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March 2025 Newsletter

Presidents Report

Greetings All,

It is Annual AGM time again. The poster advertising the event is posted on the notice board.

The agenda calls for nominations of all positions on the Management Committee. I am nominating again for President. I have enjoyed my time as your President and hope I have made a difference.

Barry Witham will not be nominating again and I thank him for his work looking after the maintenance of the gardens. The Club is looking very presentable.

Therefore, there will be vacancies on the Management Committee for 2025 - 2026 year. Nominations need to be in the hands of the Secretary by Friday 29th March 2025.

So far there is only one motion for decision on the Agenda. I thank Greg Gosney and Jacqui Dudurovic for their work in upgrading the NSBC Club Rules (Constitution).

We are required to endorse these changes. Any other proposed items for Motions need to be submitted by Friday 29th March 2025.

No, it is not an April's Fools joke. We were notified by Energex that there will be a power outage from Tuesday morning until late Tuesday afternoon. I tried to contact Energex to see if we could have the date shifted as Tuesday is our biggest day with 2 playing sessions and Beginners Lessons. After 4 times ringing the published number and listening to their music for over 20 minutes each time, I gave up.

I tried to find out if our solar installation could run the two buildings. I'm still waiting for an answer.

In desperation, I contacted a Builder mate of mine and he said if we could a permanent plug installed in our electrical switchboard he would loan his generator for the cost of the fuel. However, the best laid plans of mice and men fell apart. He had to get a new generator but the employee charged with the job got the wrong one and consequently we would have to hire a suitable generator. The cost of over \$4,000.00 to get \$1,000.00 dollars from table fees and Beginners was not viable.

Consequently, the Club will be closed on Tuesday, 1st April 2025 and there will be no playing sessions or Beginner's classes.

I hope next month is more productive.
Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran, President, Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc



NOTICEBOARD



Paper Towel Rolls in Bathrooms

Could members please leave the paper towel rolls in the dispenser until the last paper is used – by taking them out earlier, we are just wasting the last of the rolls.

NSBC New Members.

Caroline Black, Peter Holland, Libby Wilke, Jan Olsen, Robin Devries, Jan Walker & Diane Russ

Eclectics

This year eclectics are being calculated for each session in a month where there are four or five green point sessions. A player's best three sessions will be used. Unfortunately, a number of the proposed eclectics for March have not been able to be calculated because of the club closures due to Cyclone Alfred.

CYCLONE ALFRED

Although the club closed from Thursday 6 to Monday 10 March, we didn't sustain any damage during the recent cyclone event. Some photos of the water around the club during the event from Jacqui Dudrovic.



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Supervised Play Recommencing

From Wednesday 16 April 2025, Supervised Play sessions will be held each Wednesday in the annex (Elizabeth Gibson Centre). The sessions start at 9:15 am and finish no later than 12:30 pm.

Experienced players will be on hand to provide advice and assistance to the less experienced players with their bidding, declarer play and defence.

There is no Masterpoint limit for players attending. You may attend without a partner. Some tutoring may be provided at these sessions.

The number of boards played will depend on table numbers. So that players have extra time to bid and play each hand, and receive advice from the experienced players, fewer boards to be played than in a normal session.

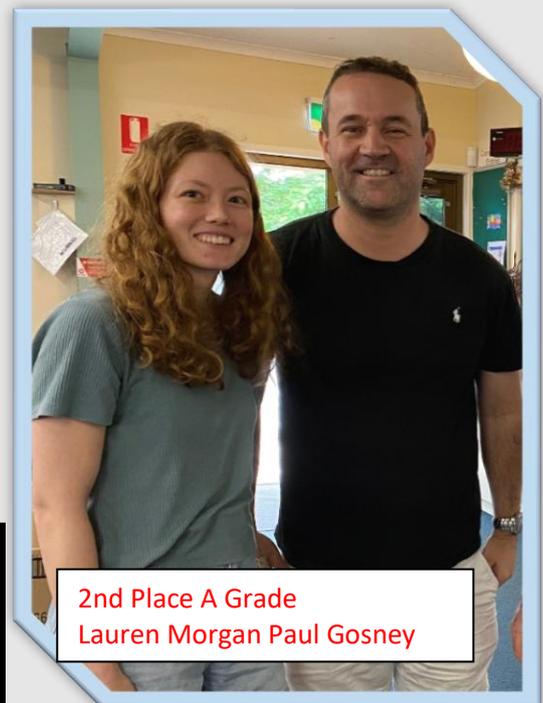
Normal table fees will apply. Bridgemates will be used and sessions scored.

NSBC X-IMP Pairs – February 2025

66 Pairs played in this years event. Full results are available on the Queensland Bridge Website.



1st Place A Grade
David Smith Tony Hutton



2nd Place A Grade
Lauren Morgan Paul Gosney



1st Place B Grade
Ewa Kowalczyk Connie Schoutrop

2025 PROMOTIONS

NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC					
NAME	RANK	DATE	TOTAL MPs	2025 MPs	2025 RANK
Miller, Errol	Silver Grand	Feb-25	2,513.76	41.79	175
Jenkins, Joan	Grand	Feb-25	1,005.08	17.74	826
Farquhar, Jane	Gold Life	Mar-25	928.33	11.69	1,428
Stride, Peter	Silver Life	Feb-25	527.27	15.32	1,009
Markovic, Voyko	Bronze Life	Feb-25	407.37	23.24	538
Vickers, Jennifer	Bronze Life	Feb-25	404.28	12.4	1,341
Markovic, Vesna	Bronze Life	Mar-25	404.08	23.24	539
Schmidt, Peter	Life	Feb-25	319.53	18.19	804
Greenwood, Sandy	Silver National	Feb-25	326.39	6.38	2,859
Dudurovic, Jacqui	Bronze National	Jan-25	223.69	25.36	459
Vazirzadeh, Jamshid	Bronze National	Feb-25	211.2	13.19	1,246
Testa, Gay	National	Feb-25	358.3	6.62	2,732
Anderson, Alan	National	Feb-25	161.37	10.46	1,621
Moffat, Peter	Bronze State	Feb-25	216.41	7	2,572
Parkins, Andrea	Bronze State	Feb-25	170.73	10.79	1,576
Wells, Robyn	Bronze State	Feb-25	163.36	14.04	1,143
Morgan-Pertus, Thais	Bronze State	Feb-25	140.06	4.06	4,534
Naidoo, Rama	Bronze State	Mar-25	132.15	0.78	13,994
Proberts, Gloria	State	Mar-25	140.83	2.53	6,911
Gillespie, Judy	Bronze Regional	Feb-25	101.42	1.56	9,736
Kowalczyk, Magdalena	Regional	Jan-25	58.24	9.02	1,907
Brownlow, Suzy	Regional	Feb-25	55.37	9.74	1,754
Ponting, Arthur	Regional	Feb-25	50.58	2.94	6,096
Todd, Heather	Regional	Mar-25	50.19	2.78	6,368
Sherman, Kathleen	Silver Local	Feb-25	36.95	3.12	5,764
Wright, Trish	Bronze Local	Feb-25	27.64	10.6	1,600
Neibling, Jim	Bronze Local	Jan-25	27.37	2.89	6,180
Duncan, Kit	Bronze Local	Mar-25	25.79	8.43	2,091
Hetherington, Margaret	Bronze Local	Jan-25	25.51	0.53	16,242
O'Brien, Ann	Bronze Local	Feb-25	25.35	0.68	14,834
Smith, Janet	Bronze Local	Mar-25	25.29	5.47	3,391
Egan, Marcus	Local	Feb-25	16.54	2.18	7,725
Low, Kaye	Local	Mar-25	15.7	4.4	4,186
Cavdarski, Katie	Local	Feb-25	15.03	0.34	18,327
Leggett, Jan	Club	Feb-25	9.19	5.23	3,544
Cunningham, Belinda	Club	Mar-25	6.64	2.73	6,484
Louey, Katharine	Club	Feb-25	6.29	1.89	8,591
Wolfenden, Dean	Graduate	Mar-25	3.03	2.26	7,508
Yelland, Catherine	Graduate	Mar-25	2.89	1.14	11,685
Olsen, Margaret	Graduate	Jan-25	2.57	0.85	13,488
McCabe, Helen	Graduate	Feb-25	2.19	1.56	9,759

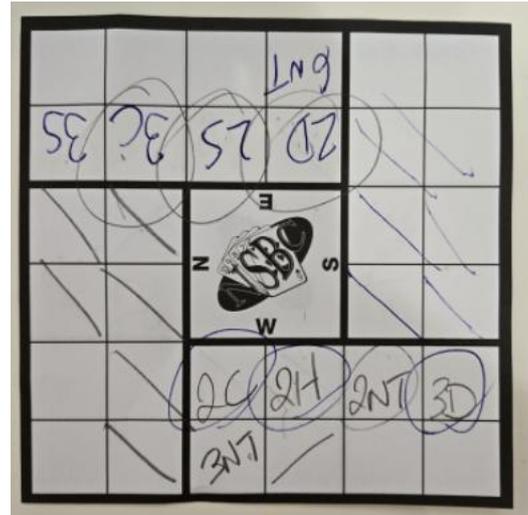
Bidding Challenge

At the recent NSBC 1 Day IMP Pairs the following bidding sequence was recorded.

All the bids with the exception of the last two are artificial / forced.

The 6NT made.

A free game to the first member to outline the possible meaning of each bid in the context of this bidding sequence.



From the Archives

It is now 25 years into the 21st century, so it is interesting to note that more than 10% of the NSBC memberships were members back in 2000. In fact, there are seven current members whose membership dates back to the 1980s - Meredith Petersen, Joan Schuh, Jane Kavanagh, Molly-Jean Hunt, Gay Testa and Barbara and Stephen Stening.

1982 was the first year that members' telephone list data was published. Joan and Meredith are both listed in this booklet. This indicates that each has been a member for at least 44 years - a great testament to the attractions of our wonderful game. In 1982, the club held three sessions per week - Monday morning, Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon - and played in the assembly hall at Hendra State High School which is now Aviation High. The club didn't move to the current Gerler Road premises until December 1991.

What was happening in 1982? History shows that the Monday morning session averaged 22 tables, the Wednesday evening session averaged 10 tables and Saturday afternoon averaged 18 tables. Table fees were \$1.00 for members and \$1.50 for visitors. Annual Subs were \$6.00 for NSBC membership plus \$1.00 ABF fees and \$3.00 QBA fees. Membership totalled 227.

NSBC WELLNESS GUIDELINES

- ✓ Players are asked not to attend the club if infectious.
- ✓ Those who come to play and feeling unwell, self-diagnose that they may be infectious, should inform the director and leave the venue.
- ✓ Players are asked follow general hygiene principles such as thoroughly washing hands





Chris Snook

Changes to System Regulations by Chris Snook (The QBA Bulletin November – January 2025)

The ABF and the QBA publish System Regulations to define the characteristics of the opening and overcalling structures.

There are five colour codes that categorize systems.

- **Green** (natural) systems
- **Blue** (strong club / strong diamond systems, e.g. Precision) systems
- **Red** systems (all systems employing artificial one level openings that fail the green and blue criteria)
- **Yellow** (Highly unusual methods) systems
- **Brown** Sticker – added to the above systems in particular circumstances.

These criteria are applied in turn to a system to determine which one applies (eg if a system fails the green criterion, then test against blue, and so on). Green and Blue systems are often allowed in club play and in novice congress events, and Green, Blue or Red are allowed in open congresses. The systems that are allowed will be published in the club, event or congress regulations.

Law 40B describes such agreements and empowers the Regulating Authority to allow, disallow or conditionally allow any special partnership understanding and the ABF and QBA System Regulations provide this in a consistent manner. In August this year, the ABF System Regulations were updated, and these changes are also reflected in the QBA System Regulations.

The biggest change is to the definition of Green Systems which now state:

- a) All one-level opening bids are natural and non-forcing
- b) An opening bid of one of a major guarantees length (4+ cards) in the denomination named.
- c) 1NT should be balanced or semi balanced (Note: this does not preclude individual assessment of some hands, e.g. a hand with a singleton honour or a weak longer suit. The subsequent bidding methods, however, should not be able to identify such hand types)
- d) **All one-level opening bids must, by agreement, promise at least 8 HCP.** *

*The previous version of this part of the System Regulations included:

b) An opening bid of one of a suit guarantees length (3+ cards) in the denomination named (Exception: 4-4-3-2 and (4-3)-4-2 shaped hands may be opened 1♣)

The removal of this clause and the exception clarifies matters well. To be a green system, 1C and 1D openings must not be artificial (that definition of “artificial” has moved to Red systems) and must not be forcing. 1H or 1S show at least 4+ in the denomination named and must not be forcing.

A point of contention has been the “short club” or “very short club”. If, in an otherwise standard system, 1C only promises 1+ or 2+ then it will still be a green system if responder will pass with less than (say) 6 points. If, instead, the partnership agreement is that responder “must call no matter what because opener might be short” (in clubs not stature) then the 1C bid has an additional meaning of being forcing and this then fails the green test. Such a system will most likely fail the blue test, and the system is classified as red.

Player education is the key here especially in cases where players have modified their system from the norm. Directors aren’t punishers, they are fixers, but if there is a major problem, then QBA Regulations B tell us that “When a pair is found using an illegal system the Director may at his/her discretion impose a procedural penalty proportionate to the degree of damage/benefit reasonably suspected to have been caused/received in the event to date”. And ... “Furthermore, if play of a board is in progress, the director may award an adjusted score in accordance with Law 12”.

Our actions may vary from a gentle chat to newer players where no major harm has occurred to applying the above for experienced players who should know better.

SYSTEM CARDS

4. BASIC RESPONSES

Jump raises - raises } 10-12 in support
 Jump raises - Major }
 Jump shifts after major opening 0-5; 6+ suit
 Jump shifts after minor opening 2D 0-7 (unless ABK); 2NT 8+ balanced; other 8+ with 5+ suit
 Responses to strong 2 suit open
 Stayman responses

5. PLAY CONVENTIONS show priorities

Versus Suit (or both) Versus NoTrump (if different)

6. SLAM CONVENTIONS

NT: Blackwood RWCB Getse when?
 Slam Notes

7. OTHER CONVENTIONS

Note: These are not referenced in the system card, but may be added in by established pairs

Control bids (showing A or K)
 Cue bids (bidding opponents' suit)
 Defense to 1NT opening (eg Landy)
 Jacoby 2NT or NT raise (major suit fit)
 New minor forcing (after opener's 1NT rebid)
 Opial (2NT after weak two)
 Splinters (singleton or void)

1. OPENING BIDS

Describe strength, minimum length, or specific meaning

12-19; 3+ suit
 12-19; 3+ suit
 12-19; 5+ suit
 15-17 balanced may contain 5 card Major

2. PRE-ALERTS

2NT 20-21 balanced 3NT
 other

3. COMPETITIVE BIDS / OVERCALLS

Negative doubles through SS Jump overalls 0-6; 6+ suit
 Responses doubles through Unusual NT 5+ in each minor
 NT overcall - immediate 15-18 balanced immediate cue of minor 5+ in each Major
 NT overcall - opening 3 immediate cue of Major 5+ in other Major & one minor
 Over weak two Over opening three
 Over opponents 1NT
 Takeout doubles through SS

- REGULATIONS REQUIRE EACH PLAYER TO HAVE ON THE TABLE A SYSTEM CARD OPPONENTS CAN REFER TO
- THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLE OPPONENTS ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR SYSTEM
- YOUR SYSTEM CARD MUST BE IDENTICAL TO YOUR PARTNERS
- You can download an [ABF Standard System Card](#) and a [Guide](#) for completing the System Card from the Club website under documents.

Psychic Bids

There has been much discussion amongst some players about Psychic bidding since the recent article in the Newsletter. The general consensus is against psychic bidding however others argue correctly that it is permitted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge BUT there is a caveat...



Further clarification of a Psych bid...

The caveat around a Psych bid is that such a "call is not based upon a partnership understanding" i.e. the psych's partner is as much in the dark as the opponents. If a call is based upon a partnership understanding it ceases to be psychic. The World Bridge Federation Laws Committee ruled that a partnership understanding exists when the frequency of occurrence of psych bidding is sufficient for the partner of the player who makes the call to take his/her awareness of psychic possibilities into account.

Psychs require no regulation or Director attention in that any call that deliberately and grossly misstates either honour strength or suit length is by definition is a psych. But before everyone jumps at any deviation there are some psychs that involve bridge tactics as opposed to those that are bid with the aim of being disruptive. An example of a tactical bid is one that paints a picture in the opponents and partners mind that will see them play you for a holding you do not have enabling you to succeed at your contract i.e.

- Partner opens 1S and responder bids 2D to ward off a D lead on the way to their 4S contract.
- Waiting bids are generally a forcing bid by responder to allow time to learn more about partners hand i.e.

Partner opens 1S and responder bids 2C with S: Axxxx H: xxxx D: xx C: AQ

The hand is too good for 2S but not good enough to force to game.

If Opener rebids 2S responder can now bid 3S invitational.

The NSBC By Laws state that ...

"In the interests of fair play NSBC strongly discourages and asks all players to refrain from using psych bids in club sessions and particularly against novice and inexperienced players. Any player who deliberately Psychs is required to self-report and must notify the session Director to have it recorded in the Psych Register. Any player who believes the opponents have psyched may also report it to the Director have it documented in the Psych register. "

Jacqui Dudurovic

Vice President

References:

WBL – *Psychic Bidding (adopted July 1995, revised August 2002 and 2022)*

Published by the Systems Committee of the WBL in March 2023.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Jill Wilson Building

Saturday 12 April 2025

at 11.30 a.m.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

- All Management Committee Positions are declared Vacant
- Nomination Forms at Front Desk (to be returned to Secretary by 29.03.2024)
- Proxy Forms Available at Front Desk (to be handed to Secretary by start of meeting)
- 2024 Minutes and Finance Statement on display at NSBC

AGENDA:

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 13th April 2024
3. BUSINESS ARISING
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
5. ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:
 - PRESIDENT
 - VICE PRESIDENT
 - SECRETARY
 - TREASURER
 - COMMITTEE MEMBERS
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
 1. Any other Business – for members to voice suggestions or comments.
 2. Motion to accept the Upgrades to the Club Rules.
9. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES - if time permits
10. CLOSE

NSBC NEWSLETTER IS NOW PUBLISHED QUARTERLY.

The JUNE 2025 newsletter will be published the first week of July.

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 June. Thanks to all those who have submitted for this edition.

