

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Newsletter

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July 2026 Edition

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Three months have elapsed since your new committee was elected and during that time some unpopular but necessary decisions have been made to arrest the decline in our financial position.

All of those changes have been on the cost side - cancelling the landscaping contract (former committee), doing away with the tea ladies and restricting the number of free games. There are other opportunities to reduce costs, but those alternatives are drastic and unjustified at this stage.

From an accounting viewpoint, there are only three ways to improve our bottom line - cut costs, increase prices or increase turnover. The increase in table fees to \$8.00 by the former committee has helped for now but we have to face reality in that further table fee increases are inevitable in the long term due to inflationary pressure on our four main costs - insurance, electricity, catering and cleaning.

Another concern is our access to grants. It used to be the case that if we needed a major capital purchase we simply applied for a grant and it was approved. Our recent application for a grant to upgrade the Bridgemates was unsuccessful and on checking, the QBA advised that no bridge club in Queensland received a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in the latest round.

The one item where we can have some influence is to increase our turnover - ie, more people playing bridge and the best way to do this is to attract new members via our twice-yearly lessons. It is in our own interests to promote our lessons within our own social contacts as word of mouth is the best form of advertising, and I ask that you do so at every opportunity.

Your club has again successfully played host to the QBA Butler pairs over the weekend of June 13/14. Special thanks go to Denise Taylor and Greg Gosney for their work as Convenors as they both gave up their time for most of the weekend. Also, a big thank you to the volunteer kitchen helpers (Moirra Harris, Kerry Barridge, Pat Shine, Maria Dawson, Gayle McCarthy and Margaret Olsen), Helen McCabe who answered an emergency call to deal extra boards, and to those who donated their favourite slices/cakes. Congratulations to all for a well organised event that received overwhelming applause from the participants.

NEWEST GRAND MASTER

Congratulations to Bert Luchjenbroers who achieved GRAND MASTER status since our last newsletter. He joins 16 of our other members of that rank.

Bert started paying bridge back in Atherton in 1987, and whilst it might seem that it has taken him a while to get there, he was overseas for some of the intervening years.

Bert has had some impressive achievements at the bridge table:-

Winner of the Gold Coast Congress Intermediate Teams in 2015

Winner of the State-wide McCutcheons for that year for players of Gold Life level

Winner of the Queensland Graded pairs B Grade in 2014

Winner of the NSBC club championship pairs 2012

Winner of the NSBC club Championship teams 2021

Winner of the Arana Club Championship pairs 2022

Winner of the Arana Club Championship teams 2020 and 2023

Winner of the NSBC Teams Congress January 2026

*And that's just the events we know of! **Congratulations Bert!***



CALENDAR

More information available on our Website
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July

Wednesday Pairs

Wednesdays AM 1st & 8th
9.15am start - Seated by 9.

Beginner Lessons

Mondays 6.30PM – 9PM

13 20 27 July

Wednesdays 9.15AM – 11.45AM

15 22 29 July

Jill Wilson Pairs Championship

Thursdays AM 16th & 23rd

9.15am start – Seated by 9am

Intermediate Lessons

(Modern Competitive Bidding)

Tuesdays 10am-12noon

14 21 28 July

Supervised Play

Every Wednesdays 9am start

August

Presidents Tray

Mondays AM 3rd & 10th

10am start - seated by

9.45am

Beginner Lessons

Mondays 6.30PM – 9PM

3 10 17 24 31 August

Wednesdays 9.15AM – 11.45AM

5 12 19 26 August

Intermediate Lessons

(Modern Competitive Bidding)

Tuesdays 10am-12noon

4 11 18 August

Supervised Play

Every Wednesdays 9am start

Sept

Tuesday Pairs

Tues AM – 1st & 8th

Newstead Novice Shield

Tues PM - 15th & 22nd

QBA Teams of 3

Sunday 20th Sept

GNOT Finals - QCBC

Sat & Sunday 19th & 20th TBC

Help with Play

Mondays 6.30PM – 9PM

7 14 21 28 Sept

Wednesdays 9.15AM –

11.45AM

9 16 23 30 Sept

Supervised Play

Every Wednesdays 9am start

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NSBC Results

Monday Shield- 15 May

1st EW	Trish Tritton	Alan Smith
2nd EW	Jane Farquhar	Herold Rienstra
3rd EW	Kit Duncan	Trish Wright
1st NS	Greg Gosney	Margaret Plunkett
2nd NS	Peter Nilsson	Yolande Coroneo
3rd NS	Geoff Saxby	Denis Ward

Aust Wide Novice Pairs - 26 May

1st EW	Kit Duncan	Trish Wright
2nd EW	Jill Lukin	Paulette Bourke
3rd EW	Tracey Armour	Carol Fincham
1st NS	Gary Taylor	Elaine Jones
2nd NS	Jill Staines	Kay Elliot
3rd NS	Teresa Robertson	Barbara Jeffery

NSBC Teams Championships – 1 & 8 June

A1	Greg Gosney	Margaret Plunkett	John Scrivens	Elizabeth Gibson
A2	Gary Taylor	Albery Loh	Maree Huxley	Joan Mills
A3	Kerry Barridge	Denis Ward	Dennis Sullivan	Geoff Saxby
B1	Margaret Baker	Margaret Munro	Pip Witham	Barry Witham
B2	Tere Wotherspoon	Kathleen Clifford	Terry O'Dempsey	Charles Page

McLaney Tray - 15 & 22 May

1st	John Henderson	Annette Hyland
2nd	Jane Farquhar	Herold Rienstra
3rd	Suzy Brownlow	Karen Gosney

Pat & Peter Macdonald Pairs - 2 & 9 April

1st	Greg Gosney	Margaret Plunkett
2nd	Kerry Malt	Gay Testa
3rd	Yolande Coroneo	Bert Luchjenbroers

Hoffmann Tray - 2 & 9 May

1st	Jamshid Vazirsadeh	Helen Baran
2nd	Eugene Pereira	Peter Nilsson
3rd	Jane Farquhar	Herold Rienstra



NOTICEBOARD

**Beginners Lessons - Please SPREAD THE WORD =
Flyers are available at the club Entrance**

STARTING -

Monday Evenings 6.30pm start 13 JULY - Wednesday Mornings 9.15am start 15 JULY

Magazine Donations - No More Please

Thanks everyone for the Donations - no more are required at the Moment

Kitchen News

The Transition to volunteers manning the kitchen has been wonderful!

Please keep cleanliness at the top of your mind - Use gloves when handling food - Tongs for biscuit boxes - Please don't REFILL milk jugs-start a new jug with a new milk carton so no old milk is in the jug - return cups to the kitchen as soon as finished - pop your name on the rosters when available. (The roster is just 5-10 minutes before play to set up - and tidy after tea)

Thanks Members!

Stand By Players are always in Need-Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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, usually the first or second Saturday of the month.

Please send your compliments, questions or anything you would like the committee to be aware of (preferably by email admin@nsbc4011.com.au) before the end of the month.

NEXT MEETING = SAT 11 JULY



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2025 NSBC HONOUR BOARD WINNERS

NSBA One Day Open Teams	Janeen Solomon & Maha Hoenig
NSBA One Day IMP Pairs	David Smith & Anthony Hutton
Thursday Pairs	Margaret Plunkett & Greg Gosney
Hoffman Tray	Eugene Pereira & Errol Miller
Club Championship Teams	Eugene Pereira-Peter Nilsson-Alan Smith-Trish Tritton
Monday Shield	Magdalena Kowalczyk & Jamshid Vazirzadeh
Jill Wilson Pairs	Yolande Coroneo & Jane Farquhar
Newstead Novice Shield	Magdalena Kowalczyk & Geoff Doyle
Friday Rosebowl	Bert Luchjenbroers & Yolande Coroneo
Presidents Tray	Ann Sauer & Rex Meadowcroft
Tuesday Pairs	Jacqui Field & Bert Luchjenbroers
QBA Teams of 3	Andy Slater-Geoff Doyle-Kerry Barridge-Magdalena Kowalczyk
Mixed Pairs	David Lehmann & Gayle McCarthy
McLaney Tray	Richard McLauchlan & Natalie Bloch
NSBC IMP Pairs 2 Days	Alison Dawson & Ken Dawson
Leta Leiper Award	Kit Duncan



Andy Hung at Noosa

Some of our members attended a wonderful week of bridge lessons and play. The topic for the week was Slam Bidding. Thanks Barbara White for the photo.

New Members

Please welcome our New NSBC Members

Chris Newton, Peter Robinson, Jay Deb, Charlotte Petit, Judith Jensen, Jonathon Roper, Margaret Hayes, Judy Hutton, Bruce Butler, Peter Nottingham, Alison Chalmer, Delphine Paatsch, Michelle Donnan, David Reyno, Helen Alt Allmezziane, Liz Allen. Trudy Chapman, Penny Roost, Anthony Sidwell & Anna Lyons.



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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

North

Spades J 3
Hearts 6 5 3
Diamonds J 6 4
Clubs A K Q 4 3

West

Spades Q 10 8 6 2
Hearts 10 8 4
Diamonds 10 8 5 2
Clubs 7

A K 9 7 5 4
9
K Q 7
J 9 2

East

South

Spades -
Hearts A K Q J 7 2
Diamonds A 9 3
Clubs 10 8 6 5

South is in 6 Hearts. Opening lead is the Club

Here's a little declarer play problem to challenge the grey matter. How do you intend to make your contract. Solution is at the end of the newsletter - no peeking!

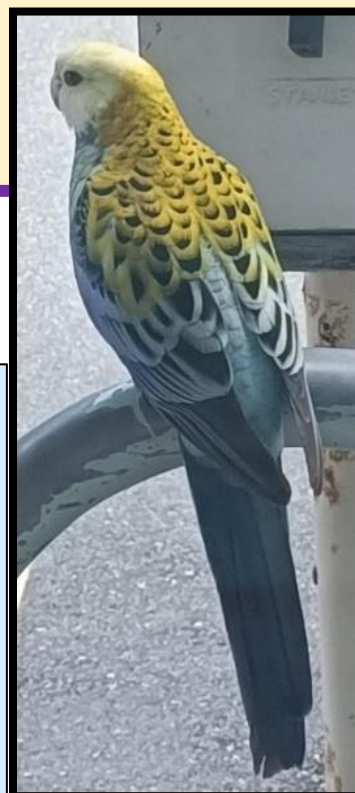
Thanks to everyone for Newsletter Items! Next Newsletter October 2026 – Email Items, photos, stories accepted in the interim. Dob in someone with an interesting story!



Pale Headed Rosella

Spotted a few times around the club recently – right at the front door in this pic – photo by Robyn Wells.

A vibrant and charismatic species, who's breeding season typically occurs from August to January though it can vary with rainfall. They form monogamous pairs, with females laying 4-6 eggs, incubated by both parents for about 3 weeks. *Keep your eyes open for yet more new Members at the club.*





On behalf of the Monday Morning Session, I would like to convey my thanks to Greg Gosney and his team of helpers for the President's Tray.

The Competition was run professionally and was a delight to be a part of.

In the past the Competition has been left up to the Session Director and Convenor which only gave an atmosphere of another Session game.

As a person who likes to mix his Bridge with Session and Competition games, I was very appreciative of the whole conduct of this Competition.

Bruce Stephens
Monday AM Convenor.

Thanks to David McEvoy for the recent donation of a lawn mower.

Thank you to Helen Hatch for the leaf blower.

Thank you to Janet Smith for the loan of the wheeler walker – for the use of members in and around the club.



Farewell for Rita Von Rotz –

Tues 14 July after PM Session

Many Tuesday / Friday & Saturday players have come to know Rita Von Rotz very well. She is leaving on 21 July to return to live permanently in Switzerland. We are sorry to see her go. Please come along for a small gathering to wish this popular club member a fond farewell.

Please see Trish Wright for further information regarding the Farewell.

Rita has been a loyal and hardworking club member for 5 years. She will be missed. We all wish you the best for the future Rita!



2026 NSBC Teams Championship Winners

Greg Gosney - Elizabeth Gibson - John Scrivens - Margaret Plunkett

Robyn Wells Travel Adventures

Sunrise over Kata Tutja (The
Olgas) & West McDonald
Ranges near Alice Springs



Barrier Reef Congress 2026 – Townsville - May 11-13

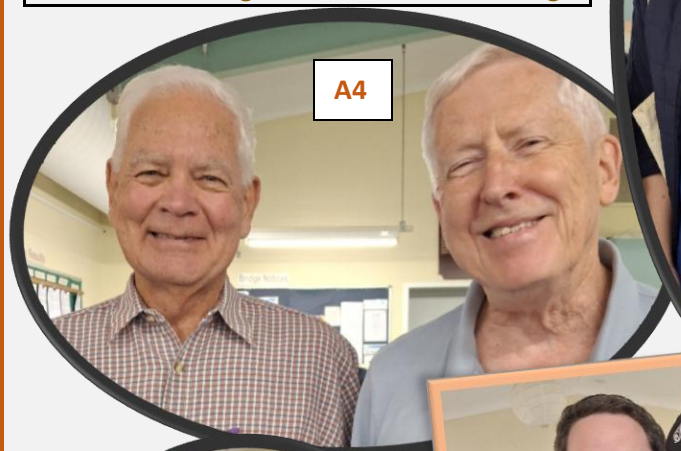


3rd Place in the Restricted Pairs
Helen Baran & Kate O'Donnell

Masterpoint Promotions	RANK	DATE	TOTAL MPs	2026 MPs	2026 RANK
Staley, Mary	Bronze Life	Apr-26	660.35	17.63	907
Schmidt, Peter	Bronze Life	Apr-26	401.46	21.01	680
Robbins, Valerie	Life	Apr-26	302.12	10.38	1,977
Bampton, Vic	State	Apr-26	148.97	4.19	5,479
Huxley, Maree	State	Apr-26	118.87	2.46	8,552
Lennon, Alexia	Silver Local	Apr-26	35.43	1.72	10,813
Collier, Karen	Bronze Local	Apr-26	26.11	4.91	4,674
McGinness, Katie	Graduate	Apr-26	2.52	1.44	12,013
Hopton, Diane	Graduate	Apr-26	2.25	1.01	14,226
Brownlow, Brett	Local	May-26	16.19	2.06	11,311
McPhie, Grigor	Local	May-26	15.71	3.12	8,634
Johns, Patrick	Club	May-26	6	6	4,925
Sala, Gosia	Club	May-26	5.3	1.6	13,006
Gado, Chris	Graduate	May-26	2.07	0.26	21,801
Dudurovic, Jacqui	Life	Jun-26	304.77	32.47	702
Quinn, Sean	National	Jun-26	172.28	9.94	3,568
Taylor, Gary	Silver Local	Jun-26	37.85	5.73	6,280
Cunningham, Belinda	Bronze Local	Jun-26	27.24	8.81	4,051
Russ, Dianne	Bronze Local	Jun-26	26.79	12.25	2,821
Martin, Tracy	Local	Jun-26	18.2	11.22	3,107
Aroney, Trish	Local	Jun-26	15.51	2.14	12,563
McDonald, Erica	Graduate	Jun-26	2.73	2.17	12,467

QBA Butler Pairs 13 & 14 June - NSBA

A 1	Mangus Moren	Justin Mill
A 2	Charlie Lu	James Wallis
A 3	Andrew Woollons	Nikolas Moore
A 4	Ian Afflick	Paul Collins
B 1	Matt Sun	Martin Qin
B 2	Chris Woolley	Wendy Gibson
B 3	Jacinta Lee	Jenny Thompson
C 1	Emma Langford	Robert Cumming



A4



B1



A1



B2



A2



A3



B3



C1



Pat was born & raised in Toowoomba, the eldest of 4 daughters to Catherine & Stanley Dwan. Catherine's love of music was passed to her daughters. All four sisters learnt the piano, three the violin, and one the Cello. As a classically trained Pianist & Violinist, Pat started the piano at 7 & the violin at 9. Her other great joy, tennis, she began at 8 years of age. Pat played tennis once or twice a week - for the next 78 years! Playing fixtures for many years, & while raising a family, tennis has been a regular & most enjoyable part of her life.

The Toowoomba climate was not helpful for Pat's bronchitis, so boarding school in Ipswich was the solution. Pat attended St Marys for 5 years, completing senior, along with piano, Violin, choirs, Orchestras & tennis. Her first job was a position in the National Bank in Toowoomba. Two new life-long loves arrived around this time – one in the form of Frank Deighton – who worked in the Commonwealth Bank, and the other a singer sewing machine course. To this day, Pat thoroughly enjoys sewing and still makes most of her own clothes. She has made her girls' formal & bridesmaid dresses. She made the bridesmaid dresses for her wedding to Frank at St Pats Toowoomba in 1958. In May of that year the CBA transferred the newlyweds to Kingaroy.



The Deighton's welcomed 3 children in their 7 years in Kingaroy. Pat taught piano & music at school and along with a local friend started an orchestra in the town. Upon their return to Brisbane, the family moved into their home in Stafford & completed the family, totalling 3 girls and 2 boys. The Deighton kids were more "sporty" than musical. Pat was the accompanist for Marist Brothers speech nights at City Hall, revue company annual performances, sung in countless choirs and played in many different orchestras. Pat & her sisters formed their own string quartet and performed at various functions, concerts & weddings. Pat still plays in the Geo Verdi Musica. Of her 15 grandchildren – 13 are musical, two grandsons have played in an orchestra with Pat. Her 90th birthday party at the Cricketers Club last year was a real family orchestra – Pat on violin, her daughter-in-law on the keyboard, granddaughter on the flute, 1 grandson on the French horn & another on the violin.

Upon retirement in 1991, Pat & Frank spent the next 20 years travelling. A lot of travel was in their caravan on short and long trips all over Australia.

Pat Deighton

Among their overseas trips, they enjoyed several holidays in the Australia Embassy Compound in Beijing. Their son, Paul, was a Military Attache there for 6 years with his family. Along with walking the Great Wall, visiting the International School their grandchildren attended, they also participated in social events at the embassy with the other diplomats and their families. Pat even played tennis on the Embassy Court!

Pat, her 5 married children, 15 grandchildren & 3 great grandchildren have gathered at Coolum for the 2nd week of Xmas for the last 27 years. Pat credits her grandchildren for encouraging her to keep up to date with modern technology. Pat's youngest granddaughter has just been selected in the Under 18 Aust Softball Squad & her son was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in the Queens Honours List. Quite a family!

All those years on the tennis court provided Pat with a malignant melanoma in 2007. Whilst she continued playing tennis – it was time to move indoors. Pat's mum had played Bridge and her sister Carmel suggested lessons at The Irish Club. Pat has been a keen Bridge player ever since. "Joining Hendra was one of the best things I ever did as I have made many good friends here." and we are all so glad you're here too Pat!



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Asking about Opponents' Calls During the Auction

A call is any bid, double, redouble or pass. When it is your turn to call, you may request an Explanation of the auction. Likewise, when it is not your turn to call, you should refrain from asking any questions about the auction.

If your partner is asking about the auction, you should not ask supplementary questions until It is your turn to call.

When asking about a specific call, always ask the partner of the player who made the call. On asking, you are entitled to know the full meaning of an opponent's call. Unless instructed by the Director, players must not explain their own calls.

Questions may not be asked if their sole purpose is to benefit partner.

Unless it is important to know during the auction, it is best not to ask about opponents' calls as the explanation may clarify matters for their partners. Better to wait until the end of the auction.

Apart from required announcements (e.g. 1C is 2+ or 3+), you must not provide an explanation of your partner's call unless requested to by an opponent at their turn to call.

During the auction, if an opponent picks up or asks for your system card, do not provide an explanation of your partner's call unless requested to by an opponent at their turn to call. Most likely, your opponent is looking at your system card, rather than asking, because they do not want you to announce out loud what you understand your partner's call to mean. The same applies during the play of the cards. Stay quiet while they look at your system card. If they want a further explanation, they will ask.



SOLUTION = Presidents Challenge page 6

This hand is a classic example of why you should always take time to think at trick one because careful examination will show you that the Clubs are blocked by the South hand. If you blithely draw trumps and then play the three top Clubs, you will find to your horror that you cannot avoid two Diamond losers.

After winning the opening lead with the Ace of Clubs, South should draw trumps in three rounds, then play a club to the King and exit with a Spade, discarding a Club from hand. Now that the clubs are unblocked, South will win any return and play his last Club to the Queen, discarding the two losing Diamonds on the remaining two Clubs.