

# Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

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# Newsletter



January 2018



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Editor: Greg Gosney

## From the Editor

Hello everyone. I hope 2017 was a good year for you and 2018 will be even better.

The second half of last year was rather hectic bridge-wise. Last July, in a spur of the moment decision I volunteered to take on the role of Director. After a wobbly start I have settled in to the role and sessions are running smoothly. Thank you to all the people who help out distributing boards and bridgemates, collecting money, running the scoring program, preparing morning tea, dealing and so on. Thank you to all the regular players who continue to turn up for the morning session as well as the new and occasional players who come to play. I do try to make the sessions enjoyable and satisfying for all.

About the end of August, I took on the role of Convenor for our congresses and competitions. I am not sure that I volunteered for this one, it just seemed to find its way to me. I was happy enough to take it on though. I quickly found out there is much time and effort involved in organising congresses, especially that Teams of 3 congress.

All congresses ran successfully and I have received positive feedback on them. There are many people involved in organising and running a congress and their efforts and skills are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Shortly after taking on the Convenor role I was asked if I would fill a vacancy on the committee. In the past, I had politely declined all offers. This time I felt that becoming a committee member was the right thing to do. So, now I am on the committee.

You have probably worked out by now what I am leading up to. I have taken on too much at the club and I need to let something go. I have resigned as newsletter editor. This is my final newsletter. I have been newsletter editor for just over three and a half years. It has been an interesting and satisfying role with lots of creative potential but it is now time for someone else to take on the role of newsletter editor.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the newsletter over the past few years and to players who have allowed me to take photos which bring colour and life to the newsletter. A special thank you to my regular bridge partner, Margaret Plunkett, who has done a fantastic job proofreading all of my newsletter drafts. Her contribution and advice is greatly appreciated.

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletters I have produced and I am sure that the next newsletter editor, whoever they may be, will do a sterling job.

Thank you.  
Greg

**Annual Membership Subscriptions need to be renewed by Wednesday, 31 January 2017. Thank you.**

## Gold Coast Congress

The Gold Coast Congress begins on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February and finishes on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Competitions throughout the week include Walk-In Pairs, Pairs Championships, Matchpoint Swiss Pairs, Rookie Pairs (0-10 MPs), Butler Swiss Pairs, Teams Championships, 0-50 Masterpoints Pairs, Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs, and Novice Pairs.

Players who have less than 10 masterpoints as at 30/9/2017 are encouraged to consider

playing in one or more of the Rookie Pairs events. This competition is run in an easy-going manner with plenty of time to play the boards. The 0-50 Masterpoint Pairs are only a tad more daunting and also worth considering.

Information about the congress can be found on the Queensland Bridge Association website.

### James O'Sullivan Award Winners

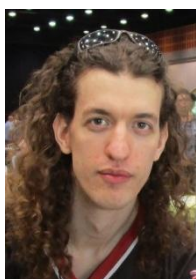
Each year the Queensland Bridge Association issues the James O'Sullivan Award for masterpoint achievement by a Queensland player. This year, four of our club members are honoured with the award. Winners with their masterpoints earned in 2017 are:

Best Bronze Life Master  
Margaret Plunkett  
100.52 MPs



Best \*National Master  
Fay Jeppeson  
102.85 MPs

Best \*State Master  
Abigail Wanigaratne  
83.78 MPs



Best National Master  
Andrew Gosney  
99.14 MPs

Congratulations to all four winners.

### 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.

Donna Chin	Rose Slater
Lesley Dalyell	Garth Sherman
Lynda Roberts	Yvonne Levien
Jann Simmonds	Mandy Kennedy
Vesna Markovic	Voyko Markovic
Lucia Grgic	Martin Grgic
Janet McPherson	Pat King

### Promotions

From September through to December many of our home club members achieved the following Masterpoints Ranking promotions. Congratulations and well done.

#### Graduate Master

Maggy Moncrieff	Anne Ball
Judith Carfrae	

#### Club Master

Kerry Baillie	Sandra Kelley
Megan Du Plessis	Margaret Roskam

#### Local Master

Peter Main	Kevin O'Donnell
Margaret Murphy	John Stein

#### \*Local Master

Brad Ellis	Yvonne Flanagan
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#### \*\*Local Master

Rosemary Nosovich	Lyndell Hewitt
Shelley McCready	Rosalie Barry
Margaret Richards	

#### Regional Master

Pat Deighton

#### \*Regional Master

Gloria Proberts

#### State Master

Sumant Handa	Dorothy Lane
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## National

Margaret Baker

## Bronze Life

Yolande Coroneo

Elizabeth Litzow

## **NSBC Competition Results**

### **NSBC 2-Day Imp Pairs (Sat 4 & Sun 5 Nov)**

1<sup>st</sup> Malcolm Carter & Tony Hutton

2<sup>nd</sup> Neville Francis &  
Sanmugaras Kamalarasa

3<sup>rd</sup> Eileen Li & Charlie Lu

1<sup>st</sup> B Winny Chan & Aijun Yang

2<sup>nd</sup> B Nik Moore & Abigail Wanigaratne

3<sup>rd</sup> B Jane Farquhar & Elizabeth Litzow



1<sup>st</sup> - Malcolm Carter & Tony Hutton



3<sup>rd</sup> - Eileen Li & Charlie Lu



1<sup>st</sup> B - Winny Chan & Aijun Yang



3<sup>rd</sup> B - Jane Farquhar & Elizabeth Litzow

### **Thursday Pairs (Thu 12 Oct & 19 Oct)**

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Roberts & Gayle McCarthy

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard McLauchlan & Natalie Bloch

3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Taylor & Greg Barbe

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Of course I talk to myself.  
Sometimes I need expert advice.

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## **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.

### **Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs (Sun 17 Sep)**

3<sup>rd</sup> B Margaret Plunkett & Greg Gosney



## QCBC Clean Cruising Teams (Sun 29 Oct)

1<sup>st</sup> *Geoffrey Toon, Maha Hoenig,  
Terry Strong & Jill Magee*



1<sup>st</sup> - Maha Hoenig, Jill Magee, Terry Strong & Geoffrey Toon

## Toowoomba Swiss Teams (Sun 12 Nov)

1<sup>st</sup> B *Annette Hyland, Fay Jeppeson,  
Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett*

1<sup>st</sup> C *Betty English, Margaret Baker,  
Jennifer Vickers & Sandra Mulcahy*



1<sup>st</sup> B - Greg Gosney, Fay Jeppeson, Annette Hyland & Margaret Plunkett



1<sup>st</sup> C - Jennifer Vickers, Sandra Mulcahy, Betty English & Margaret Baker

## Noosa Imp Pairs (Sat 18 & Sun 19 Nov)

3<sup>rd</sup> *Andrew Slater & Ken Dawson*

## Toowong Graded Teams (Sun 26 Nov)

1<sup>st</sup> B *Abigail Wanigarartne, Nik Moore,  
Laurie Skeate & Charles Mitchell*

1<sup>st</sup> C *Albert Loh, Judy Wilkinson,  
Jill Hutson & Gill Phillippo*



1<sup>st</sup> C - Gill Phillippo, Judy Wilkinson, Jill Hutson & Albert Loh

## QBA Teams of 3 (Sun 10 Dec)

2<sup>nd</sup> B *John Scrivens (C), Ann Thomson,  
Debbie Gibbards & Gary Gibbards*

1<sup>st</sup> C *Andy Slater (C), Raelene Kell,  
Shelley McCready & Tiffany Mair*

3<sup>rd</sup> C *Jan Peach (C), Rosemary Nosovich,  
Bruce Stephens & Margaret Pilgrim*

## QBA Individual (Sun 17 Dec)

=1<sup>st</sup> *Greg Gosney & Alison Dawson*

3<sup>rd</sup> *John Scrivens*



3<sup>rd</sup> - John Scrivens



## Clouston's Christmas Teams

Clouston's Christmas Teams was held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for our club members. It was a fun event with plenty of happy smiling faces. The event is sponsored by home club member Pat Clouston. Players donated Children's Activity Books and these have been forwarded to our sponsored charity Zephyr Education.

We had 32 teams on the day, 16 in A grade and 8 each in B and C grades. Several boxes of chocolates were given as prizes at the end of each round, except for the lunch break and last round of the day. Also, at the lunch break three bottles of Champagne were given as prizes for best hats.

Clouston's Christmas Teams is the most enjoyable club event of the year. Be sure to enter this December.

### A Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Albert Loh, Judy Wilkinson,  
Nik Moore & Abigail Wanigaratne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett,  
Lex Ranke & Andrew Gosney
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Helen McLauchlan, David Lehmann,  
Joan Mills & Richard McLauchlan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Diana Dick, Ross Dick, Andy Slater &  
Larry Moses
- 1<sup>st</sup> B Joan Bannah, Margaret Williamson,  
Margaret Baker & Patricia Hume
- 2<sup>nd</sup> B Ann Nichols, Maree Filippini,  
Jennifer Vickers & Mandy Kennedy



1<sup>st</sup> - Nik Moore, Albert Loh, Abigail Wanigaratne & Judy Wilkinson



3<sup>rd</sup> - Helen McLauchlan, Pat Clouston presenting prizemoney & Richard McLauchlan  
(Absent: Joan Mills and David Lehmann)



1<sup>st</sup> B Category - Margaret Williamson, Joan Bannah & Margaret Baker (Absent: Patricia Hume)



2<sup>nd</sup> B Category - Mandy Kennedy, Ann Nichols, Jennifer Vickers & Maree Filippini



## B Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Flowers, Andrea Parkins,  
Greg Kerswell & Alan Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Munro, Jill Dowling,  
Beryl Quinn & Gloria Proberts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Daina Geise, Kay Peachey,  
Jan Moore & Paulette Bourke



1<sup>st</sup> B - Alan Anderson, Greg Kerswell,  
Catherine Flowers & Andrea Parkins



2<sup>nd</sup> B - Jill Dowling, Beryl Quinn, Margaret Munro &  
Gloria Proberts



3<sup>rd</sup> B - Daina Geise, Kay Peachey, Jan Moore &  
Paulette Bourke

## C Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jill Lukin, Robyn Church,  
Ros Francis & Georgina Blum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vicki Lloyd, Jo-Anne Bauer,  
Anne Adamson & Di Patching  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jen Ahern, Pam Varcoe,  
Kathleen Sherman & Raelene Kell



1<sup>st</sup> C - Ros Francis, Jill Lukin & Georgina Blum  
(Absent: Robyn Church)



2<sup>nd</sup> C - Anne Adamson, Vicki Lloyd,  
Jo-Anne Bauer & Di Patching



3<sup>rd</sup> C - Pam Varcoe, Raelene Kell & Jen Ahern  
(Absent: Kathleen Sherman)

## Best hat winners:



Greg Gosney, Ann Nichols, Larry Moses

Below is an extract of an email we received from Zephyr Education in appreciation of member's donations:

*"Thank you for the glorious collection of items Terry and I collected this morning. The members of Northern Suburbs continue to outdo themselves with their compassion and generosity for Zephyr's cause.*

*The bridge community has been with us from the very start and we're very grateful for the financial and moral support we continue to receive."*

## QBA Teams of 3

Our club hosted the QBA Teams of 3 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. A Team of 3 is where a captain is assigned to each team as the 4th player. The captain, an experienced player, partners each of the team members for two matches, playing their preferred system.

The Teams of 3 provides an opportunity for rookies and novices to experience a competitive teams event under the guidance of an experienced player. Many of the experienced players who were captains are among the top players in Queensland.

On the day there were 28 teams. If I have counted correctly, there were 27 Teams of 3 players from our club, as well as three experienced players, John Scrivens, Paul Roberts and Andy Slater, who were captains.

The event ran smoothly and I have received very positive feedback from several players. We will be hosting the event again later this year.

## 2017 in Review

Listed below are the masterpoint achievements of Home Club Members of NSBC over the past twelve months.

The top 10 masterpoint earners for 2017 were

1	Greg Gosney	109.91
2	Margaret Plunkett	100.52
3	Andrew Gosney	99.14
4	Abby Wanigaratne	83.78
5	Burt Luchjenbroers	80.70
6	Joan Mills	80.43
7	Gordon Gemmell	77.63
8	John Scrivens	76.86
9	Paul Roberts	76.73
10	Elizabeth Gibson	60.86

The highest masterpoint earners in each of the ranking categories are as follows.

### Grand and above

1	Elizabeth Gibson	60.86
2	Andy Slater	60.15
3	Helen McLauchlan	56.02

### Gold Life

1	Joan Mills	80.43
2	Gordon Gemmell	77.63
3	Mary Ryan	59.86

### Silver Life

1	Greg Gosney	109.91
2	Bert Luchjenbroers	80.70
3	John Scrivens	76.86

### Bronze Life

1	Margaret Plunkett	100.52
2	David Lehmann	48.86
3	Deidre Taylor	44.73

### Life

1	Yolande Coroneo	45.37
2	Jane Farquhar	29.40
3	Anne Clarke	26.67

### \*\*National

1	Robert Wilkinson	52.48
2	Robyn Burnage	37.75
3	Patricia Clouston	27.22



**\*National**

1	Albert Loh	55.85
2	Dennis Sullivan	40.74
3	Marcella Waller	24.31

**National**

1	Andrew Gosney	99.14
2	Dorothy Coker	18.89
3	Sandy Greenwood	17.28

**\*State**

1	Abby Wanigaratne	83.78
2	Jacqui Fardoulis	30.83
3	Margaret Baker	29.37

**State**

1	Rod Lumer	16.80
2	Richard Clarke	16.65
3	Beryl Quinn	13.90

**\*Regional**

1	Jennifer Adam	15.03
2	Anthony Grant-Smith	12.44
3	Val Courtis	8.13

**Regional**

1	Raelene Kell	26.66
2	Peter Moffat	24.37
3	Robert Ross	23.05

**\*\*Local**

1	Sumant Hanta	17.80
2	Pam Sexton	16.10
3	Karen Hansen	14.42

**\*Local**

1	Barbara Moni	17.96
2	Wendy Casey	17.20
3	Keith Hawken	15.56

**Local**

1	Shelley McCready	14.20
2	Tiffany Mair	10.50
3	Georgina Blum	10.17

**Club**

1	Vad Furminger	15.92
2	Yvonne Flanagan	12.10
3	Margaret Pilgrim	10.58

**Graduate**

1	Ghislaine Green	5.70
2	Kerry Baillie	4.14
3	Maxim Wilson	3.52

**Nil**

1	Margy Roskam	5.58
2	Bruce Stephens	4.65 =
	Megan Du Plessis	4.65

During the year, 129 NSBC home club members received a Ranking Promotion with two, Ann Nichols and Mary Ryan, reaching the status of Grand Master. Congratulations to all.

Margaret Plunkett  
Masterpoints Secretary

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**The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017****LAW 74 - CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE****A. Proper Attitude**

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.

2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

The director should be called immediately if a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner.



## Library News from the Bookworm

One of the most recommended books on bridge is Mollo and Gardner's "Card Play Technique – The art of being lucky". Many players say that it is the best bridge book ever written! The Bookworm has devoured many bridge books over the years, including the aforementioned volume but for mine,

Klinger's "Guide to Better Card Play" takes the prize as the best all round guide to improving your game. It was so good when first published that it won the 1991 Bridge Book of the Year awarded by the American Bridge Teaches Association, no mean feat for an author outside the USA.

There are 187 A4 sized pages to this book which is based on Standard American bidding style. The book is divided into 4 parts and contains a wealth of information –

- Consolidate Your Defensive Play (with chapters on leads, card combinations in defence, signalling and discards and signals),
- Consolidate Your Declarer Play ( with chapters on setting up a long suit, card combinations, double finesses, play at trick one, ruffing losers – delaying trumps, ducking, card reading and inferences and deceptive strategy),
- Improve Your Defensive Play (Passive and active opening leads, forcing defence, suit preference signals, unblocking, surround leads and entry killing plays, setting up ruffs and card reading inferences),
- Improve Your Declarer Play (Avoidance plays, dummy reversals, end plays, counting and discovery plays and others).

Each part finishes with a revision test with answers at the end of the book. There are also 160 practice deals for North, South, East and West and the end of the book.

What I like so much about this book is that with most example hands you are shown how the hand should be bid and how it should be defended or played.

If you are genuinely interested in improving your game, then this is the one book you should read. There are several copies in the library.

The last issue of Library News featured two brain teasers on declarer play. Disappointingly, Gary Mitchell was the only member who submitted an entry – and he was correct with both problems. Well done Gary.



## How are tricks scored?

Bridgemates make life easier for bridge players. We enter our contract with the number of tricks won and the Bridgemate shows the score for the hand. In the not too distant past, contracts and scores were entered manually on paper travellers. Many players would carry a card showing the scores for each contract and they would refer to this card as needed. Here is an extract of such a card:

Bid	Made	Not Vulnerable			Vulnerable		
		Undblid	Dblid	Rdblid	Undblid	Dblid	Rdblid
2♥/2♠	2	110	470	640	110	670	840
	3	140	570	840	140	870	1240
	4	170	670	1040	170	1070	1640
	5	200	770	1240	200	1270	2040
	6	230	870	1440	230	1470	2440
	7	260	970	1640	260	1670	2840
	2NT	2	120	490	680	120	690
3		150	590	880	150	890	1280
4		180	690	1080	180	1090	1680
5		210	790	1280	210	1290	2080
6		240	890	1480	240	1490	2480
7		270	990	1680	270	1690	2880
3♣/3♦		3	110	470	640	110	670
	4	130	570	840	130	870	1240
	5	150	670	1040	150	1070	1640
	6	170	770	1240	170	1270	2040
	7	190	870	1440	190	1470	2440

The card shows the contract bid and the possible scores for that contract depending on the tricks won, vulnerability and any penalty doubles or redoubles. As you can see, the score for 2♠ making 9 tricks is 140. If doubled and not vulnerable the score is 570 while doubled and vulnerable is 870.

Many players would know the score for an undoubled part score or game contract, but few would know the score for a doubled or redoubled contract without needing to look it up. So how are the scores calculated?

The Duplicate Bridge Scoring Table is set out in Law 77 of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. However, it can be a little confusing as to how all the points are added together. So I will do my best to explain it clearly.

First of all, it helps to know some of the terminology as defined in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge:

- Odd Trick* each trick to be won by declarer's side in excess of six.
- Trick Points* points scored by declarer's side for fulfilling the contract.
- Partscore* 90 or fewer trick points scored on one deal.
- Game* 100 or more trick points scored on one deal.
- Overtrick* each trick won by declarer's side in excess of the contract.
- Premium Points* any points other than trick points (includes overtricks and bonus points for partscore and game contracts fulfilled).

In the bidding, odd tricks are the number of tricks in excess of six. A bid of 2♠ is eight tricks in total but only two odd tricks. If declarer makes a total of 9 tricks for their 2♠ contract, it is still two odd tricks but they also have one overtrick.

For trump contracts here is the table for calculating *trick points* for *odd tricks* if the contract is made:

	Minor	Major
Undoubled	20	30
Doubled	40	60
Redoubled	80	120

And this is the table for calculating *premium points* for each overtrick:

	Not Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Undoubled	Trick value	Trick Value
Doubled	100	200
Redoubled	200	400

Notice that points for odd tricks and overtricks are calculated separately. If the contract is doubled or redoubled, the trick values for overtricks are different to those for odd tricks.

As well, there are additional *premium points* for making game or a partscore:

Making GAME, vulnerable	500
Making GAME, not vulnerable	300
Making any PARTSCORE	50
Making any doubled contract	50
Making any redoubled contract	50

As our first example, let's start with a 2♠ contract undoubled. If declarer makes nine tricks the score is 140. The score is made up of *trick points* from the two *odd tricks* and *premium points* for the *overtrick*. For a major suit contract, *trick points* are 30 each as are *premium points* for overtricks. This is 90 points (2 x 30 plus 1 x 30). It is a partscore contract because the 60 *trick points* for the two *odd tricks* is less than 100. For making the partscore contract, declarer also receives 50 *premium points* giving a total of 140.

If the contract is 4♠ making 11 tricks and the declaring side is not vulnerable the score is calculated as follows:

<i>Trick Score</i>	
Odd tricks	120 (4 x 30)
<i>Premium Score</i>	
Making GAME	300
Overtrick	30 (1 x 30)
Total: 450	

Remember, game is 100 or more odd trick points scored on one deal. On this deal the trick score is 120 so for making the contract a game bonus of 300 points is awarded. If the declaring side was vulnerable, 500 points would be awarded. For this example, *trick points* are 120 and *premium points* are 330 (game bonus plus overtricks).

It is important to understand that game bonus points are always awarded when the odd trick points are 100 or more.

What if a 2♥ contract is doubled and the declaring side is vulnerable? If declarer makes nine tricks then using the tables above we can calculate the score:



*Trick Score*

Odd tricks 120 (2 x 60)

*Premium Score*

Making GAME 500

Overtrick 200 (1 x 200)

Making doubled contract 50

Total: 870

Declarer has only bid to 2♥ but receives game bonus points because the odd trick points are 100 or more.

No trump contracts are scored the same as major suit contracts except for the first odd trick bid and made:

No trumps

Undoubled 40

Doubled 80

Redoubled 160

Declarer is not vulnerable and makes eleven tricks in 3NT. The score is calculated as follows:

*Trick Score*

First odd trick 40

Other odd tricks 60 (2 x 30)

*Premium Score*

Making GAME 300

Overtricks 60 (2 x 30)

Total: 460

What about a slam contract? Well, there are additional *premium points* for making a slam:

Small Slam (12 tricks), vulnerable 750

Small Slam (12 tricks), not vul 500

Grand Slam (13 tricks), vulnerable 750

Grand Slam (13 tricks), not vul 500

If you are fortunate enough to be in 7NTXX vulnerable and make 13 tricks, your score will be:

*Trick Score*

First odd trick 160

Other odd tricks 720 (6 x 120)

*Premium Score*

Making GAME 500

Making Grand Slam 1500

Making redoubled contract 100

Total: 2980

As well as the bonus for making a grand slam, a bonus is given for making game because the odd trick points are 100 or more.

When declarer fails to win enough tricks to make their contract the defenders are awarded *Undertrick Penalties*. The relevant tables are:

For first undertrick

	Not Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Undoubled	50	100
Doubled	100	200
Redoubled	200	400

For each additional undertrick

	Not Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Undoubled	50	100
Doubled	200	300
Redoubled	400	600

Bonus for fourth and subsequent undertricks

	Not Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Undoubled	0	0
Doubled	100	0
Redoubled	200	0

For undoubled contracts it is easy to calculate the score for defenders. It is 50 points for each undertrick if declarer is not vulnerable and 100 points for each undertrick if vulnerable.

If the contract is doubled and declarer is vulnerable then it is 200 points for the first undertrick and 300 points for each subsequent undertrick. For doubled and not vulnerable it is 100 points for the first undertrick and 200 points for each subsequent undertrick AND a bonus of 100 points for the fourth and each subsequent trick.

An example is probably not necessary, but here we go. If declarer is in 5♦ doubled and makes only six tricks then they are off five tricks. The score for defenders will be:

Undertricks	Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable
First	200	100
Additional	1200 (300 x 4)	800 (200 x 4)
4 <sup>th</sup> plus		200 (100 x 2)
Total:	1400	Total: 1100

Over time you will remember the scores for most of the common partscore and game contracts. Fortunately, we can leave all the calculations to the Bridgemates.

## Rookie and Mentor Program

In 2016 we initiated a mentoring program to help our newer players to improve more quickly.

The Rookie and Mentor would play a minimum of 4 sessions in a three month period, and receive feedback as to their strengths and weaknesses.

We would like to do the same again this year now that our mentors have had a good break. It is a big ask of them, and we thank them so much.

If you are a player with not too many master points, and feel that your game is perhaps stagnating and you need some positive direction, then you are most welcome to apply to be mentored. At this stage I would be looking for Rookies who have not been previously mentored.

If interested, please email me at [bramble\\_bay@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bramble_bay@bigpond.com.au), and we can start to look at getting our successful RAMP underway once more.

Andrew Slater

## Coming Events for Novices

The following events are suitable for novice and rookie players. All are Red Masterpoint Congresses.

### Novices Only

- Feb 04 Toowoomba Novice Pairs  
Feb 16-24 Gold Coast Congress –  
under 10mps, under 50mps and  
Novice events  
Mar 11 Toowong Novice Imp Pairs  
Mar 18 Gold Coast Novice Pairs  
Apr 07 Surfers Paradise Novice Pairs  
Apr 08 Redlands Novice Teams  
May 06 QBA Novice Pairs (Sunnybank)  
May 20 Toowong Novice Pairs

### Graded Events

- Mar 25 Sunshine Coast Graded Teams  
Apr 01 BBC (Annerley) Graded Pairs  
Apr 02 BBC (Annerley) Graded Teams  
Apr 08 Redlands Restricted Teams  
May 27 BBC (Annerley) Graded Pairs

## Teaching Program, Semester 1

### Beginner Lessons

Tuesday mornings (9.30 am – midday) -  
January 30 - March 20

Wednesday evenings (7.30 pm - 10:00 pm) –  
January 31 - March 21

### Help with Play

Tuesday mornings (9.30 am - midday) –  
March 27 - May 15

Wednesday evenings (7.30 pm - 10:00 pm) –  
March 28 - May 16

North-South are responsible for the return of the boards and the bridgemates.

East-West are responsible for the general tidying up of the table area (e.g. chairs underneath, side tables straightened, pens and scoring pad neatly placed in centre of table).

**All players are responsible for clearing away their own rubbish.**

## Sudoku

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Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch to be sure.