

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Newsletter

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Calendar

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April

Thursdays AM 2nd & 9th
Pat & Peter Macdonald Pairs
9.15am start - Seated by 9.
Mondays
6 13 20 Help with Play PM
Wednesdays
1 8 15 22 Help with Play AM
GNOT Qualifiers
WED AM - 22 & 29 April

May

Saturday PM 2nd & 9th
Hoffmann Tray
1pm start - seated by 1pm
Friday AM 15th & 22nd
McLaney Tray
9.15am start - seated by 9
Tuesday PM 27
Australia Wide Novice Pairs
Table Fee + \$5 per player
No Side Tables

June

Mondays AM 1st & 8th
Teams Championships
9.15 start - seated by 9
Mondays PM 15th & 22nd
Monday Shield
Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th
NSBC QLD Butler Pairs

April 2026 Edition

Greetings All

This my final newsletter as your President.

I have been your President for the last 3 years and enjoyed every minute of my time, even the nasty bits.

Your encouragement has sustained me.

I had nominated again to be your President but when David Lehmann also nominated, I stopped and had a think.

When I determined that David was doing so for what I consider to be the right reasons, rather than divide the Club that I love, I decided to withdraw my nomination.

I am sure David, with his banking background, will be in a good position to lead and guide the Club in the coming months of the world in global torment to a better outcome.

I wish David and his Committee every success and all the best to the Club.

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran – President NSBC Inc



HAPPY EASTER

**Play as Usual except
EASTER FRIDAY**



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**TONY BEMROSE
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE Jill Wilson Building
Saturday 11th APRIL 2026 @ 11.30am

AGENDA:

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 12th April 2025
3. BUSINESS ARISING
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
5. ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:
Committee to be dissolved and an election officer appointed to oversee the elections
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
 1. Motion: Greg Gosney
For Margaret Plunkett to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member of Northern Suburbs Bridge Club.
 2. Motion:
For Gay Tesla to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member of Northern Suburbs Bridge Club.
 3. Motion: Robyn Wells.
A free game is given only to the Director of each session.
Background: At the 2015 AGM, it was voted that the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Masterpoint Secretary should receive free games throughout the year (previously, they received a stipend/honorary payment at the end of each year).
 4. Discussion: Tracey Armour
Annual Membership should increase as it hasn't since 2000
 5. Any other Business – for members to voice suggestions or comments.
8. GENERAL BUSINESS continued
9. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES - if time permits
10. CLOSE
John Bagster
Secretary

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NSBC Results

NSBA One Day IMP Pairs - 22 Feb 2026

A1	Charlie Lu	Martin Qin
A2	Rachel Langdon	Kim Morrison
A3	Chris Woolley	Wendy Gibson
B1	Ross Murtagh	Daria Williams
B2	Richard Spelman	Lyn Tracy
B3	Carmel Wikman	Margie Knox
C1	Jacinta Lee	Jenny Thompson
C2	Mike Martin	Barry Williams
C3	Gray Renwick	Maria Mills

2025 Queensland Masterpoint Awards by Category

SILVER GRAND Tony Hutton. **GRAND** Rachel Langdon.
GOLD Eugene Pereira. **SILVER** Richard Spelman. **BRONZE** Raelene Clark. **LIFE** Kate MacDonald. **SILVER** Peter Schmidt.
BRONZE Peter Lyons. **NATIONAL** Lauren Morgan. **BRONZE** Mark Harnack. **STATE** Julie Pigdon. **BRONZE REGIONAL** Jackie Hendrix. **REGIONAL** Mary Hives. **SILVER LOCAL** Brian Clark. **BRONZE LOCAL** Peter Grinlaubs. **LOCAL** Kit Duncan. **CLUB** Remco Spencer. **GRADUATE** Ada Sun. **NIL** Arthur Ter Hofstede.

NSBA One Day Open Teams - 18 Jan 2026

A1	Natalie Bloch	Richard McLaughlan	David Lehmann	Bert Luchjenbroers
A2	Carmel Martin	Gary Malinas	Kuldip Bedi	Abby Wanigaratne
A3	Pamela Evans	Kerry Wood	Charles Howard	James Evans
B1	Carmel Wikman	Lesleigh Egan	Margie Knox	Narelle Mclver
B2	Tere Wotherspoon	Kathleen Clifford	Terry O'Dempsey	Charles Page



NOTICEBOARD

Help with Play

For Beginners

Monday Evenings 6.30pm start **30 MARCH** - Wednesday Mornings 9.15am start **1 APRIL**

Supervised Play

Wednesday Mornings 9.15am

Open for ALL Members/Non Members - come along and brush up on your skills.

Normal Table Fees apply.

Inaugural Pat & Peter Macdonald Pairs

Thursday 2 & 9 April 2026 - Arrive 9am

There will be no side tables on these event days. Normal table fees apply.

"Beginner" Directors.

Thanks to Ghislaine Green for giving our new trainee directors a start.

Information for Directors is also available online at both ABF & QBA websites.

Tea lady changes to Tuesday & Friday Morning Sessions

Instead of 2 tea ladies on these days we are trialling one tea lady to clean up after the morning session, and prep & put away the afternoon session (as was usual). Our tea ladies then leave to collect their kids from school at 3pm.

What IS HELPFUL = setting up the kitchen before AM play/Bringing dirty cups back to the kitchen.

What is NOT HELPFUL = putting unwashed cups into the "dishwasher". The "dishwasher" is a steriliser = if cups go into it with lipstick on them = the lipstick BAKES ONTO the CUP.

Thank You

A BIG Thanks to Jenny Dickson for assisting Karen Gosney & Peter Fagan during the Beginner lessons that have been underway over the last 6 weeks. Thanks Jenny! Your help has been very useful!

More Stand By Players urgently Needed. Tuesdays & Wednesdays

We need more volunteers to turn up for one session per month. Thanks to Max Latimer for organising & keeping this excellent system going. Please contact Max if you can help.

Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings are held monthly. The next committee meeting will be *after* the AGM on 11 April. The incoming committee will advertise the date/time when they have arranged it.



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Ailsa Stein

Although born in Hughenden, Ailsa was raised in Charters Towers. Ailsa's mum was a good cook, and perhaps was the inspiration for Ailsa to become a Domestic Science Teacher. After three years study at Gregory Terrace College in Brisbane, Ailsa graduated as (what is now known as) a Home Economics Teacher.

Ailsa's first post was back to Charters Towers State High School. The following 3 school years of teaching domestic science were "quite an experience". Ailsa, along with a male manual arts teacher, lived and worked on a train. The train (or 2 carriages) was located at centres, often isolated, where the schools in the surrounding district did not provide a domestic science course. The students (around the age of Grade 7) did the full year syllabus in six to seven weeks and then the train moved on the next centre where the process was repeated. The carriage that was

Ailsa's home and workplace was not connected to electricity or water and facilities were a large wood stove, a kerosene refrigerator, pedal sewing machines and a limited supply of stored water. Washing up was a bucket and basin job. The living conditions were very crowded & basic, verging on primitive even by 1950's standards. Lighting at night for adult classes in dressmaking and cake icing was by Tilley lamps. The Inspector of Home Science visited Ailsa at Cecil Plains in 1957 and gave her seal of approval to Ailsa's instruction in "primitive lifestyle domestic science".

At the end of the school day, Ailsa would usually shower and have her meals at the local hotel. The railway station toilets were not always appealing, nor the wood copper set up in the open near the carriage for laundry. Even though she felt a bit like the drover's wife on occasions, Ailsa has great memories of the children eager to learn cooking & sewing, and of the very hospitable country people. To this day, she has a real love for trains and for the Australian Bush, thanks to those years on the Domestic Science Travelling Train.

Ailsa's routes for the years included

- 1955 Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Cloncurry, Mt Garnett, Marian, Finch Hatton
- 1956 Ogmoo, Bluff, Springsure, Baralaba, Theodore, Miriam Vale
- 1957 Dirranbandi, Cecil Plains, Tara, Yuleba, Wandoan, Jandowae

In 1959 Ailsa married her Army Officer husband John, and as was the system at the time, was required to resign from teaching. Over the next 32 years they travelled far and wide, putting paid to any thought of resuming a teaching career.



The Steins lived in many army locations around Australia. In fact they have lived in 17 homes during their married life. Their first son was born in Adelaide, 2nd son in Holsworthy. When the boys were 4 & 5 years old, the family was stationed at Puckapunyal. Ailsa was 7 months pregnant with their daughter Jenny & John was sent to Borneo for 7 months work. Fortunately, her sister in law came down from the North when Jenny was due and lent a hand. John didn't meet his daughter until his return when she was 3 months old.

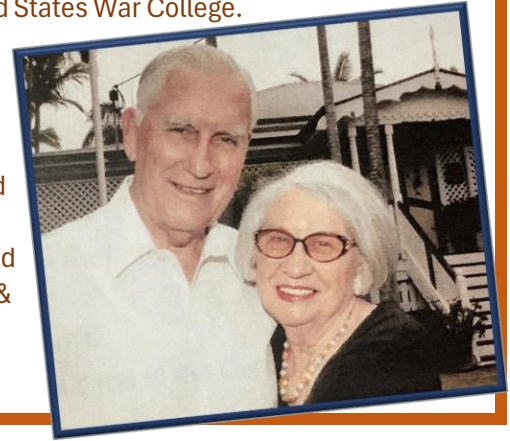


Ailsa Stein

Due to John's army career, the Stein Family were also posted overseas for 12 month stints. John attended the Canadian Army staff College, where their then 5 year old son, David, learnt to sing the entire Canadian National Anthem at school. Another 12 month stint a few years later was to Carlisle Pennsylvania where John attended the United States War College.

Ailsa loves to travel and thoroughly enjoyed these overseas postings. John was eventually the Director General of Logistics in the army and helped to build roads & airports in many locations including PNG.

Ailsa learnt to play Bridge in 1963 in Holsworthy. She had 3 small children at the time and the Army padre's wife taught her to play. She has played Bridge ever since - wherever the Army sent them. Becoming members at NSBC in 1992, John & Ailsa played at our club and at her peak Ailsa played 5 times a week. Along with Bridge, her other interests are family & travel. Sadly, John passed away last May. Ailsa has 3 children, 9 grandchildren & 3 great grandchildren and still loves a game of Bridge!

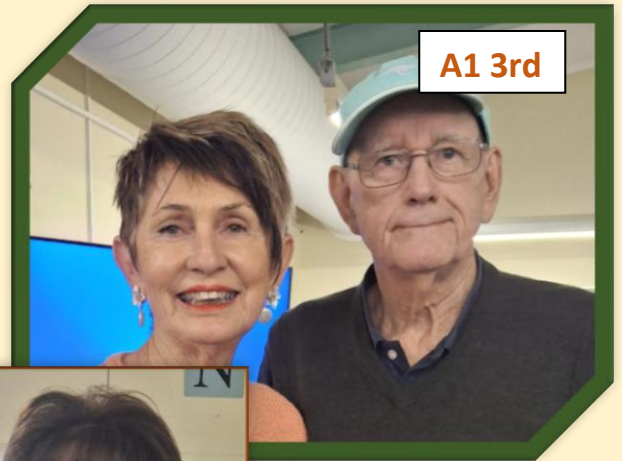


NSBC 1 Day IMP Pairs – February 2026

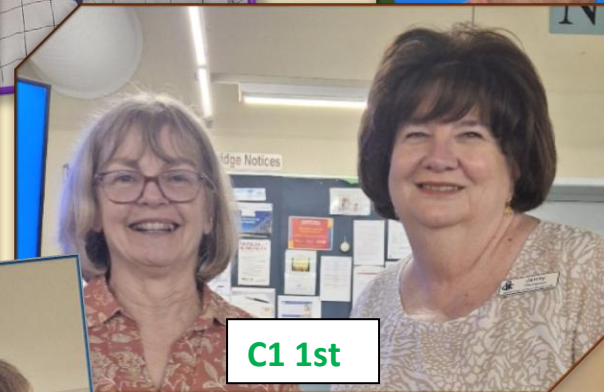
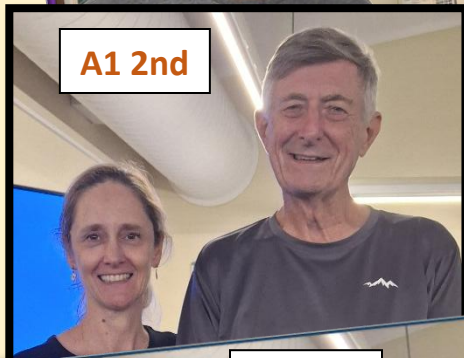
A1 1st



A1 3rd

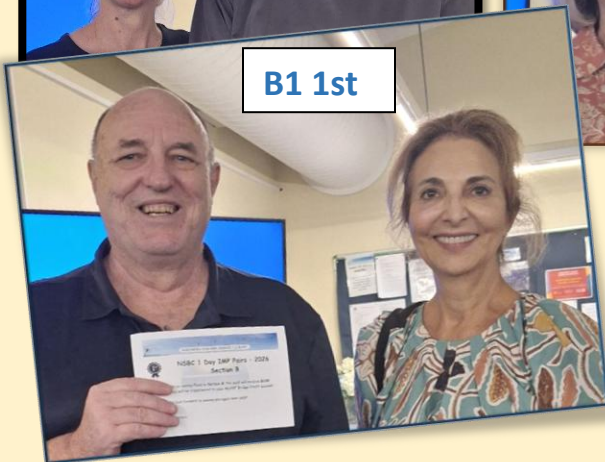


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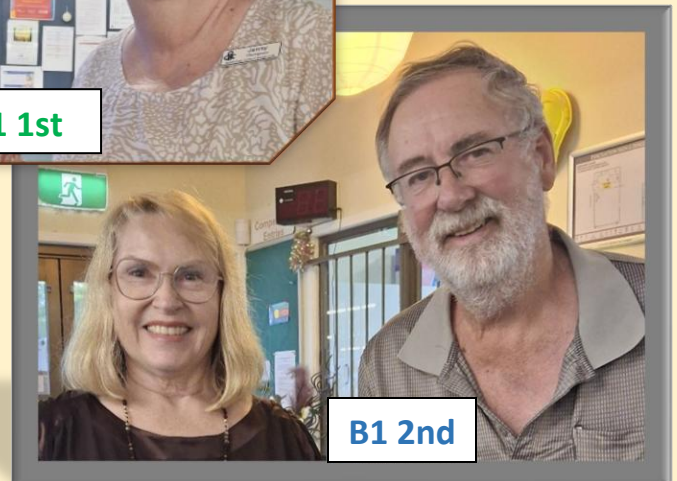


C1 1st

B1 1st



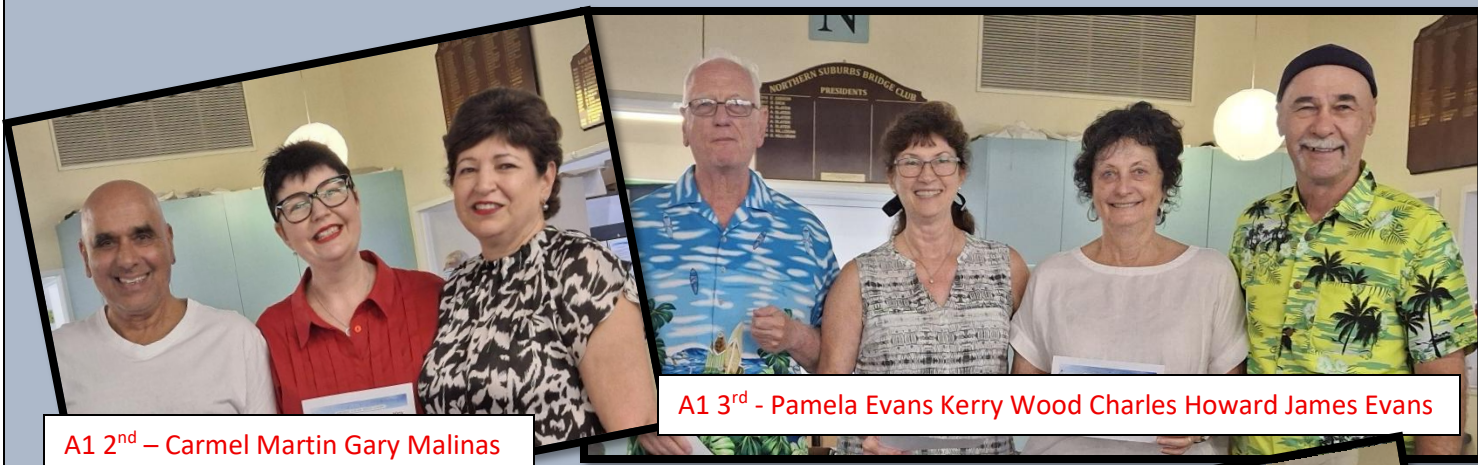
B1 2nd



NSBC OPEN TEAMS – JANUARY 2026



A1 1st – David Lehmann Bert Luchjenbroers Natalie Bloch Richard McLauchlan



A1 2nd – Carmel Martin Gary Malinas Kudpio Bedi Abbv Wanigaratne

A1 3rd - Pamela Evans Kerry Wood Charles Howard James Evans



B1 1st – Carmel Wikman Lesleigh Egan Margie Knox Narell Mclver



B1 2nd – Tere Wotherspoon Kathleen Clifford Terry O'Dempsey Charles Page

Promotions	RANK	DATE	TOTAL MPs	2026 MPs	2026 RANK
Luchjenbroers, Bert	Grand	Mar-26	1,219.55	18.42	577
Lehmann, David	Gold Life	Feb-26	1,051.03	23.74	385
Barr, Robert	Silver Life	Jan-26	662.16	6.03	2,755
Robbins, Peter	Bronze Life	Feb-26	404.84	6.66	2,432
Sauer, Ann	Life	Feb-26	447.17	23.38	396
Meadowcroft, Rex	Life	Feb-26	365.25	15.45	760
Borg, Jeff	Bronze National	Mar-26	257.17	8	1,934
Wells, Robyn	National	Mar-26	203.91	13.27	962
Brownlow, Suzy	Bronze State	Mar-26	104.03	12.32	1,073
Doyle, Geoff	State	Jan-26	105.56	3.11	5,640
Jenkins, Paul	State	Feb-26	65.54	15.44	761
Johnson, Anne	Bronze Regional	Jan-26	102.99	3.81	4,625
Barry, Rosalie	Bronze Regional	Jan-26	101.69	2.01	8,202
Green, Ghislaine	Bronze Regional	Mar-26	100	1.14	11,745
Robertson, Teresa	Regional	Jan-26	53.77	3.89	4,530
Dunsmuir, Janet	Regional	Jan-26	50.63	0.92	13,106
Hewson, Maria	Silver Local	Jan-26	37.41	3.58	4,937
Neibling, Jim	Silver Local	Mar-26	35.75	2.49	6,901
Endean, Judy	Silver Local	Mar-26	35.24	1.01	12,501
Moss, Jill	Bronze Local	Mar-26	26.58	3.39	5,198
Balasekeran, Bala	Bronze Local	Jan-26	25.98	1.61	9,564
Ward, Rowan	Bronze Local	Mar-26	25.42	5.62	2,980
Russ, Dianne	Local	Jan-26	21.14	6.6	2,466
Hornsby, Karen	Local	Jan-26	20	6.16	2,682
Mills, Damian	Local	Jan-26	17.28	2.56	6,753
Doherty, Tom	Local	Mar-26	16.11	4.9	3,507
Bonner, Allan	Local	Mar-26	15.69	1.29	10,968
Hill, Tony	Local	Mar-26	15.62	2.65	6,559
Moore, Bernadette	Club	Feb-26	6.84	3.35	5,263
Olsen, Margaret	Club	Feb-26	6.3	1.52	9,895
Murdoch, Kim	Club	Jan-26	5.55	0.66	15,087
Johns, Patrick	Graduate	Feb-26	3.92	3.92	4,502
Schachtner, Petra	Graduate	Jan-26	2.15	0.36	18,156
Sinclair, Annette	Graduate	Jan-26	2.15	0.36	18,172



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