

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

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Newsletter

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From the President

The official opening of the new centre will take place on Saturday the 4th February starting at 10.30am. All members are invited.

It would be appreciated, if you are planning on attending, if you could fill in an attendance form available in the entries holder. This will give us some indication of numbers and will greatly assist in catering.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Elizabeth

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Breaking News

(Marg Plunkett)

The QBA Individual is an annual event which closes the Congress Calendar for the year. Last Sunday 18 December, 40 keen players contested this year's event.

During the day, each individual player partnered 18 other players for 3 boards. Scoring was by Matchpoints. Because the two players in a pair are not regular partners, a standard System Card is used.

At the end of the day, the title of QBA Individual player of the year for 2016 was shared by our own Greg Gosney and Alison Dawson who each attained 55.8% - just ahead of Paul Thiem on 55.7%.



Congratulations Greg.

New Members

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

September

Glenda Robinson	Mary Hanlon
Wendy Jory	Jane Propsting
Diana Osbaldiston	Graham Killoran
D'Arcy Shortt	Harry Shortt
Denise Taylor	Melissa Weber
Kathleen Sherman	Jane Box
Andrew McCormack	

October

Megan Du Plessis	Raelene Clark
Helen Kleinhaus	Nancy Howard
Kerry O'Connell	Lynne McLachlan
Peter McDermott	John Juratowitch
Dawn Juratowitch	Carmel Martin
Martina Meyer-Witting	

November

Merylene Perry	Trish Hart
Keith Roskam	Margie Roskam
Josephine McPherson	

Promotions

The following home club members achieved Masterpoints Ranking promotions in September, October and November. Congratulations and well done.

Graduate Master

John Wright	Kaye Wright
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Club Master

Michael Cohn	Rooijmans Koen
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Local Master

Glyn Stickland	Patricia Stirling
Merrilyn Hooper	John Walters
Donna Warnock	Louise Tronson
Cynthia Mahaffey	

*Local Master

Barbara Moni	Wendy Casey
Keith Hawken	Beverley Delly
Graham White	

**Local Master

David McEvoy	Phil Zammit
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Regional Master

Gregory Barbe	Raelene Kell
Bill Hanlon	Dana Geise

*Regional Master

Anthony Grant-Smith	
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State Master

Richard Clarke	
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*State Master

Abigail Wanigaratne	
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National

Andrew Gosney	
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Albert Loh	
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NSBC Competition Results

Jill Wilson Pairs (Sun 23 Oct)

1 st	David Lehmann & John Nibbs
2 nd	Paul Roberts & Bruce Carroll
3 rd	Richard & Helen McLauchlan

Best Performing Novice Pair:

Raelene Kell & Tiffany Mair



David Lehmann and John Nibbs





Paul Roberts and Bruce Carroll



Helen and Richard McLauchlan



Tiffany Mair and Raelene Kell

NSBC 2 Day Imp Pairs (Sat 5 & Sun 6 Nov)

- 1st Peter Evans & John Kelly
- 2nd Paul Wyr & Carolyn Miller
- 3rd Jill Magee & Terry Strong
- 1st B Dorothy Gehrke & Errol Miller
- 2nd B Michelle Radke & Ian Halford
- 3rd B Richard Fox & Robyn Clark
- 1st C John Pellen & Lesley Kenyon



Peter Evans and John Kelly



Carolyn Miller and Paul Wyr





Jill Magee and Terry Strong



Richard Fox and Robyn Clark



Errol Miller and Dorothy Gehrke



Lesley Kenyon and John Pellen



Michelle Radke and Ian Halford

Monday Shield PM (Mon 14 & 21 Nov)

- 1st Yolande Coroneo & Jane Farquhar
- 2nd Mary Ryan & John Scrivens
- 3rd Diana Dick & Sumant Handa

Novice Section

- 1st Warren Brown & John Walters
- 2nd Dana Geise & Kay Peachey
- 3rd Paulette Bourke & Jan Moore



Members' Achievements

These are successes by home club members playing in external Congresses since our last newsletter. Players listed in *italics* are not members of NSBC.

Redland Graded Pairs (Sun 25 Sep)

1st B *Albert Loh & Judy Wilkinson*

2nd B *Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett*



Albert Loh and Judy Wilkinson

Toowoomba Pairs (Sat 1 Oct)

2nd B *Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett*

Surfers Paradise Graded Teams (Sat 22 Oct)

1st C *Andrew Gosney, Jack Luke-Paredi, Ben Leung & Paul Brake*

Hervey Bay Cross-Imp Pairs (Sat 29 Oct)

3rd *Abigail Wanigaratne & Nik Moore*

Gold Coast Graded Teams (Sun 20 Nov)

2nd B *Andrew Gosney, Jack Luke-Paredi, Jessica Brake & Shane Harrison*

Events for Novices and Rookies

The events listed below are suitable for novice players (generally less than 100 Masterpoints). All are Red Masterpoint Congresses. Some of the events are exclusively for novices. Others are graded and will be divided up in to separate sections based on players' rankings. In a graded event you only play against other players within the section you are allocated to.

Novices Only

Jan 15 QCBC Novice Imp Pairs
Jan 28 Kenmore Novice Pairs
Jan 29 Kenmore Novice Teams
Feb 05 Toowoomba Novice Pairs
Mar 12 Toowong Novice Imp Pairs

Graded Events

Mar 26 Sunshine Coast Graded Teams

Gold Coast Congress

Feb 18-20 Novice Pairs Championship
Feb 19 Sunday Rookie Pairs
Feb 21-23 Novice Teams Championship
Feb 21 Under 50 Masterpoints Pairs (1 session)
Feb 22 Under 50 Masterpoints Pairs (2 sessions)
Feb 23 Thursday Rookie Pairs
Feb 24 Friday Novice Pairs

Coming Events

Coming events for the next few months are as follows (excludes Novice events):

Jan 08 Gold Coast Teams
Jan 15 QCBC Imp Pairs
Jan 22 Northern Suburbs Teams
Jan 28 Kenmore Open Pairs
Jan 29 Kenmore Open Teams
Feb 4-5 QBA Senior Teams
- Sunshine Coast
Feb 5 Toowong Imp Pairs
Feb 12 Arana Teams
Feb 12 Warwick Swiss Pairs
Feb 18-25 2017 Gold Coast Congress
Mar 11-12 QBA Mixed Teams – Noosa
Mar 11-12 Dalby Pairs and Teams
Mar 26 Sunshine Coast Graded Teams

Don't forget to pay your Annual Membership Subscriptions if you have not already done so. Your club membership needs to be renewed by Tuesday, 31 January 2017. Thank you.

Clouston Christmas Teams (Sun 11 Dec)

Clouston Christmas Teams was held on Sunday 11th December. The event is sponsored by home club member Pat Clouston and is restricted to Northern Suburbs Bridge Club members. Entry to the event was by way of a children's activity book. All activity books collected were donated to the Zephyr Foundation.

We had a fantastic turnout with a total of 40 teams competing in the event, 22 in A grade and 18 in B grade. Lots of prizes were handed out during the day (see them under the Christmas tree) as well as prize money for place-getters at the end of the day. It was a most enjoyable day and easily the best bridge event held at Northern Suburbs during the year.



Pat Clouston, Donna Krosch (winner of Best Hat),
Lori Sexton and Jayne Lansdown (2nd place Best Hat)



Our Christmas Tree with
lots of prizes



Santa's little helper
Lorraine Pescatore



Beryl Quinn, Audrey Lovemore, Gloria Proberts and
Margaret Munro



Abigail Wanigaratne, Annette Hyland, Fay Jeppesen
and Nik Moore



Results

A Grade

- 1st A Paul Roberts, Bruce Carroll, Donna Krosch, Gayle McCarthy
2nd A Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Andrew Slater, Lex Ranke
3rd A Elizabeth Gibson, Neil Gibson, Robyn Clayton, Alan Smith
4th A Helen McLauchlan, Richard McLauchlan, Errol Miller, Dorothy Gehrke
1st B Eunice McLeod, Marcella Waller, Anne Clarke, Sandy Greenwood
2nd B Gary Mitchell, Judy Mitchell, Jim Taylor, Deidre Taylor
3rd B Sandra Routley, Merylene Perry, Jennifer Bavage, Anita Crestanelli
4th B Dell Watt, Pat Macdonald, Peter Macdonald, Pat Clouston



B Grade

- 1st A Andrea Parkins, Catherine Flowers, Greg Kerswell, Alan Anderson
2nd A Lyn Colwell, Judy Gillespie, Rosemary Nosovich, Margaret Pilgrim
3rd A Lesley Peek, Julie Forster, Tiffany Mair, Raelene Kell
1st B Claudia Gibson, Trish Hart, Graham White, Jen Ahern
2nd B Sue Harrison, Dave Harrison, Mike Palmer, Marie Lincoln
3rd B Maxim Wilson, Bruce Stephens, Neil Benson, Anne Johnson



Gayle McCarthy, Paul Roberts, Donna Krosch and Bruce Carroll



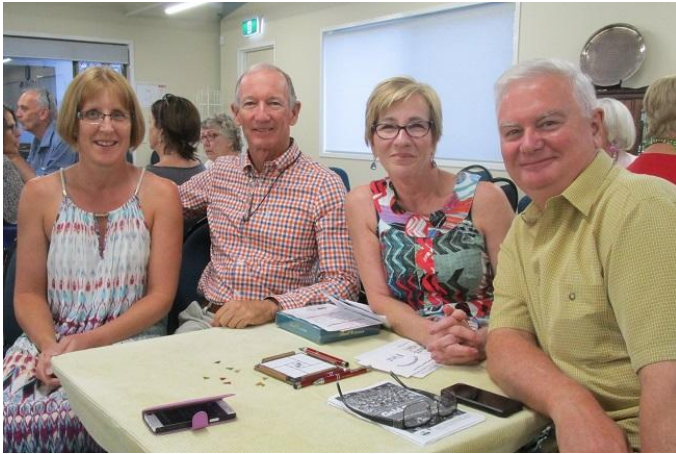
Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Lex Ranke and Andy Slater



Sandy Greenwood, Eunice McLeod, Anne Clarke and Marcella Waller



Gary Mitchell, Jim Taylor, Judy Mitchell and Deidre Taylor



Catherine Flowers, Greg Kerswell, Andrea Parkins and Alan Anderson



Margaret Pilgrim, Lyn Colwell and Rosemary Nosovitch



Lesley Peek, Tiffany Mair, Julie Forster and Raelene Kell



Graham White, Claudia Gibson, Jen Ahern and Trish Hart

Capitulation

I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night
 It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.
 The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
 And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
 Who's played and what's trumps and what's gone
 on my right!
 So for now it's all over- I'm off to the back wood
 I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
 I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
 So I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's a bad night.
 Declarer is horrid and nothing's going right.
 My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.
 And when she says "double" I know we're in
 trouble.

My points are not high and I'm wondering why
 She kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
 When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays!
 We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,
 And I have to admit my partner's a brick

But I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night!
 Farewell to conventions- I give up the fight?
 So I leave with few words but some that are true,
 Bridge is a game- not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their
 cheek.

For it's only a game- Oh! Yes. I'll see you next
 week

(Anonymous)



Library News from the Bookworm

Your library has over 100 publications dealing specifically with declarer play, but books on this subject are the least borrowed! Is this because we all have an inflated value of our ability as declarer? Whilst we may not admit it, we could all benefit from some expert guidance at times when we are faced with unequal suit distributions, entry shortages, blocked suits, the correct safety plays, when and in which direction to finesse and the myriad other excuses we offer after failing in our contract.

For those wanting some help with their declarer play or are new to the game why not try one of these:-

Planning the Play in No Trump

Planning in Suit Contracts

Bridge Card Play Made Easy

Play of the Hand

Kantar on Kontract

Card Play Made Easy (Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4)

The Play of the Hand

both by David Bird and Marc Smith,

by David Bird

by Audrey Grant

by Eddie Kantar

by Ron Klinger and A Kambites

by William Root

It is rare indeed for one of our more experienced or expert players to borrow a book from our library and they certainly would not need to brush up on their declarer play technique, would they? The Bookworm issues a challenge to the experts. The following two books feature a series of declarer play problems (the second publication also includes some defensive tests). Try one and I bet you can't get better than 50% – no peeking at the answers:-

Off Road Declarer Play

by David Bird

Declare or Defend

by Brecher and Roth

If you are one of those people who say "I couldn't possibly read a bridge book because they are so boring" why not try one of the following for your Christmas holiday reading:-

By Victor Mollo

Bridge in the Menagerie

Masters and Monsters

Winning Bridge in the Menagerie

Bridge in the Fourth Dimension

You Need Never Lose at Bridge

By Terence Reece and David Bird

Divine Intervention

Doubled and Venerable

Miracles or Card Play

Unholy Tricks

By David Bird

All Hands on Deck

Any one of them is guaranteed to have you laughing out loud as well as marvelling at the skill of the players. With the Mollo books, you may even recognise some of the characters in our club!



Sudoku Solution

1	4	3	8	9	5	2	9	7
7	5	9	2	3	1	6	4	8
6	8	2	7	4	9	5	3	1
5	2	8	9	1	3	7	9	4
4	6	1	5	2	7	9	8	3
3	9	7	6	8	4	1	5	2
2	1	5	3	9	8	4	7	6
9	3	6	4	7	2	8	1	5
8	7	4	1	5	6	3	2	9



Articles from Members

First Triathlon

(by Catherine Flowers)

Twelve months ago I liked biking on flat paths, I could barely swim 50m, and I could run for about one lamp-post. Then I set myself an epic goal and on 13 November I finished my first long course triathlon. Hervey Bay 100 'suffer in paradise' is a 2km ocean swim, 80km bike ride & 18km run.

Race morning was windy and the sea was really rough. Thankfully we had been advised there were no longer any blue bottles in the bay and it was designated a non-wetsuit swim. My racing buddy Maggie and I racked our bikes and set our gear up at 6.30am then walked the 2km down to the swim start. My age group start was 7:43am. The swim out through the surf to the first buoy was really hard work and I nearly lost my swimming cap and goggles. The conditions were rough and no matter what side I breathed on, I got mouthfuls of salt water. Sighting the buoys was impossible therefore so was swimming in a straight line! I ended up swimming 2.45km instead of the required 2km. A lot of people pulled out of the swim due to the rough conditions!

The 80km ride was good - quite windy, with a gradual climb out of town with one little pincher (a short steep incline) and a 1.5km section of the road that had no tar seal. We rode that loop four times. I really enjoyed the ride, was very thankful for all the hours of hill training my coach sets me and came in well ahead of my bike time goal.

The 18km run was tough and hot. You lose all modesty as a triathlete and I had volunteers tipping ice down my top, my back and pants at every aid station. The route was three 6km loops along the waterfront. I remember thinking at the 2km mark, "why am I doing this, I want to vomit and I am never going to make it to the finish line". With a mixture of running and walking I finished the run and crossed the finish line in 6 hours 36 minutes.

The encouragement and support from my Mavericks Triathlon team, the volunteers, the locals and spectators was brilliant. It

was a fantastic event and I will definitely do it again next year. Now the only decision left to make is what race to do next!

PS. FYI the pro athletes who raced were amazing. The first male finished in 3 hours 51 minutes and the first female was a bare 15 minutes behind him.



Interesting Hand

(by Greg Gosney)

In our previous newsletter I showed a hand with 29 HCP that was played at this year's ANC. Well, that hand has been eclipsed by the following hand which came up at Brisbane Bridge Club recently. West's hand has a whopping 32 HCP.

BD: 11	♠KJ963	Dir: S
	♥T	Vul: None
	♦T62	
	♣7543	
♠AQ		♠8
♥AKJ9		♥Q87653
♦AKQ		♦J43
♣AKQ8		♣JT2
	♠T7542	
	♥42	
	♦9875	
	♣96	
	♣♦♥♠NT	
N	- - - - -	4
S	- - - - -	32 4
E	7 5 7 1 7	0
W	7 6 7 1 7	

I have been told that nobody bid a grand slam and that some players opened 6NT.

The Dark Side

(by Andy Slater)

When you hear the expression “The Dark Side” what image does it conjure up?

Something to do with the Dark Arts perhaps?

What about the evil Lord Voldemort, Harry Potter’s nemesis?

And most of us can remember “The Dark Side of the Moon” by Pink Floyd.

Fond memories!

Any of these images may spring to mind, so I was at first bemused, then amused when I found out that this is the term used by our beginning bridge players to describe the other side of the room from them.

In other words, “The Dark Side” is our regular group of players furiously concentrating on their cards, sitting in silence for the most part, and doing all sorts of dark deeds with the thirteen pieces of card in their hand.

From the beginner’s perspective, these are players who understand complex bidding strategies, who always know what card to lead, and are able to work out how high to bid and the best way to make their contract – and they even have the gall to double their opponents sometimes! Indeed, these players are the masters of the dark art of being able to play bridge.

Yes, there is an amusing aspect to the title of being “The Dark Side”.

But there is a further point to this article.

Eventually these beginners will tread ever so warily to join battle with the wizards of the cards, and some will even get to partner one of these whiz bang players. Awestruck, the beginner will go along with being told about Transfer Bids, Multi Two bids, Signals and all the rest of it, when really they are struggling to comprehend the complexities of Stayman!

A simple bidding system is a must for players on “The Light Side” – it does take months and months to fully understand how it all fits together, and that there is logic to the

structure. To deviate from that structure may compromise other aspects of the system.

If you somehow get to play with a novice player, for whatever reason, I would encourage you to carefully look at their system card, and play it as it is without wanting to add on bells and whistles. Simply enjoy the fact that you are the expert and can do no wrong! Encourage them, make positive comments, and let the ‘simple’ game be fun for them. Further down the track, when they have shown a good sound knowledge of the basics, perhaps then you may consider introducing some ‘more advanced’ conventions.

There will always be players who overcall with four card suits, who respond to partner’s opening bid with four points, etc.

Then there’s another group who obviously have ability but somehow their bidding structure is a bit skewed, a bit confused perhaps. Then I wonder.

Perhaps, just perhaps, there was some top heavy coaching in their early days from players on “The Dark Side”?

A good point to remember when playing with “Light Side” players is that a simple system played well is always better than a complex one played badly!

Happy Bridging,

Andy Slater

From the Editor

Hi all. I hope you enjoyed reading this issue.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed and provided assistance. If you have any comments or would like to contribute to the next newsletter, you can email me at gigosney@bigpond.com or the bridge club at nsbc4011@optusnet.com.au.

Thank you.

Greg Gosney



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