

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

Newsletter

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60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



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From the President

It's certainly been a busy time since the last Newsletter came out, and a very positive one for our club.

The Ron Klinger session was a great success, nearly 60 players attending.

In late July we had our 'Xmas in July' celebration. Wow! It was an amazing night. Congratulations to Lori Sexton and Jane Lansdowne for all their hard work. The presentation of the venue and the food was stunning. If ever we are lucky enough to have Jack Wighton's daughter, Sue, appearing again, I would strongly urge members who missed her performance to come along. She is a terrific and talented entertainer.

It was certainly a wonderful night – many life-partners were there and it was so good to meet and welcome them. I would like to think of our Bridge Club as not just a club where we play cards, but also a club where we do really care about the people who play here. How are they? Are there things happening in our members' lives where the club can help out? Please inform a committee member if you hear of anything our club may be able to do to help at any time.

In the same vein, the Charity Day organised by Pat Shine was enormously successful. Pat will write about this event elsewhere, but I think we can all be extremely proud of the efforts of all our members.

A few other things happening...it's good to see the electronic scoreboard / noticeboard operating; we're currently negotiating with Aveo and TBIB for sponsorship; plants have been put into our playing areas to help refresh tired minds; the trophy displays are being worked on; the notice boards will soon undergo a transformation...busy times.

A few people I would like to thank ... Pam Cash and her small band of dedicated kitchen helpers, plus all members who contributed food for recent events; Lee Horner has had to resign from the Committee and has done a great job; Bill Earnshaw for working on our trophies; Beth Wilson for supervising the acquisition of the plants; all our Tuesday and Friday afternoon players who are carefully avoiding the morning players by arriving early and waiting in the Learning Centre to make a quiet entry (very important) ... and my apologies to those I have forgotten to thank for good things they have also done.

By the way, I did encourage members to contact me if they felt that they could help in any way or had special skills that could be utilised ... a rather underwhelming response (0), but it's early days.

Regards, Andy Slater

Vale

Tony Jackman - 15 August 2018

Gold Grand Master

and one of the founding Members of NSBC in 1959

(Tony was kind enough to write his story for the NSBC July 2018 Newsletter – Copy on NSBC website)

Committee News

Treasurer Required

Our Treasurer, Pat Shine, is not enjoying the best of health at present and needs to cut back on her workload. She is happy to work with a new Treasurer until they are comfortable with the role.

The job is not difficult for anyone with experience in an accounts department, and who knows how to enter suppliers, pay invoices, wages and super, and prepare the BAS every quarter. The club uses MYOB software which the club's IT people could install on your home computer if required.

Please give this position some thought. The club must have a Treasurer. Pat will happily answer any queries on 0411 597 781 or email her at nsbc4011@optusnet.com.au



Helpers Needed

Our club is coming up to a very busy time. We are hosting the QBA Open Pairs on October 13/14, our Pairs Congress is on November 3/4 and we have the QBA Teams of 3 event on Sunday December 9.

For these events we will be asking members to generously donate of their time and/or cooking skills. Northern Suburbs Bridge Club has a well-deserved reputation of hosting such events well, and for this to continue the load has to be shared around.

The greater the number of members involved, the easier the work becomes.

Certainly we don't expect just the same few to turn up to help at every event; that would not be fair.

Sadly, the last few events have seen limited participation, and this needs to change.

In September there will be notices circulated at the various bridge sessions asking members to donate either a morning or afternoon on a Saturday or Sunday to help, and in this way we can all help the dedicated band of volunteers who usually give up their time, but get run off their feet because there are so few of them!

Similarly, donations of home-made sweet and savoury goods would be an enormous help

I strongly urge you to consider this request. Every little bit helps.

Andy Slater

Odds & Ends - Some things worth mentioning...

- Tuesday and Friday afternoon players ... Thanks for your consideration of the morning players
- Entering a competition? Once you've entered, you are expected to turn up on the day. The director organises the movement based on the number of players who have said they will be there it can be awkward if intended players don't turn up. Of course, if for some reason you cannot make it, please inform the Convener as soon as possible (preferably NOT on the day!)
- Thank you for making newer players welcome. That will make them want to come back again
- First sit-out? Don't forget, you still have to enter your details on the Bridgemate!
- Are we ALL helping to keep the playing areas clean and tidy?
- Finished your boards? A quiet chat is ok, emphasis on the 'quiet'
- Do you have Green Fingers? Please let me know!
- Any more Odds and Ends?

Andy Slater

Our Newest Director - Greg Gosney



Greg passed the QBA Director exams in July and is now an accredited Club Director. Congratulations!

Here is his answer to the question raised in the last newsletter - could someone please explain the “I’m the declarer so I can pick that card up” rule:

To answer that question let me begin by asking another question – when is a card played?

According to Law 45 of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a card is played when it is faced on the table. Also, a card is deemed to be played by declarer when it is “held face up, touching or nearly touching the table” or “maintained

in such a position as to indicate that it has been played”.

Once a card is played, declarer may not retract the card of their own volition. If declarer has played an incorrect card or has led out of turn then the Director should be called. For an incorrect card played, the Director will make the appropriate ruling.

For a lead out of turn, the first option is for either defender to accept the lead or require its retraction (Law 55). For example, a trick is won in dummy but declarer leads from their hand to the next trick. Law 55 applies and either defender may accept or reject the lead out of turn by declarer. Often, in this situation, defenders will ask for the lead from dummy in which case declarer may pick up the card they led and place it back in their hand. If defenders accept the lead, declarer may not restore the led card to their hand.

Once a card is led by declarer they are not allowed to change it because, as a whim or an afterthought, they wish to lead another card instead.



Meet our Members

In our 60th Anniversary Year, we continue with the bridge career stories of some of the earliest members of the club. Here are some tips from

Harry Sarafov (Grand Master and NSBC President 1996 - 1998)

In 1949, on the ship to Australia, 3 Bulgarian Bridge players needing a fourth thought that I looked like a bright young fellow and asked me to play. They gave me a brief lesson on responses and I was told not to pass but to bid 1NT. And on my very first hand they put me in 3NT! I made 8 tricks but the Ace of Clubs was still in dummy! I couldn't sleep that night and I was hooked on the game of Bridge.

I have always been bold and aggressive and I kept playing and I learned fast. The best way to learn is to play for money.... That way you pay for your mistakes and you learn to bid to your limit.

To do well you must not be happy with getting a place -

- You have to be aggressive but in control. If it looks like a slam – Bid it!
- You have to finesse, squeeze, end play and get your opponents to play to your advantage.
- You have to play well and defend well. Every extra trick more than your opponent, every extra trick taken in defence, puts you higher at the end.

There is no better card game than Bridge. I am grateful to the game. I have made many friends and Bridge has fulfilled my ambitions. And the pleasure one gets from playing well is the real reward.

So play well and enjoy your Bridge. With my blessing, Harry.

Promotions

Since the last Newsletter, the following home club members achieved Masterpoints Ranking promotions. Congratulations to all.

Gold Life

Bert Luchjenbroers

Silver Life

David Lehmann

National

Chris Thomas

State

Peter Moffat

Regional Master*

Raelene Kell

Regional Master

Graham White

Shirley Myers

Local Master**

Rosemary Porter

Eugene Pereira

Local Master*

Jo-Anne Bauer

Lyn Draper

Rex Meadowcroft

Local Master

Michael Cohn

Kevin Fuge

Chris Hungerford-Symes

Merita Palethorpe

Margy Roskam

Ghislaine Green

Diane Ainsworth

Rhonda Robertson

Club Master

Carolyn McKinnon

Rose Slater

Judy Endean

Graduate Master

Lynette Rose

Graham Killoran

Geoff Green

Marie Jones

Cheryl Diehm

70% Club

In July and August, the following members achieved results over 70% in Club play:

Ewa Kowalczyk & Geoffrey Toon 74%

David Lehmann & Gordon Gemmell 73.2%

Judy Endean & Andrew Slater 73%

Liz Bowman & Janet McPherson 72.9%

Pat Collins & Meredith Peterson 70.6%

NSBC Members' Competition Place Results since July 2018

NSBC Competitions

Hoffmann Tray 18 & 25 July

1st: Andrew Gosney & Greg Gosney

2nd: John Scrivens & Neil Gibson

3rd: Paul Roberts & Bruce Carroll

Jill Wilson Championship Pairs 4 August

1st: Gordon Gemmell & Herald Rienstra

2nd: Brian Horan & Sunil Mukherjee

3rd: Richard & Helen McLaughlan



Gordon Gemmell & Herald Rienstra

Congress Results

Redlands Restricted Pairs – 8 July

1st A: Peter Moffat & Dennis Sullivan

Redlands Novice Pairs – 8 July

3rd: Sumant Handa & Eugene Pereira

QBA Teams of 3 for Novices 14 July

2nd A: Rosemary Porter, Pam Cash,
Rex Meadowcroft

BBC Graded Teams 22 July

1st: Rex Meadowcroft, Rosemary Porter,
Pam Cash, Eugene Pereira.

Each member of this team had fewer than 50 MPs and played against teams with up to 350 MPs.

Congratulations!



NSBC Imp Pairs 12 August



Overall Winners: Geoff Toon & Ewa Kowalczyk



B Grade Winners Andrew Gosney & Chris Larter



C Grade Winners: Daria Williams & Ross Murtagh

All of the following received prize money for their achievement:

Overall Winners

- 1st Geoff Toon & Ewa Kowalczyk
- 2nd Andrew Slater & Ken Dawson
- 3rd Paula McLeish & David McLeish

B Category

- 1st Andrew Gosney & Chris Larter
- 2nd Richard McLauchlan & Natalie Bloch
- 3rd Louise Collins & Terry Collins

C Category

- 1st Daria Williams & Ross Murtagh
- 2nd Lynne Gray & Astrid Stone
- 3rd Robyn Clark & Sheila Wills

Upcoming Club Competitions

Monday Shield

Sept 3 & 10 starting at 7.30 pm

Thursday Pairs

October 11 & 18 starting at 9.15 am

Upcoming Congresses

Novices Only

Sept 9: Kenmore Rookie Pairs (0-50mps)

Sept 16: Sanctuary Cove Novice Pairs at
Sanctuary Cove Golf Club

Graded Events

Sept 1: QBA Graded Pairs at QCBC

Sept 16: Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs

QBA Open Pairs

October 13 & 14 at NSBC

A Catholic guy, who is a fanatic bridge player, goes to his Priest and asks: "Father I have to know. Is there bridge in Heaven?" The Priest says "You know, I've never been asked that before. Let me research it and I'll tell you next week." Next week: "My son - I have good news and bad news. The good news is, there is bridge in Heaven. The bad news is - you're playing in a Swiss team tomorrow!"

The following includes an extract from an article that was in a 50th Birthday Celebrations Newsletter in 2008:

The NSBC One Day Open Swiss Pairs (held this year on 12 August, and won by Geoff Toon & Ewa Kowalczyk), incorporates the Muriel Goodman Memorial Trophy which was donated in 1977 and honours Muriel's contributions to Northern Suburbs Bridge Club. Muriel was one of the foundation members of our club and was present at the inaugural meeting of NSBC on 26 November, 1958. She has served as President from 1981 - 1983 and as a committee member.

Muriel was one of the members instrumental in bringing the club to its current location. By 1984, the club was looking at establishing permanent clubrooms. Muriel was a member of a sub-committee charged with investigating the feasibility of building clubrooms underneath the

library at Hendra State High School – the then clubrooms were located in the Assembly Hall of the school. Government regulations precluded this. Muriel and Margaret Thomason then hounded local councillor Ald. Dulcie Turnbull, who finally suggested that the club apply for a lease of unoccupied land at Banister Park, Gerler Road.

Once the club had moved to the Gerler Road premises, Muriel and Gwen Rose undertook beautification of the grounds.

During her bridge playing days at NSBC, Muriel won numerous competitions. Her name is engraved on the Hoffmann Tray, the Sarafov Cup, the Dunning Cup, the Individual Cup and the Members Cup.

This year, the Goodman Family has donated \$500 to our club. The donation was used for the 1-Day Imp Pairs, to give more players prize money as an incentive, particularly for those who finished lower down the field. We gave prize money to first, second and third in each of three categories - a total of nine players.

New Members July & August 2018

We welcome our new members and wish all new players a long and happy association with the club. Please give them your encouragement and support.

Karen Gosney John Hackney
Serena Simmonds

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Welcome to our new sponsor – The Clayfield retirement community, by Aveo.

The Clayfield is located on the previous site of St Columban's college. With over 150 residents residing in the beautiful apartments and enjoying the landscaped gardens, restored heritage buildings such as Highlands House and community spaces, it truly is a beautiful community.

The beautiful gardens and buildings are maintained by the team onsite. No need to worry about maintenance of a large home or garden, let the onsite team do the work! This means that you will have more time to do the things you love to do – like Bridge!

The Clayfield also has an exceptional restaurant with a qualified and experienced chef offering a delectable à la carte menu.

To support your health and wellbeing, residents have easy access to health services and there are a variety of activities to do including swimming, billiards, Tai Chi and more. You will also have peace of mind knowing that care & support is available 24/7.

Find out more at www.theclayfield.com.au or
Call 13 28 36 to book a tour today.



The Clayfield Lawn & Highlands House.

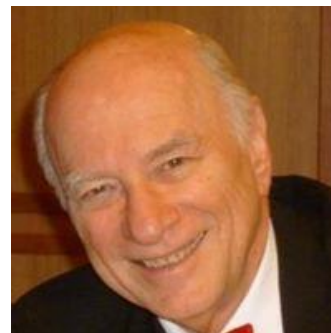


2 bed, 2 bath apartments from \$439,000*

*Price correct at 23/08/18. Image is of apartment S403

Teaching Programme

Ron Klinger Workshop – “Defensive Strategies”



Recap by Andrew Gosney

On July 20th, Ron Klinger, one of Australia’s top players and world-famous bridge author, gave a lesson on Defensive Signals. In his lesson, he discussed encouragement, suit preference, making inferences from the bidding and play, as well as some general bidding and play conventions. He also added amusing anecdotes to the lesson, entertaining the whole crowd. Fifty-five people came to this lesson, and not only did I enjoy the lesson, but I have only heard good things from others who came along.

As an example of one of the topics Ron covered in his lesson, imagine you are sitting East in this situation:

	East	North	East	South	West
Dlr: S	♠ J5	-	-	1D	P
Vul: Nil	♥ AK76	1S	X	2S	P
	♦ A	4S	P	P	P
	♣ 976543				

South

♠ 10876

♥ 92

♦ KQ875

♣ AK

To the contract of 4S, you lead the ♥A and Partner plays the ♥Q. Partner’s ♥Q shows one of 2 things, either partner has a singleton, or partner also has the ♥J, and is showing you an entry should you need it. Now on this hand, North having 6 hearts would be **EXTREMELY** unlikely, so partner will have the ♥J, but either way, partner has just told us how to take this contract down without breaking a sweat. Whether partner has a singleton, or the ♥J, we can now cash the ♦A, and play the ♥7 to partner’s hand. This guarantees that partner will win the trick, and because we played the ♦A out of the blue, will return our diamond. The contract is now easily taken down, with 2 heart tricks, 1 diamond trick, and a diamond ruff.

While Ron didn’t mention it on this hand, I suggest returning the ♥7 rather than the ♥6 as a suit preference signal for diamonds. This is something he discussed with other hands, but to make sure partner gets the message, if they weren’t sure about the ♦A, my choice is the ♥7. Note that if you play the ♥K, the entry to partner’s hand will disappear and you no longer get a diamond ruff.

Not only did Ron cover basic signalling methods, but he also covered optimal signalling methods, which are used by experts across the world, so the lesson had something for everyone of any skill level. The lesson was definitely worth attending and, should the opportunity arise, I highly recommend everyone attend one of Ron’s lessons.

The Bookworm

This issue looks at that prolific “K” author in the library – no, not Klinger – Kantar. Surprisingly, his books are seldom borrowed, and that’s a shame because he has written some good material.

There are any number of books in the library dedicated to declarer play, but I am going to focus on one of Kantar’s titled “Topics in Declarer Play at Bridge”.

There are 6 separate chapters in this publication, dealing with the following basic techniques.

- Entry Management (including unblocking)
- Establishing long suits
- When not to finesse
- When to finesse
- Counting points during the bidding and the play
- Elimination and End Plays

Each chapter is prefaced with a summary of the chapter’s content, some sample hands to illustrate the main points, followed by a series of hands to test yourself and the solutions. The chapters finish with a short summary of the key ideas. It is an easy book to read due to the attractive format and is recommended for players of all experience levels.

If declarer play does not interest you, try some of Kantar’s other titles –

- Eddie Kantar teaches modern bridge defence
- Eddie Kantar teaches advanced bridge defence
- Kantar for the Defence Volumes 1 and 2
- Kantar on Kontract
- Roman Key Card Blackwood
- Take all your Chances at Bridge Volumes 1 and 2
- Take your Tricks
- Test Your Bridge Play Volumes 1 and 2

The books on defence are highly recommended.

I told you he was prolific! Try one (or more) ..



Most Prolific Bridge Writers

The world’s top bridge writers in terms of the number of books written are:

1. David Bird (England)
2. Terence Reese (England)
3. Ron Klinger (Australia)
4. Hugh Kelsey (Scotland)
5. Brian Senior (England)
8. Eddie Kantar (USA)

Social News

Christmas in July - Saturday 28 July

The "Christmas in July" function was held in the new building and was voted a great success by the more than 70 people who attended. Many thanks to Lori, Jayne, Christine and friends who organised and catered so well and made everyone feel welcome. Thanks also to NSBC Committee for subsidising the event.



Andy Slater with Organisers Jayne Lansdowne and Lori Sexton



"Wonderful idea - Organisers need a medal. Hope for more in the future"

Charity Day – Wednesday 15 August



We had a great day on the 15th August, assisting a Charity which provides supported living accommodation, guidance and training for vulnerable women, and mothers with children, who are homeless.

We raised \$6,836.00, and 126 people came for the day of Bridge, with a morning tea to die for, and a Wonderful Lunch that was catered for by many members of our club.

Lori, Jayne, Pat, Denise, Ros and Sue came from the other side of town to help. Also our wonderful Director, Pat McDonald, with Liz looking after bridgemates for the day.

It was great to see so many happy people enjoying themselves at a bridge club

We had wonderful raffle prizes, again all donated, plus a lucky door prize. People's generosity is amazing and it all shows what a wonderful bridge club we have, and we should be so very proud of it.

Pat Shine



Pat Shine with some of the many raffle prizes



Jayne Lansdowne, Lori Sexton and Ros Frost preparing a delicious lunch and morning tea



Good Samaritan Housing presentation