

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

Newsletter



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From the President

It is with a sense of honour and pride that I became President of this great bridge club at the April AGM.

I would like to thank Diana Dick for her work done when she took over the reins from Elizabeth Gibson. They were big boots to fill, and Diana did a sterling job.

At the AGM we were pleased to be able to grant Elizabeth Honorary Life Membership, an honour thoroughly deserved after her long years of service and the accomplishment of the building of our wonderful teaching annexe.

To summarise my goals for the club for 2018/19...

- To make the running of the club more streamlined and efficient
- To provide opportunities for players of all levels to advance their skills
- To make the functioning of the club more inclusive, in the sense of having more members participate in the day-to-day running of the club. At present our committee and a small, dedicated band of volunteers, work very hard to ensure things run smoothly. This volunteer base needs to be broadened. More of this in the next newsletter.

But...in the same vein I would like to thank Jeannette Wyman and Thora Pease for taking on joint editorship of our newsletter.

A newsletter is a wonderful tool for disseminating information about club happenings, so Jeannette and Thora, thank you so much for doing this for our club.

Regards, Andy Slater

Our New Committee - elected at the AGM in April 2018

President: Andy Slater	Secretary: Andrew Gosney	Treasurer: Patricia Shine	
Committee: Warren Brown	Greg Gosney	Sandy Handfield	Lee Horner
Albert Loh	Margaret Pilgrim	Margaret Plunkett	

From the Editors

Our plan is for the newsletter to disseminate information as outlined by the President – there will be calendar information, promotion of upcoming events, summaries of members' achievements, as usual, as well as information about committee business and how the committee is working on your behalf. And we would like to create a forum for members - questions/issues to ask the committee to consider, and for feedback generally. To kick this off, two questions for the committee:

Q. What has happened to the overhead screen and why is it not operating?

Q. Could an event be included in the Club calendar for members with less than 100 Mps?

For their part, club members, and directors in particular, are asked to submit their own articles for inclusion, be it interesting happenings or hands at the table, or at the club, or perhaps a bio. of themselves. Please send it all to: jeannettew212@gmail.com

Meet our Members

As at April 30, membership of NSBC was 679 (565 home club members and 114 away members). So within the Club are 679 diverse and interesting lifetime and career stories to tell.

With the Commonwealth Games still in mind, we recall Graham White's great achievements as a freestyle swimmer:

Graham White OAM



Graham on board the Arcadia on his way to Australia to become a champion

Graham was a member of the 4x200m relay team which won a Silver medal at the Mexico Olympics in 1968. The team finished half a body length behind the winners, USA.

In 1970, at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, he won an individual Gold medal for the 400m freestyle event and a further two Gold medals in the 4x100m and 4x200m relay events, setting a World Record in the latter event.

In 1972 he again competed in the Olympic Games in Munich.

In 1984 Graham was awarded an OAM for services to sport.

Congratulations Graham!

A President's Hand *from Andy Slater*

Wednesday morning, May 2, I was playing West with Joan Mills when Board 27 came up.

South opened 1D. Monster hands like this one in the West hand don't come up too often, but it's important to handle them properly. Obviously West wants to play in either Spades or Clubs, but it's important to give partner the choice if possible.

With 13 HCP it's safe to go 1S since it's unlikely the bidding will stop there.

North with a shaded 9 HCP went 2H, and Joan passed, hoping for a rewarding penalty double somewhere.

South came back in with 3D, and now it's time for West to bite the bullet. It won't take much in the East hand to make a slam -shortage in one of the suits, an honour in the other possibly, so 6C was bid.

The reaction from the other players was understandable..."Wow! Some hand you've got there!"

Joan put me back to 6S, making 12 when club K could be trumped on the second round of clubs.

Three pairs (out of 11) bid the small slam, but I think that's the first time I've ever picked up a hand with all thirteen cards the same colour.

What is important to appreciate is the 'Power of Shape' - only 13HCP, but fantastic playing strength.

BD: 27	T94	Dlr: S
	K9853	Vul: None
	K42	
	K6	
AKJ765		832
-		AJT764
-		T87
AJT9873		5
	Q	
	Q2	
	AQJ9653	
	Q42	

Promotions

From January through to April many of our home club members achieved Masterpoints Ranking promotions. Congratulations to all.

Graduate Master

Barbara Andre	Judith Campbell
Carolyn McKinnon	Anne Higgins
Rosemary Stafford	

Club Master

James Delmenico	Arthur Ponting
Keith Roskam	

Local Master

Anne Adamson	Jennifer Ahern
Eugene Pereira	Noel Werth

*Local Master

Alison Davis	Guy Horsley
Rosemary Porter	Glyn Stickland

**Local Master

Georgina Blum	Amelia Craig
Pam Cash	

Regional Master

Paulette Bourke	David McEvoy
Andrea Parkins	Ellen Porter
Judy Spork	

*Regional Master

Pat Airey	Ruth Briant
Harriet Morrow	

State Master

Wendy Casey	Barbara Moni
Pam Sexton	

*National

Abigail Wanigaratne, Joan Campbell

<u>Life</u>	Andrew Gosney
<u>Silver Life</u>	Deidre Taylor
<u>Gold Life</u>	Greg Gosney

Youngest Life Master

Congratulations to Andrew Gosney, the Club's youngest Life Master at age 23.

Whilst taking nothing from his achievement, the youngest recorded ACBL Life Master is Zach Garrison, who reached the rank at 9 years 2 months!

NSBC Members' Competition Place Results since 1 January 2018

Northern Suburbs Club Competitions

Tuesday Pairs AM (Feb 6 & 13)

- 1st John Scrivens & Joan Mills
2nd Lorraine Collins & Brian Horan
3rd Jane Farquhar & Yolande Coroneo

Best Novice Pair:

Rosalie Barry & Rosemary Nosovich

President's Tray (March 12 & 19)

- 1st John Scrivens & Sunil Mukherjee
2nd Mary Staley & Patricia George
3rd Andrew Gosney & Greg Gosney

Congresses

NSBC Open Teams (January 21)

- 3rd A: John Scrivens, Joan Mills, Helen McLauchlan, Richard McLauchlan
1st B: Andrea Smith, Paul Roberts, Jan Hoffman, Mary Ryan

Kenmore Novice Pairs (27 Jan)

- 3rd Wendy Casey & Barbara Moni

Toowong Imp Pairs (4 February)

- 1st A: Abby Wanigaratne & Nik Moore
1st B: Yolande Coroneo & Jane Farquhar

Gold Coast Congress - Intermediate Pairs (17-19 Feb)

- 1st B: Yolande Coroneo & Jacqui Fardoullys

Gold Coast Congress – Friday Novice Pairs (23 Feb)

- 3rd: David McEvoy, Ron Adam

Toowong Novice Imp Pairs (11 Mar)

- 1st: Sumant Handa, Eugene Pereira

Gold Coast Novice Swiss Pairs (18 Mar)

- 3rd: Bruce Gough, Eugene Pereira

BBC Graded Easter Teams (2 Apr)

- 1st B: John Scrivens, Sunil Mukherjee, Yolande Coroneo, Jacqui Fardoullys

Caloundra Graded Teams (7 & 8 Apr)

- 3rd B: Robyn Burnage, Gordon Gemmell, Jan Hoffman, Annette Hyland

Redland Novice Teams (8 Apr)

- 1st Rex Meadowcroft, Eugene Pereira, Vesna Markovic, Voyko Markovic

Anzac Day Teams – QCBC (25 Apr)

- 1stB: Andrew Gosney, Greg Gosney, Peter Nilsson, Laurie Skeate

NSBC GNOTS Qualifying (3 & 4 Mar)

Four teams qualified and accepted a position in the Brisbane Zone final to be held on 6 & 7 October:

- 1st Geoffrey Toon, Eva Kowalczyk, Bert Luchjenbroers, Sunil Mukherjee
2nd Robyn Clayton, Alan Smith, Ivy Luck, John Luck, Meta Goodman
3rd Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Ross Murtagh, Barbara Kent
4th Andrew Slater, Joan Mills, Mary Ryan, John Scrivens

Upcoming Club Events

Rosebowl

Fridays 18 May & 25 May starting at 9.15 am

Sarafov Cup (Mixed Pairs)

Wednesdays 6 & 13 June starting at 10 am

Newstead Novice (Under 50 Mps)

Tuesdays 12 & 19 June starting at 1.15 pm

Hoffmann Tray

Wednesdays 18 & 25 July starting at 7.15 pm

Upcoming Events for Novices

The following events are suitable for novice and rookie players.

Novices Only

- May 20 Toowong Novice Pairs (0-100Mps)
May 29 Australia Wide Novice Pairs at NSBC

Graded Events

- May 27 BBC (Annerley) Graded Pairs

New Members

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

New Members in 2018

Stuart Rose,	Judy Spork,
Suzanne Sandral,	Ted Morris,
Anne Higgins,	Sandi Pirozzo,
Shirley Bale,	Margot Sexton,
Ross Murtagh,	George Belonogov,
Alan Boyce,	Ann Sauer,
Ron Clark,	Carol Fincham,
Maryann Schubert,	Helen Baran,
Wanda Lawson,	Christel Bruggeman,
Peter Fagan,	Julie Navruk,
Roslyn Francke,	Isobel Maughan,
Merrilyn Gavin,	Nicola Henderson,
Richard Winchester,	Robyn Harrison,
Mary Ewing,	Patricia Durack,
Robyn Whitfield,	Judy Laubscher,
Ellie Spiro,	Barb Hopley.

Teaching Programme

Andy Slater's Bridge Coaching

Monday May 14
10:00am - 12:30pm
No partner required...

Andy Hung Lesson

Saturday, 19 May. 10am – 12 noon approx.

“Tips & Tricks on how to improve your Pairs Score”

Next Beginner Lessons

Tuesday mornings (9.30 am – midday) –
July 10 – August 28 and
Wednesday evenings (7.30 pm - 10:00 pm) –
July 4 – August 29



No Library News from the bookworm this month – just a little piece from Ed.:

Many of you will be familiar with the story of Mrs Bennett who, in 1929, shot her husband dead after an afternoon of rubber bridge play, in which her husband consistently (in her view), misbid.

At her trial, the jury spent 8 hours deciding their verdict and during this time 3 jurors tried to learn the game of bridge (if 4 had learnt presumably the jurors would have been out for much longer). Mrs Bennett was acquitted on the grounds that the shot was accidental. After all, “she was only a woman and unused to guns. If she'd meant to kill him she would have missed ...”

Mrs Bennett continued to play bridge when she could, but not surprisingly, she experienced difficulty finding partners. On one occasion, her partner (who did not know the history), laid down his dummy saying “you're going to kill me” ... Mrs Bennett fainted.

Reminder

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

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