

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Newsletter

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January 2026 Edition



Calendar

More information available on our Website Northernsuburbs.bridgeaustralia.org

January

Wednesdays

7 14 21 28

Supervised Play 9.15am-Arrive by 9.

Sunday 18th

NSBC One Day Open Teams

February

Mondays PM

2 9 16 23

Beginner Lessons 6.30 - 9 pm

Wednesdays AM

4 11 18 25

Beginner Lessons 9.15 - 11.45am

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Supervised Play 9.15am-Arrive by 9.

Sunday 22nd

NSBC One Day IMP Pairs

March

Mondays PM

2 9 16 23

Beginner Lessons 6.30 - 9 pm

Wednesdays AM

4 11 18 25

Beginner Lessons 9.15 - 11.45am

Monday 30th

Help with Play PM

Mondays

9th & 16th PM

GNOT Heat

April

Wednesdays

7 14 21 28

Supervised Play 9.15am-Arrive by 9.

Mondays

6 13 20

Help with Play PM

Wednesdays

1 8 15 22

Help with Play AM

2026 NSBC Membership Fees due in January

For the first time we are sending out invoices via MyABF to Members for their annual subscriptions. MyABF is collecting fees on our behalf. **Home Membership is \$68.20.** Away Membership \$15. **All Membership is due on or before Fri 24.1.26**

How to pay Options

My ABF Credits –

MyABF can deduct your membership from your MyABF account on or before the due date. *Members without "Auto-top Up" on their MyABF account – The Treasurer will contact - to pay by credit card at the club during January.



Pay from your bank to ours –

Transfer your fees into our bank account using your surname and ABF Number as reference

BSB: 484-799

ACCOUNT: 0528 72722

AC NAME: NSBC

Pay in the office by Eftpos Credit /Debit Card -

Please use your card to pay your fees at the Club. Please ensure your name & ABF Number is written on the docket left at the club.

NSBC Results

QBA Teams of 3 > 300 Points - Sept 2025

A1	Andy Slater	Geoff Doyle	Kerry Barridge	Magdalena Kowalczyk
A2	Jo Mammen	Anna Green	Cynthis Sharp	Siegfried Konig
A3	Lee Pitt	Cheryl martin	Robyn Chippindall	Roberta Tait
B1	Helen Klieve	Christine Bolger	Jenny Thompson	Richard Fox
B2	Rachel Darken	Rama Naidoo	Maxim Wilson	John Gough
B3	Alice Edwards	Paula Hall	Jenny Andrews	Mike Fox
C1	Merle Thomas	George O'Brien	Tim Runting	Nita Cooper
C2	Richard Wallis	Peter Grinlaubs	Harry Sunderland	Graham Killoran
C3	Alan Anderson	Trish Wright	Kit Duncan	Alexia Lennon
D1	Tracy Martin	Liz Hardcastle	Rita Von Rotz	Pip Witham
D2	Gail Wheelwright	Rowan Ward	Karen Collier	Charles Page
D3	Luke Geutjes	Nat Kay	Jane Geutjes	Chris Woolley



2 Day IMP Pairs - Nov 2025

A1	Ken Dawson	Alison Dawson
A2	Neville Francis	Kim Morrison
A3	David Smith	Anthony Hutton
B1	June Glenn	Alan Hamilton
B2	John Rivers	Sameer Pandya
B3	Peter Schmidt	Peter Lyons
C1	Vesna Markovic	Voyko Markovic
C2	Michelle Lewis	Deanne Gaskill
C3	Sandra Mulcahy	Inta Devine

Mixed Pairs 8 & 15 Oct 2025

A1	David Lehmann	Gayle McCarthy
A2	Margaret Plunkett	Greg Gosney

McLaney Tray 10 & 17 Oct 2025

A1	Richard McLauchlan	Natalie Bloch
A2	Joan Jenkins	Joyce O'Brien
A3	Margaret Plunkett	Greg Gosney
Bi	Liz Hardcastle	Cary Clarke

XMAS TEAMS 2025

A Grade

1st	David Lehmann	Margaret Amderson	Bert Luchenbroers	Jane Farquhar
2nd	Natalie Bloch	Richard McLauchlan	Andrew Slater	Jacqui Dudurovic
3rd	Robert Barr	Donna Krosch	Gayle McCarthy	Roy Davenport

B Grade

1st	Fran Price	Kerry Barridge	Peter Fagan	Ann Sauer
2nd	Elaine Crommelin	Jennifer Adam	Barbara White	Ron Adam
3rd	Joyce Garton	Denis Ward	Graham White	Kevin O'Donnell

C Grade

1st	Trish Wright	Kit Duncan	Alecia Lennon	Carol Fincham
2nd	Janet Smith	Tony Keen	Tracey Armour	Vanessa Wells
3rd	John Bagster	Pam Varcoe	Maria Hewson	Paula Hall



KIESER

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Is hip or knee osteoarthritis or low back pain affecting your daily life?

Kieser have limited places available for fully funded programs through participating health funds.



To find out if you're eligible, contact Brooke on 0401 753 730 or Brooke.Mckinnon@kieser.com.au

TBIB

**TONY BEMROSE
INSURANCE BROKER**



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How old do you think bridge is? (Of course, I mean contract bridge.) Bridge is based on trick taking games that date back many centuries. Whist became the fashion in the mid-1700s, spawning much literature starting with Edmund Hoyle's seminal work, *A Short Treatise on the Game of Whist* (1742). In 1894, Bridge Whist was introduced to the Portland Club and by 1905 it had transformed into auction bridge. According to British bridge historian Richard Fleet, the idea of contract bridge, where you must undertake to make a certain number of tricks, was first invented in 1912 by Sir Hugh Clayton while he was an English colonial administrator in India. However, the birth of contract bridge is credited to wealthy American railroad tycoon Harold S. Vanderbilt. He was on a cruise from California to Cuba on *SS Finland* when he came up with a new scoring table. The scoring has hardly changed since then. That was November 1, 1925.

Yes, in three weeks, bridge will turn 100!

Today's deal comes from James Clay's 1864 Whist book. It caused a sensation at the time; a famous Viennese player found the solution, looking at all four hands. The challenge is to make all 13 tricks with clubs as trumps on a club lead. At first sight there are only 11 tricks available. As Fleet says, "even after the passage of 150 years, it takes a good player to work out how to do it."

NORTH			EAST	
♠	J103		♠	987542
♥	AKQJ3		♥	84
♦	52		♦	K9
♣	742		♣	J109
WEST		South deals, both sides vulnerable		
♠	K6			
♥	109765			
♦	J108			
♣	865			
SOUTH				
♠	AQ			
♥	2			
♦	AQ7643			
♣	AKQ3			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	7♣
All pass	(OK, I invented the bidding!)		

Start by leading all four trumps, discarding a diamond from dummy. The term "squeeze" did not exist then, but West is now squeezed in three suits. If he discards a spade or a diamond, he concedes two tricks, so he must discard a heart. But that only postpones his misery. You now cash the ace of spades before running the hearts. On the fifth heart West is squeezed in diamonds and spades. He cannot stop you.

Next week is my last column for this masthead. Do join me. I am going to sign off with a great Zia hand.

DECEMBER 2025

Greetings All

As we come to the end of the year, I won't be sad to say goodbye to 2025.

It started with the damage to the electricity cable and subsequent shut down of the Club house. Fortunately, it only lasted 1 week and the costs have substantially been recovered.

The water damage claim of the previous year is still ongoing. I had a word to the TBIB rep at the Pat Clouston Christmas Teams event and promised to get the Underwriters to look at the dissenting Engineer's report again.

Speaking of the Christmas Teams. Wasn't a great day? The quality of the donated food was exquisite. Well done!

The Management Committee took the occasion to acknowledge the great work of our volunteers with a card and a token fun gift. However, in the preparation, we overlooked our newest Member of Team Volunteer. Big thankyou to Barry Witham, the Club Recorder who has been working quietly in the background. Apologies Barry.

I am taking a week off to visit my Daughter in Melbourne and get to two days of the Boxing Day Test. That's if the Poms perform a little better. My thanks in anticipation to those who will do my Directing duties.

I wish all Members a Happy Christmas and a better New Year.

Until the next newsletter

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran – President NSBC

Suzy Brownlow

Is in a creative writing class.

She had to do a piece on "The Wedding".

This is the result.

The elopement

Daunted with the prospect of planning my wedding, Pha Nese suggested we elope. An image came to mind of forbidden love and two young teenagers stealing away into the night under the cloak of darkness. Tying the knot at 53 meant, the expectations of a young bride were not an issue for me. Pha Nese often said, as he looked in the mirror, "I don't know what you see in me. I'm a broken old man".

I saw an honest and kind soul and a generous man with a sense of humour.

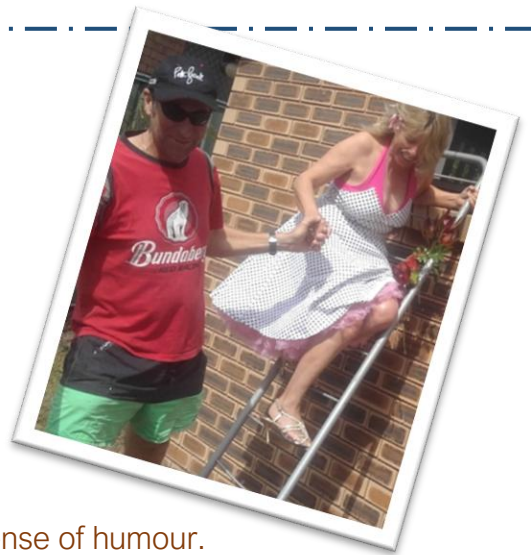
Nor were we concerned about impressing others with the trimmings of an expensive wedding.

An elopement. *Sounds perfect* I thought.

A few *elopement notices* were sent out. There was no church, no banquet, no cake, no photographers, no presents, no hair styles, no makeup and no dress. My best friend's eyes lit up, "Fantastic! No dress! A nude wedding!" Once the dress code was clarified, somewhat disappointed, she borrowed one of my dresses for the event. At 11am I dressed in a fluffy pink petticoat and a well-worn second-hand rock 'n' roll dress that I purchased a few years earlier for \$50. We staged the traditional climbing down a ladder from the window, as elopers of the past may have done, to take my soul mate's hand.

We caught a maxi taxi to the city centre. The registry office did the formalities, and we were married. The pub next door served a few cold beers.

Champers was served before we headed to the Italian Club. The piano accordion player departed from his regular playlist and produced rock 'n' roll from his squeeze box for us to dance to. Another maxi taxi home, an early night, before our early flight, to our own *Gretna Green* getaway. So simple, no stress and no expense.



NOTICEBOARD

2026 Beginner Classes START - Spread the word Members!

Monday Evenings 6.30pm start 2 FEB - Wednesday Mornings 9.15am start 4 FEB

Please spread the word to social networks, family, friends or anyone who will listen that our Beginner Lessons are starting - they run for 8 weeks cost \$80 and \$30 for a set of notes.

NSBC One Day Open Teams - Sunday 18 January 2026 - Arrive 9am

Volunteers for the kitchen and Donations of food for this event are required and welcome.

Please keep an eye on the noticeboard on the kitchen wall and help if you can.

Learn to become a Director in 2026

Thankyou to the members who have volunteered to assist our Club and become Directors.

We can always do with more willing folks - so if you would like to join us - please, please, let us know. Just drop us an email admin@nsbc.com.au and the Management Committee will do all we can to assist you. Please ask a Director if you are unsure if this is the way you would like to assist your club and if this is a job for you.

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

2026 Xmas Teams - Such a Fabulous Day!





Promotions

October	RANK	TOTAL	2025 MPs	2025 RANK
Duncan, Kit	Regional	50.62	33.26	1,597
Rose, Lynette	Regional	50.29	10.46	5,823
Fincham, Carol	Silver Local	35.97	6.83	8,369
Nicolas, Stephen	Graduate	2.01	2.01	16,483
Kellett, Theresa	Graduate	2	2	16,520
November				
Clark, Brian	Bronze State	101.87	55.9	859
Pyers, Antonia	Bronze Regional	100.09	2.96	14,657
Wright, Trish	Regional	51.91	34.87	1,673
Hawken, Carolyn	Regional	50.25	10.9	6,134
Baghaei, Aflatoon	Silver Local	35.38	6.34	9,489
Smith, Janet	Silver Local	35.18	15.36	4,374
Gundelach, Edwina	Silver Local	35.01	2.58	15,554
Egan, Marcus	Bronze Local	25.41	11.05	6,052
December				
Routley, Sandra	Bronze Life	670.11	35.39	1,804
Porter, Rosemary	Silver National	418.74	54.05	1,007
Mallan, Bill	Bronze Regional	100.2	10.09	7,071
Armour, Tracey	Regional	52.59	24.06	2,874
Jenkins, Paul	Regional	50.1	30.99	2,120
Staines, Jill	Regional	50.03	8.41	8,199
Hall, Paula	Silver Local	36.01	10.5	6,839
Diggles, Kerry	Bronze Local	25.6	5.68	10,806
McClure, Fay	Bronze Local	25.03	6.73	9,711
Horgan, Cecile	Club	5.52	4.6	12,299
Delac, Alan	Graduate	2.13	2.13	17,314

Cyber Security Corner

We understand the internet, computers, iPads and mobile phones can be daunting for some so we are going to start a Cyber Security Corner whereby we will offer some simple tips in plain english to help keep you safe.

Phone calls from people you don't recognise

Scammers are polished, professional sounding and extremely convincing. While it may feel impolite to hang up on someone, you do not need to provide any explanation. Just say "goodbye" and disconnect the call.

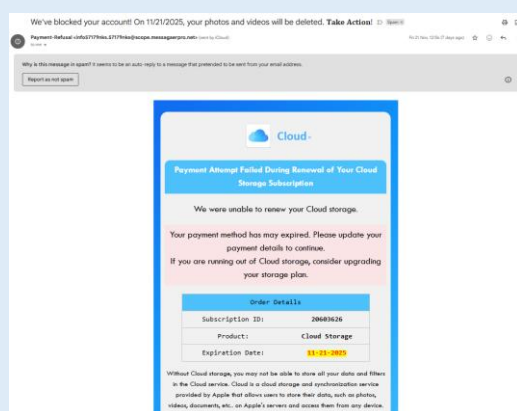
- Never provide passwords or bank details over the phone, **hang up immediately** (no bank, Government Department, or company will ever ask you this)
- Never share your address, DOB, email address or other personal information over the phone
- If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is (particularly around financial investment rates etc)

Emails or Text messages from people / companies you don't recognise

- Always look at the full email address of the sender, not just the short display name (see below example).
- Never click on a link or open an attachment if you do not know the sender
- Spelling mistakes, odd wording, and wrong grammar are big warning signs that it is not a legitimate business / person
- Using rushed language such as 'urgent', 'act now', 'your account will be blocked' is another big warning sign

And the final hint - if you are unsure about a text / email or it feels suspicious, ask a trusted friend or family member to look at it for you.

I received this email a few days ago. The email address is not from an Apple person, they have blocked my account, they used rushed urgent language 'take action!', and asked me to click on an unknown link. It is 100% spam ... I don't even have an Apple Cloud account.



Samsung mobile phones not able to dial 000

After recent testing by Telstra, Optus and TPG, they have discovered that at least 70 Samsung phone models are now unable to dial the Emergency 000 number. Some of these mobile phones will need to be replaced, but most can be **fixed by installing the latest system upgrade.**

If you have a Samsung mobile, please have a family member (one of your grandchildren is best) check your phone to see if it is on the [finder.com list](https://www.finder.com.au).

Alternatively, speak to Catherine Flowers at a Saturday session or during the Pat Clouston Xmas Teams so she can check your mobile for you.

Please note this only affects Samsung mobiles (old and new models) across all telco providers.