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NEWSLETTER – June 2025

Presidents Report

Greetings All,

A lot has happened since our last newsletter.

Firstly, thanks for electing me as President for another year. I value your trust and confidence. I am currently reviewing the Club Health Survey submissions, all 204 of them. This is taking a little time. When I have finished, I will make a separate report of the findings. I will email and provide hard copies for distribution. One of the results that came out was the number of Members who do not have access to email.

Of the many comments made, the most pleasing was that the number Members who commented on the most liked aspect is the Friendliness experienced at the Club. Congratulations to all!

A couple of Saturdays ago, we were deluged as we prepared to leave after the Saturday session. Given the number of our Member's who need walkers and other aids, I've realized we need better protection over our entry. Daina Geise, Management Committee Member, reported Brisbane City Council has grants for projects of this nature. I consulted Peter Brown, a retired Structural Engineer and Member who has come up with a very imaginative solution. I am in the process of getting documentation prepared and getting quotes from Builders I know to make a submission to Council. I'll keep you informed of progress.

I'm still waiting for the final report from the Engineers regarding the water leak problem. I am trying to wrap this up with the Insurers as soon as possible.

All North players will know that our Bridgemates are showing their age. Greg Gosney, another Management Committee member, informed me that there is a new upgraded Bridgemate coming available. I have made contact with the suppliers who have informed me that not yet and when available will be about \$350.00 each. We will try to sell our fleet of Bridgemates to smaller Clubs who may not be as well equipped as our Club.

We have held several competitions which have been well attended. Thanks again to our Convenors, Max Latimer and Jacque Dudurovic for well organised events and those Members who have helped out in the kitchen.

Lastly, and very importantly, on Saturday 12th July we will be celebrating the 100th Birthday of our Member Molly Jean Hunt. The cake has been ordered and sparkling wine will be drunk in celebration. As Director, I am expecting to direct at least 2 sections of play. Come and celebrate this remarkable achievement and be warned, Molly Jean is still very successful in Bridge play.

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran, President, Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc

NOTICEBOARD



Beginner Lessons Starting - 8 Lessons

Please spread the word to family & Friends

Evenings – Monday 21 July – 8 September

Daytime - Tuesday 22 July – 9 September

Followed by 4 weeks of Help With Play

For all the details click on "Lessons" tab on the Website

NSBC New Members April, May & June

Lynette Rushton, Angela White, Pip Comiskey, Alan Delac, Debra Mazzei, Erica McDonald, Annabel Searle, Tania Gilmore, Trish Williams, Delma Purcell, Cary Clarke, Diana Osbaldiston, Geraldine Howard, Stephen Nicolas, Edward Douglas, Patricia Douglas, Laura Cobzaru, Gail Madders & Libby Marples.

Tuesday & Friday PM Sessions

New Bridge players are encouraged to begin their playing careers here. Providing there are enough players, there is a section for players with less than 25 master points. This is rarely not possible. All Players should be mindful of encouraging our newest players. We have all been new players once.

NAME BADGES

Lost your Name Badge? New badges can be ordered in the Office for \$15.

Payment is preferred by debit/credit card, when we have enough an order will be placed.

CLUB PHONE

If you have given the NSBC telephone number as an Emergency Contact (e.g. so a hospital, nursing home, etc. can contact you while you are playing), please let the session Director know so they can answer the phone if the office is vacant. Otherwise the phone rings until the answering machine kicks in and you may miss the call.

REMINDER'S

Strong perfumes affect some players allergies and breathing. Please be mindful when you wear these to Bridge.

KITCHEN – please use the sink only

Please do not empty your cups or pour any other liquids into the tray under the hot water dispensers – it is **not a drain**. It is only a small tray which is for splashes of water and has to be manually emptied.

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0401 753 730 or Brooke.Mckinnon@kieser.com.au

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NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2025 MPs	2025 RANK
Apr-25				
Devine, Inta	National	153.15	7.21	3,277
Van Beest, Robert	Bronze State	186.75	7.94	2,959
Sexton, Lori	Regional	50.57	1.92	10,068
Varcoe, Pam	Regional	50.02	1.46	11,762
Bagster, John	Silver Local	35.16	1.87	10,273
Jenkins, Paul	Bronze Local	25.82	6.71	3,550
Hughes, Serena	Bronze Local	25.06	5.52	4,318
Lennon, Alexia	Bronze Local	25	0.78	15,521
Russ, Dianne	Club	5.81	3.27	6,894
Bright, Vicki	Graduate	2.04	0.32	19,863
May-25				
Pirozzo, Sandi	Silver National	424.17	25.28	921
Sauer, Ann	Silver National	377.85	36.93	472
Witham, Pip	National	241.55	7.8	3,847
Ypinazar, Gary	National	198.82	4.96	5,921
Macrossan, Michael	National	153.39	12.88	2,201
Ahern, Jen	Regional	50.22	4.06	6,990
Armour, Tracey	Silver Local	36.08	7.55	3,984
Doherty, Tom	Club	5.02	1.22	14,439
Casey, Jenny	Graduate	2.26	1.73	12,252
Horgan, Cecile	Graduate	2.12	1.2	14,565
Jun-25				
Jeppesen, Fay	Gold Life	754	37.8	650
James, Misako	National	384.97	14.07	2,455
Jackson, Olivia	National	181.15	17.15	1,957
Horner, Lee	State	147.14	3.26	9,597
Furminger, Vad	State	128.57	12.24	2,926
Brownlow, Suzy	State	67.41	21.78	1,471
Grinlaubs, Peter	Regional	52.68	23.21	1,344
De Jager Miles, Sheena	Regional	50.52	7.19	5,074
Wright, Trish	Silver Local	35.03	17.99	1,863
Loy, Graham	Local	16.02	2.52	11,274
Barnett, Barb	Local	15.01	0.41	21,061
Hayman, Alan	Local	15	1.6	14,261
Dickson, Jenny	Local	15	4.8	7,256
McLachlan, Lynne	Club	5.76	2.94	10,267
Wojcik, Gosha	Graduate	2.29	1.99	12,827
Carswell, Denise	Graduate	2.12	0.62	19,443
Hardcastle, Liz	Graduate	2.11	2.11	12,419

Committee News

The AGM was held in April & a new Committee was sworn in.

There are still 3 positions vacant and the 2025.26 Committee would really like to encourage any members to join the team. Many hands make light work, new faces, suggestions & enthusiasm can only but benefit our Club. The Committee meets once a month for an hour or 2 on a Wednesday after the morning bridge session.

Please consider if you could join us!

Some Topics Under Discussion recently include:

- Alterations to Membership Forms and Fees
- New Bridgmates are in demand across the world. NSBC replacement cost in excess of \$18000
- Solar Panels – are they operating to optimum
- Competition payouts and member inclusions
- Insurance claim
- Taxi service at the club
- Members Survey forms
- Rain shelter at Club Entrance



2025.26 Committee

Greg Gosney, Denise Taylor, Graham Killoran (President) , John Bagster (Secretary) , Jason Cooney (Vice President) , Daina Geise & Tracey Armour (Treasurer)

400 Years of Bridge

The **history of [contract bridge](#)** may be dated from the early 16th-century invention of [trick-taking games](#) such as [whist](#). Bridge departed from whist with the creation of [Biritch \(or "Russian Whist"\)](#) in the 19th century, and evolved through the late 19th and early 20th centuries to form the present game.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

World War II Plane found in Greece



William Horsley

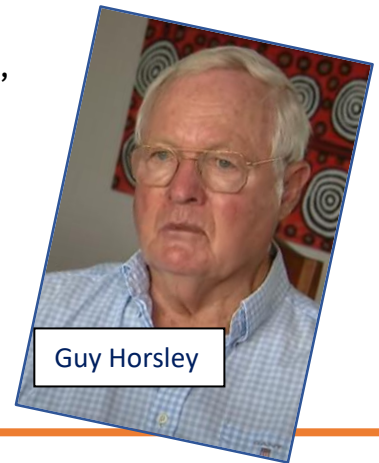
A little bit of magic came Guy Horsley's way earlier this year when a Royal Australian Airforce Bomber was located in the Aegean Sea near the Greek Island of Antikythera.

The Bomber had lain 60m deep in the ocean for over 80 years. During WW2, Guy's father, 32 year old William Alroy Hugh Horsley, was the pilot when they were shot down by German forces. Of the 4 airmen on board, William was the only survivor. He swam to a nearby Island where local fisherman found him, later to become a Prisoner of War.

He returned home after the war and passed away when Guy was 15 years old.

An Athens based Exploration team heard the story of the Bomber, and even with today's sonar technology, it still took 7 years to locate the plane.

There are no plans to move the wreckage and the full story can be seen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5G8QycsN6s>



Guy Horsley

NSBC Teams of 3 - 16 May 2025

Many thanks to Greg Gosney for organising this very successful event! Also, thanks to all the wonderful mentors who ensured an educational and fun day for everyone! There is another Teams of 3 for members with less than 300 MP – Sunday 21 September at NSBC.

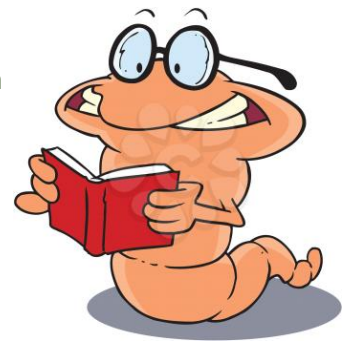


LIBRARY NEWS

From time to time, members donate their unused bridge book to the library, some of which are duly catalogued and taken “into stock”. Mostly though, we already have one (or more) copies of the donated item in which case, those books are placed with the other “help yourself” publications which can be found on the lower shelf in the second cabinet.

Recently, Margaret McNee generously donated her private collection to the library and I have placed these with the other give-away items. There are some good titles on the give-away shelf and members are reminded that they can take any of the books from this shelf without the need for the usual borrowing restrictions.

The Bookworm



Mollie-Jean Hunt's coming of Age

Not every day a member reaches 100 years of age – rumour is Mollie-Jean is only the 2nd NSBC member to achieve this milestone.

With 2 older brothers and 2 older sisters, Mollie-Jean completed the family & was Born in Montreal, Canada on Friday July 10th, 1925. One of Mollie-Jean's sisters still lives in Canada and is 102 years of age. Mollie-Jean met her Australian Airman husband, John, in Montreal. John was studying to become a wireless air gunner.



With Joan Schuh

After the war in 1945, John & Mollie-Jean returned to Glen Innes NSW, where they were married. Mollie-Jean attributes the seasonal weather of this area to her easy settlement into Australia. In later moves within Australia the weather conditions were not so comfortable for this cool Canadian.

The Hunts did move between Canada and Australia a couple of times, and each of their 3 children bears a different birth place. Merelie was born in Glen Innes, Bill in Toronto and Garth in Kallangur, Brisbane. Husband and wife learned to play bridge in Canada, the long Canadian winters ensured there was lots of bridge play. The couple remained Bridge partners whilst running the City Bridge Club in Fortitude Valley, and through the club's move to Downy Park until its closure in the late 1980's. First joining what was to become NSBC, John & Molly-Jean played together at Hendra High School before the clubhouse was built at Gerler Road. This strong partnership endured until John's passing in 2008. Joan Schuh and Mollie-Jean have played together for over 10 years and Beverley Fawcett-Smith is her regular Saturday partner every week. Very much still a force to be reckoned with at the Bridge Table!

Mollie-Jean's children are throwing a “fancy afternoon tea” at Molly-Jean's home, Aveo, to mark this wonderful lady's long life. Mollie-Jean attributes her longevity to “general living – not too fast, not too slow & always having a positive attitude”. A warm congratulations Mollie-Jean from everyone at the Club, we are cheering you on to be the first member to celebrate a 105th Birthday!



With Beverley Fawcett-Smith

Recent Results at NSBC

THURSDAY PAIRS		1 & 8 May
DIV A		
1st	Margaret Plunkett	Greg Gosney
2nd	Pip Witham	Barry Witham
3rd	Carol Shinkel	Judith Mitchell

Hoffman Tray		10 & 17 May 2025
DIV A		
1st	Eugene Pereira	Errol Miller
2nd	Margaret Plunkett	Greg Gosney
3rd	Ann Sauer	Mary Staley

Club Championship Teams		2 & 9 June 2025
DIV A		
1st	Trish Tritton, Alan Smith, Eugene Pereira, Peter Nilsson	
2nd	Elixabeth Gbson, John Scrivens, Margaret Plunkett, Greg Gosney	
3rd	Herold Rienstra, Jane Farquhar, Peter Stride, Annette Hyland	
DIV B		
1st	Brian Clark, Robert Van Beest, Karen Gosney, Suzy Brownlow	



Monday Night Shield		16 & 23 June
DIV A		
1st	Magdalena Kowalczyk	Jamshid Vazirzadeh
2nd	Brian Vernon	Joanne Sinclair
3rd	Trish Tritton	Alan Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS @ NSBC

Jill Willson Pairs Championship

Two Thursdays 3 & 10 July 2025 9.15am Start
 Entries close Monday 30th June 2025 \$20 per player

Newstead Novice Shield

Two Tuesdays 15 & 22 July 1pm Start
Players must have less than 100 Masterpoints at 31.5.25
 Entries close Friday 11th July 2025 Normal table Fees

Check the Website for updates for-

Friday Rosebowl	Two Fridays -	8 & 15 August
President's Tray	Two Mondays -	1 & 8 September
Tuesday Pairs	Two Tuesdays -	9 & 16 September
QBA Teams of 3	Saturday	21 September



NSBC NEWSLETTER IS NOW PUBLISHED QUARTERLY.

The SEPTEMBER 2025 newsletter will be published the first week of October.

The Editor welcomes any & all contributions! Photographs are welcome. Please submit your entries into the office or via email admin@nsbc4011.com.au at any time prior to the last week of September.



Some Basic Tips for Beginners and Rookies

Major Suit Fit

Bid to find a major suit fit. After a minor suit bid from your partner, show a four-card or longer major suit in your hand before supporting your partner's minor suit. If you find a fit in a major suit with your partner then that is where you should play. If there is no major suit fit, can you play in No-trumps? As a last preference, settle on a minor suit contract.

Game Contract

You should also be trying to determine if game is possible. If not, sign off early in a part score contract. If the bidding indicates that you are very likely to make a game contract, then bid it.

Why?

In the bidding, why should you look for a major suit fit and possibility of game? Well, you will be awarded points for each contract you and your partner make. The points you are awarded are compared against the points awarded to all of the other players sitting in the same direction as you and your partner.

For example, if your contract is 2H, a part-score contract in a major suit, and you make 9 tricks, you will be awarded 140 points. If your contract is 3D, a part-score contract in a minor suit, and make 10 tricks, you will be awarded 130 points. You have made one trick more in the minor suit contract, but your score is 10 points less than the major suit contract.

Another example, if your contract is 3S, a part-score contract in a major suit, and you make 10 tricks, you will be awarded 170 points. However, if your contract is 4S, a game contract, and you make 10 tricks, you will be awarded bonus points for a score of 420 points (Not-vulnerable) or 620 points (Vulnerable).

Sort Your Cards

Sort your cards into their respective suits. This makes bidding easier and reduces the likelihood of mis-bidding or revoking (failure to follow suit). For example, if your hand has five hearts but you happen to have a heart card amongst your diamonds, you may miss the opportunity to open 1H, resulting in a poor contract.

Hold Your Cards Up

Hold your cards up and back from the table so that they are not visible to other players at the table. When making a bid, don't lean forward with your cards in hand held lower down for other players to see. You don't want the opponents to see any of your cards – it will advantage them in bidding and play of the hand. If your cards are held in such a way that your partner can see them, it can also create a major issue requiring a ruling from the Director.

Lead Top Card from a Doubleton

When leading from a doubleton, lead the top card - always. This will help in defence. When your partner sees that your next play of the suit is a lower ranking card, often they will know if it is a doubleton. If the opponents are in a suit contract and your partner can get on lead while you still have trumps and your partner leads that suit, you may get an extra trick by ruffing.

Board Remains on the Table

After removing the cards from the board and until the play of the hand is completed, the board must remain uncovered in the centre of the table and always correctly orientated – North facing North. This helps in preventing cards being returned to the wrong pockets and thus creating a fouled board. Also, players must be able to see the vulnerability on the board during bidding and play.

Opening Lead

Get in the habit of making your opening lead face down and awaiting your partner's acknowledgement to turn the card face up. This allows partner the opportunity to ask about the bidding and it also helps to prevent opening leads out of turn.

The Director

Don't be afraid to call for the Director. The Director is there to ensure the smooth running of the session, to rectify irregularities and redress damage. It is the Director's responsibility to interpret the Laws of Bridge and make rulings. It is a requirement that players cooperate with the Director, especially when they are setting up the movement before commencement of play. A Director may request players to move to a different table, different direction or different section. Players are expected to comply with the Director's instructions.