Pairs

NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC.					
Click your name to view your personalised results booklet					
Rank	Pair	National results		Local results	
		Position	Score	Position	Score
1	Althea Crowley & Jacqui Dudurovic	10	68.0	1	70.2
2	Jill Lukin & Pat Deighton	51	62.8	2	64.6
3	Robyn Wells & Helen Baran	69	62.1	3	61.6
4	Ron Adam & Michael Cohn	169	58.4	4	60.1
5	Denise Taylor & Magdalena Kowalczyk	175	58.2	8	57.4
6	Graham Loy & Sandra Kelly	183	58.0	7	58.0
7	Lynette Rose & Pamela Cash	200	57.5	9	57.4
8	Karen Gosney & Yvonne Stalling	217	57.2	5	58.9
9	Richard Kealy & Harry Sunderland	240	56.7	10	56.0
10	Jeannette Wyman & Diane Ainsworth	251	56.6	6	58.7
11	Jill Staines & Kay Elliot	258	56.4	11	55.2
12	Judy Carfrae & Margaret Hetherington	412	53.2	12	53.8
13	Serena Hughes & Kaye Low	424	53.0	13	53.2
14	Glyn Stickland & Christine Egan	447	52.7	15	50.9
15	Ghislaine Green & Carolyn Hawken	505	51.7	14	52.9
16	Chrissie Carter & Frank Killbey	639	49.8	16	50.4
17	Elaine Pomeranke & Jan Moore	656	49.6	17	49.6
18	Kim Lundie & Tracey Armour	690	49.0	19	48.2
19	Sheena De Jager Miles & Suzanne Swan	709	48.7	18	48.3
20	Rhonda Robertson & Clare Mudie	746	48.3	21	46.5
21	Robyn Lehton & Lyn Owen	832	47.0	20	47.1
22	Katharine Louey & David Nash	978	44.5	22	44.9
23	Kerry Diggles & Chesne McGrath	1055	43.1	23	42.7
24	Robyn White & Clare Drew	1078	42.6	24	42.5
25	Judy Smith & Philip Staddon	1097	42.2	25	42.2
26	Sheena Simmonds & Marilyn Gavin	1187	39.9	28	39.3
27	Graham Killoran & Peter Brown	1195	39.5	26	40.6
28	Jane Propsting & Fay McClure	1209	39.1	30	37.9
29	Rosaleen Coffey & Joseph Coffey	1210	39.1	31	37.1
30	Jenny Dickson & Kay Reisinger	1227	38.6	27	39.6
31	Ann O'Brien & Aileen Arnold	1231	38.5	29	38.7
32	John Bagster & Kim Murdoch	1236	38.1	32	35.7