

One Club

An irregular newsletter for the SBC Insiders



EDITORIAL

Thank you to all your support. The atmosphere and enthusiasm within the club over the last few months has been wonderful. There has been huge interest in the things we have tried, and a lot of positive feedback from all.

After producing a Survey in January, it is time to initiate a few more changes. I have written an article, further in the newsletter, about the Survey, but do want to mention a number of things here, which have mostly resulted from the Survey.

Starting from 1st April, all our evening sessions (City and Rozelle) will change to a 7.15pm start, and aim for a 10pm finish with 24 boards a session. New movements may be arranged in evening sessions, as we settle into the new times. The new start time includes the Rozelle Wednesday night game. The lesson will start at the same time as before, but the game will start at 7:15pm.

Never play in the evening? We are offering half price to play in the Thursday night City sessions for all, for April. Not tried an evening session before? Here is a chance to come enjoy the friendly atmosphere. Don't forget, this is a 7:15pm start.

We are kicking off a once a month Sunday afternoon session. We will aim for the first Sunday of each month unless the premises are unavailable. Our first 3 months dates are April 7th, May 5th & June 9th, starting at 1:30. We have a sheet for "expressions of interest" to help us to prepare. If

the sessions are popular, we will consider more. So, put your name on the sheet & the date in your calendar if interested. Walk-ins are welcome.

A trial version of our mentor programme will kick start in April. An experienced player has volunteered to stay behind after the Tuesday Morning sessions for 15 minutes for any bridge questions and discussion. This will be an opportunity to chat about the play or bidding of hands from the session in a group environment. It is also a chance to raise any other bridge-related concerns either among the group, or privately. So, struggle with a hand? Make a note & we will discuss it afterwards. No questions? Then he may do a presentation anyway. Please feel free to approach him. We hope more volunteers can join us for this mentor programme. This service starts Tuesday 2nd.

Some of our directors have also initiated a 15-minute talk before their session starts. Marcia Scudder always gives a presentation from 9.45- 10.00am on Tuesday mornings. Now Ian Lisle will also deliver a hand analysis from 9.30 - 9.45am on his Wednesday morning sessions. No fixed topics. These presentations by the session director can be a hand you played the week before, or an easy fix for a common mistake. It can even be some useful tips in play or bidding or etiquette.

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The SBC Facebook and more...

Want to be able to discuss hands afterwards? Or see what is upcoming at the club? Or chat with some Bridge Buddies? We have also launched a SBC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/769735880091833/about/> so come along and join the group, and let's see if we can't make that an exciting addition for our members. Jay Novak is administrator for this she would love any other ideas or feedback.

A question for those Players with less than 100MPs... We can register for an Australia Wide Novice event which would be played in the City rooms as a separate field, for say, Thursday 30th May. Novice Players at all registered venues over Australia will play the same hands, and results combined over all participating venues. Afterwards, all participating Players will receive a book with commentary and analysis of the hands included. Once all results have been combined and published, RED masterpoints are given. To participate in this, would cost an extra \$5 per person. I need a show of interest. Do you want me to arrange this or not? Please give myself or the office some feedback.

We have also produced a "Handy Guide" for players joining the Open field or looking to play in a Congress. It is not a rule book, but an assist to the more common occurrences. It has a number of what we think are good tips for our Players. If you would like one, please come and see us.

For those who have played in Canberra and Gold Coast, we hope you enjoyed your journey. We would like to invite our members to take a photo in front of the "Congress sign", send them to us, we will be pleased to share your bridge journey with the others by creating a photo montage from our Players Bridge adventures.

I hope, exciting times for all. May the Bridge Gods smile on you. ♣

Mick McAuliffe

Councillor, club operations



NEW Sunday Arvo Bridge

When? First Sunday of each Month, (when available) from

1:30pm to 4:45pm

Starts April 7th, then May 5th, then June 9th

Add your name to the list if interested.



April Special

HALF PRICE Thursday nights in city – starts at 7:15pm.

Come along and enjoy a night game with us.



Attention Novice Players

Anyone interested in participating in an Australia-Wide Novice event at SBC?

We could hold the Novice only session on Thursday 30th May.

Your results would be compared to all

venues Australia Wide running the event (last year had about 78 venues entered)

RED MPs are allocated once the results are compiled, and a results booklet with hand analysis is also given. The event would cost an extra \$5.00 per player.

Anyone Interested? We need to know to register or not, so please let the office know.

NEW EVENING START TIME

All Evening Sessions from 1st April will start at 7:15pm and aim to finish around 10pm.

City & Rozelle (including the Wednesday night lesson/game).

 **SBC FB page – is up & running (just)**

Want a place to be able to discuss hands from the day? Seek some feedback? Upcoming events? Interact with your Bridge buddies?

Here it is. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/769735880091833/about/>



To Our New Members

Thank you for joining the family of the Sydney Bridge Centre by choosing us as your home club, and the even bigger family of New South Wales Bridge Association! If you meet these new members at the table, please introduce yourself, help them to become familiar with the venue and facilities, and make them feel welcome. 🍀

Dolores Brooker	Wendy Diamond	Karen McCallum	Cynthia Peres Da Costa
Sharon Davis	Jacquie Hargreaves	Suzanne Whereat	Pamela Grover
Dianne Blackadder	Rajini Amalan	Sue Thomas	Judy Warburton
Michael Oei	Susan Nelan	Caroline Roberts	Noeline Dresser
Ruth Collins	Bruce Nelan	Carvin Stephen	Jean McCleery
Norma Swift	Payne Beverley	Julianne Gray	Janette Cadogan
George Segal	Glenda Nomchong	Heather Cobban	Andre Baroukh
Anne-Marie Kelly	Marg Roden	Judith Chapman	Avi Kanetkar

The Good Support Programme

We had our three monthly charity draw at the end of February, with the winner being Jane Biscoe, who won a free entry to a workshop with her partner; and the 3 secondary prizes of wine or chocolate went to Beth Haggarty, Martin Clear and John Bellingham — congratulations!

We also donated \$300 to the Fred Hollows Foundation, and a further \$100 to NSW Rural Fire Brigade and the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Sydney Bridge Centre introduced the “Good Support” Programme in 2016. Our winners in each club duplicate session win a “vote” for their favourite charity among the 3 charity groups selected each quarter. We then donate \$300 to the charity of most players’ choice, and \$100 each to the other two charities. To thank our players’ kind support, we make this a fun game by drawing 3 winners from the voters for some prizes, which include a year-subscription of a bridge magazine, a booklet of 10 free game vouchers, a free entry to workshop or a SBC congress with their partner, etc. The concept are well received by our players.

The Charities we are supporting this quarter are:

The Exodus Foundation — provides free meals to the needy every day of the year, and counselling and outreach services to guide their futures. Food parcels are also distributed to disadvantaged families and their health professionals deliver primary healthcare.

Red Kite — an Australian cancer charity providing essential support to children and young people (0–24 years) with cancer, and the family and support network for those who care for them.

Dementia Australia (formerly named “Alzheimers Australia”) — From a grassroots community of passionate carers around Australia they have evolved into the leading organisation providing a voice for people impacted by dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

If you would like to nominate a charity group for our Good Support Programme, please feel free to let us know. You can drop it in the Suggestion Box, make a note to our directors or email the office at office@sydneybridgecentre.com. We like to support what you support! 🍀



You can also view some of these online by going to Pianola, and selecting "Competitions" (Top row).



In Open

From the best 3 in the month in any OPEN sessions.

1=	Rod Dunn	66.76%
1=	Ian Jamieson	66.76%
3	Tony Ruello	66.49%
4	Mick McAuliffe	66.25%
5	Frances Cufar	66.09%

In UHMP in Open sessions

From the best 3 in the month in any Open sessions Under a Hundred Masterpoints (or UHMP)

1	Joanne Morgan	62.33%
2	Pauline Thomas	60.90%
3	Lorraine Hecker	59.62%
4	Nader Esber	59.47%
5	Greame Haley	58.68%

In Supervised

From the best 3 in the month in any SUPERVISED sessions

3	Gary Best	69.57%
4	Bruce Shankland	69.45%
5	Sherry Gao	69.00%
6	Libby Dale	66.26%
5=	Penny Harrington	65.80%
5=	Helen Poole	65.80%

After Session Discussion

Tuesdays AM session – there will be a brief after-session discussion, led by one of our players, on any interesting hands or play from the day. This is also a chance to ask any other Bridge-related concerns, either as a group, or individually. Starting April 2nd.



Most Improved

For ALL in Open sessions

- 1 Jennie Redfern
- 2 Nader Esber
- 3 Catherine Lemech

For Supervised sessions

- 1 Norman Glenn
- 2 Libby Dale
- 3 Penny Harrington



"Over 70's" Club

Those who achieved a score of above 70% in the OPEN sessions.

1	Rod Dunn	73.31%
2	Ian Jamieson	73.31%
3	Bev Taylor	72.22%
4	Pam McLachlan	72.22%
5	Jenna Gibbons	70.84%
6	Christine Gibbons	70.84%
7	Rob Ward	70.74%
8	Alex Penklis	70.74%
9	Martin Clear	70.50%
10	Stuart Grigg	70.50%

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In Open

From the best 3 in the month in any OPEN sessions.

1	Teresa Wilson	69.55%
2	Tony Ruello	69.15%
3	Peter Campbell	68.78%
4	Phillip Halloran	67.72%
5	Ronald Dight	67.23%

In UHMP in Open sessions

From the best 3 in the month in any Open sessions Under a Hundred Masterpoints (or UHMP)

1	Geoff Lang	64.94%
2	Jonathon Epstein	62.11%
3	Peta Drake	60.73%
4	Joan Morrison	60.59%
5	Joanne Morgan	60.31%

In Supervised

From the best 3 in the month in any SUPERVISED sessions

1=	Sue Wright	63.86%
1=	Carmel Gilbert	63.86%
3=	Audrey Belt	62.36%
3=	David Leill	63.36%
5=	Louise Anne Kelly	61.98%
5=	Kerri Fogg	61.98%



For ALL in Open sessions

1	Peta Drake
2	Ray Hardman
3	Jann Hardman

For Supervised sessions

1	David Leill
2	Audrey Belt
3	Alex Noble



"Over 70's" Club

Those who achieved a score of above 70% in the OPEN sessions.

1	Vicky Cahill	77.50%
2	Teresa Wilson	77.50%
3	Cheryl Henke	71.50%
4	Jacky Gruszka	71.50%
5	Tony Ruello	71.20%
6	Peter Campbell	71.20%
7	Phillip Halloran	70.83%
8	Geoff Lang	70.83%
9	Ruth Jamieson	70.34%
10	Peter Jamieson	70.34%
11	Ken Cahill	70.21%

NEW SBC Handy Guides

are now available to help those joining the Open Field or entering a Congress. If you would like one, please ask for one.





High Performers at SBC (Accumulative)

PAIRS

In Open

Best 12 averaged over last 6 months.

1	Peter Campbell & Tony Ruello	60.98%
2	Derek Bolton & Tony Ruello	59.71%
3	Mick McAuliffe & Terence Palmer	59.64%
4	Timothy Cregan & Brian Jacobson	59.34%
5	Nicholas Chilov & Peter Jamieson	59.08%
6	Phillip Halloran & Martin Clear	59.07%
7	John Scudder & Alan Cooper	58.62%
8	Edward Truscott & Mike Edwards	58.39%
9	Michael Young & Clare Ainsworth	58.31%
10	Jane Biscoe & Ellen Borda	58.22%

UHMP in Open sessions

Best 10 of 12 averaged over last 6 months.

1	James Gould & Lesley Holmes	61.43%
2	Martyn Jones & Lyall Kennedy	61.38%
3	Premilla Brown & Margaret Mahony	60.47%
4	James Harvey & Martin Coote	60.12%
5	Brenda Rees & Howard Rees	60.04%
6	Lynn Patterson & Jan Steele	59.43%
7	Andrew Refshauge & Robbie Feyder	59.24%
8	Yasmin Ward & David Paul	58.88%
9	Hugh Makin & Jay Novak	58.65%
10	Maria Douglas & Mary Perrett	58.34%

In Supervised

Best 8 of 12 averaged over last 6 months.

1	Sherry Gao & Gary Best	70.17%
2	Sue Wright & Carmel Gillett	70.03%
3	Jeny Economy & Robyn Grace	69.53%
4	Chris Conlon & Victor Bubba	66.71%
5	Marie Sicouri & Richard Thode	66.58%
6	Eileen Lustig & Terry Lustig	66.46%
7	Pauline O'Donoghue & Shirley Zions	65.21%
8	Penny Harrington & Helen Poole	64.36%
9	Annette Larke & Helen Jones	64.33%
10	Yasmin Ward & Greg Searle	63.93%



2019 Annual MP Race

As of 10 March 2019 (from 1 Dec 18 — 30 Nov 19)

This is simply a race to determine the person who accumulates the most Masterpoints over all sessions at any SBC venue. This runs over 12 months from 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019. This is open to all — members & visitors as calculated by Pianola.

1	Ronald Dight	11.30
2	Frances Cufar	11.00
3	Tony Ruello	9.11
4	Mick McAuliffe	7.66
5	Jane Biscoe	5.51
6	Peggy Johnson	5.39
7=	Alan Quinton	4.81
7=	Phillip Halloran	4.81
9	Nicholas Chilov	4.74
10	Jean Schroeter	4.69
11=	Jacky Gruszka	4.67
11=	Kristin King	4.67
13	Joanne Morgan	4.60
14	Peter Campbell	4.53
15=	Ron Dunn	4.51
15=	Mike Edwards	4.51
17	Jay Novak	4.42
18	Brian Jacobson	4.32
19=	Vicky Cahill	4.23
19=	Derek Bolton	4.23

TELL US WHAT
YOU
THINK...



There is a suggestion box located in the City next to the water fountain. Or else you can always drop us a note, by email or in person.

Survey Results

I have had a number of people question me about how the survey went & what may come of it. Several changes are in the pipeline now, as a consequence of the survey responses, and hopefully more will occur over the rest of the year, time permitting.

The vast majority of people like the 10am starts in the morning, but people would prefer an earlier start and finish for evening sessions. We took a second survey on this on those who have attended the evening sessions only, and again there is a preference for an earlier start & finish. In the city, parking becomes free from 7pm in some areas, so it has been decided to start all SBC evening sessions at Rozelle & Goulburn St at 7:15pm and aim for a 10pm finish. This will be the new start time from April 1st.

There was also a lot of interest in having a weekend session. The most popular option was Sunday afternoon. We are going to trial a game once a month. Unfortunately, we cannot commit to a regular game slot, as there are other commitments & Congresses on some weekends. We will play the first Sunday of each month when available, the first 3 dates will be April 7, May 5 & June 9. We will play from 1:30pm — 4:45pm.

The vast majority do not want a break during sessions, so we will leave those as they are.

There is a huge interest in a short presentation before sessions. Tuesdays already has that presented by Marcia at 9:45. On Wednesdays, Ian will do a 15 minute presentation from 9:30 to 9:45. That will allow him time to setup the movement & tables for a 10am start of play. We hope some other sessions may follow suit shortly too. This could be made more possible if we had a few volunteers offer to help setup before play, and possibly greet and make welcome any new people or single players looking for a partner for the session.

There was enough interest in a discussion after play, that on Tuesdays, after play, an experienced player will be making themselves available to lead a group discussion about bidding or play from the day, and also to be asked privately about related topics if needed... in a Mentor type role. We will try it, and see if there is any interest from the other Players.

We have begun some work on Bridge Etiquette and the like with some posters up, and signs in the acrylic stands. Please take the time to read them.

Name badges also received a lot of interest. That is something else that I hope to be able to instigate over the coming months, along with possibly a monthly "Over & Under" event. I'm thinking Fridays, maybe once a month if there is enough interest.

There is also a lot of discussion about how we may help people progress from Supervised to Open. Do we try a Rookie or Intermediate session? Do we striate results in competition categories based on masterpoints to create fairer "experienced competitive" fields? Do we give new players to the Open sessions some extra assistance? Are there other options?

This is just some of what has come from the surveys. I thank you all for your feedback. 🍀

Mick

15-min Pre-game Talk

Wednesday Morning Sessions – Our director, Ian is an experienced National Director. He will be giving a 15 minute presentation from 9:30 to 9:45 each Wednesday, starting April 3rd. So come in a bit earlier and hear what he has to say. Marcia will be continuing her Tuesday morning presentations also.



This article first appeared in two parts in the Sunshine Coast Tri-Club Newsletter “Bridge Matters” in March and June 2014, and our thanks go to Peter Busch for allowing us to reproduce this.

We have made some A5 flyers that reside in the Acrylic stands you see on the tables. There are currently 2 types, with at least another 2 in the pipeline. If you see them, they may be worth a read.

What annoys bridge players – Part 1

by Peter Busch

I am becoming a grumpy old man. There are things that really annoy me at the bridge table. However, I know I am not alone—I bet that everyone reading this will share at least one of my pet hates and some may share them all. I’ve listed them in order of most annoying first—your priorities may differ. Or you may agree that I’m just a grumpy old man.

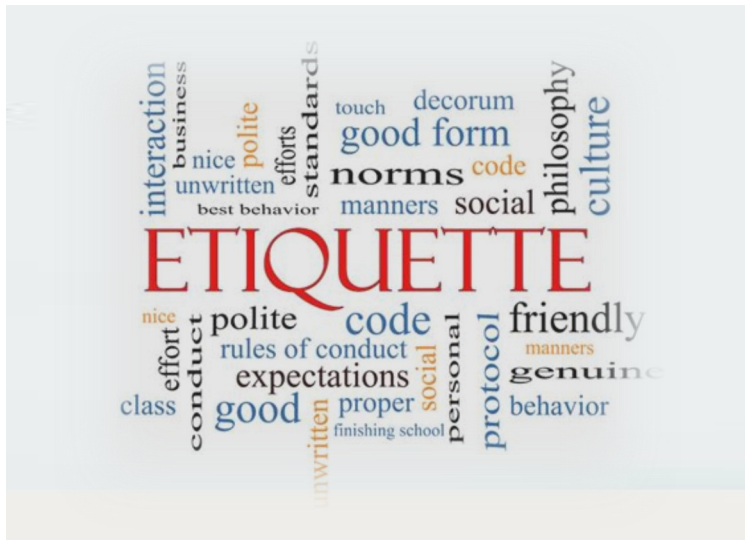
Thanking opponents for doubling or pushing you to game when you make it: No matter how much you mean it in jest, your opponents will feel uncomfortable and may be annoyed at themselves if they’ve doubled a making contract or pushed you into a making game when you weren’t going there yourself. Making a gratuitous comment at this point will add fuel to the fire. If this happens to you, consider yourself lucky but say nothing.

Making gratuitous comments after seeing you achieved a good result: It is the nature of bridge that a good result by one pair at the table equals a bad result for the other pair. So, when you get a top board and announce “top board, partner”, it is equivalent to telling the opponents they got a bottom. Say nothing. If you like, just pass the Bridgемate to your partner or opponents if they seem interested.

Fiddling with the Bridgемate or scoring sheet before making the opening lead: After the auction period, the whole table is waiting for the player on opening lead to make that lead. If you have other duties, like entering the details to the Bridgемate or writing on your personal scorer, make your lead first. When you have two tasks to do and people are waiting for one of them, it’s just good manners to do that one first. Same applies to dummy if they are on Bridgемate duty—spread dummy before fiddling with the Bridgемate.

Not claiming as declarer when the outcome is obvious: If you are nearing the end of play of a hand and it’s quite clear that you have all the remaining tricks, it’s bad manners (and in fact contrary to the laws) to continue to play. The opponents are often squirming, wondering what cards they should keep, and it can be a difficult decision. It’s very annoying for them when they later find that anything they did made no difference. Of course, don’t claim if you’re in doubt, and when you do claim, state what you are going to do “e.g. drawing trumps and the table is high”. Similarly if you’re in dummy and can’t get back to hand and there’s a potential loser on the table, the opponents won’t be silly enough to throw out the winning card when they can see what’s on the table, so saying “I’ll give you the last trick” saves everyone time.

Asking questions during the auction when you have no intention to bid: The laws allow players to ask questions about the bidding at their turn to call. But when you don’t intend to bid regardless of what the meaning might be, then don’t ask. It just slows the auction down. You will be entitled to a full explanation of the bidding at the completion of the auction so your rights are protected. In fact, asking questions needlessly can have a downside—firstly, the bidder’s partner will hear the answer and will know whether they’re on the same page, and secondly, expressing interest about particular bids, especially alerted ones, suggests to your partner that you have an interest in that suit and under the laws of Unauthorised Information, this may limit their options when they get on lead.



Masterpoints (MP)s

— Rank Promotions

Congratulations!!!

The list below are members that have gained a new MP Ranking within the last 2 months. We have certificates for all of these (and quite a few others) at the City Venue. We also have many ABF Membership Cards stored for our members.

You are welcome to pick up your MP Rankings Certificates or ABF Membership Cards. The Certificates look great, and are worth keeping. Please check thoroughly, as some members have more than one Certificate waiting for them. Once new ABF Membership Cards are issued, the out of date ones will be discarded. Old MP Rankings Certificates can only be kept for a while too.

Saying “having none” when you trump an opponent’s trick: This happens typically when you are trumping when the opponents aren’t expecting it. The opponents won’t be happy about this, and saying “having none” is simply unnecessary, and sometimes seems like tightening the thumbscrews. Of course, the partner of the player who is trumping can (and should) ask “No spades, partner?”, as this serves a purpose.

Saying “thank you” gratuitously: It gets my shackles up when declarer has dropped a singleton king, or extracts a queen they successfully finessed, and says “thank you”. Unnecessary, and irksome to the defenders.

Putting pen to the bidding pad without knowing what you want to bid: Bidding often requires thought. While you’re thinking, the other players will be looking at their cards and thinking about their next move. When you move your hand to the table, all players instinctively look across to the bidding pad waiting to see what you do, and tend to stay focussed till you make your bid. It can be annoying if you then retract your hand without doing anything, especially if you do it a number of times. It can also result in your left-hand opponent thinking you’ve passed and making their call, which would be an infraction if you didn’t actually write anything.

Hmmm... that’s quite a list. Maybe I am getting too grumpy. Anyhow, I’m sure everyone agrees with at least some of these. It all comes down to players being aware of how their actions affect others— a good policy at the bridge table, and in life generally.

More next issue. ♣

We will aim to reproduce Part 2 in the next OneClub.

January NEW RANKINGS

Annette	Brooks	Graduate
Andrew	Refshauge	*Local
Martin	Coote	*State
Arlene	Dalley	*State
Stuart	Grigg	*State
James	Harvey	*State
John	Rogers	*National
Lakshmi	Sunderasan	Life
Liz	Sylvester	Silver Life
Terry	Brown	Emerald Grand

February NEW RANKINGS

Chris	Conlon	Graduate
David	Earle	Graduate
Jeof	Falls	Graduate
Suzanne	Hayden	Graduate
Margaret	Liew	Graduate
Alex	Noble	Graduate
Bruce	Shankland	Graduate
Andrew	Stones	Graduate
Renata	Webster	Graduate
Mandy	Dodds	Club
Monica	Olave	Club
Anne	Moase	Local
John	Bellingham	*Local
Simon	Haynes	*Local
Colin	Clifford	**Local
Frances	Maher	**Local
Diana	McAuliffe	*State
John	Gurewitz	Life

Are you unsure just what Masterpoints & their Rankings are?

I have written an explanation that I hope you might find useful [HERE](#).

High Performers at SBC Events



Men's & Women's Pairs Championship

Top 10 Overall

Congratulations, & Thank you all for participating! The event was held over the 4 Tuesday mornings at Goulburn Street.

Winner was calculated by the Best 3 of the 4 Tuesdays (so your worst is dropped, phew~) (Must be a current Member, and must play with the same, same-sex partner).

Open

- 1 Rob Ward
- 2 Jacky Gruszka
- 3 Donald Knaggs
- 4 Yu Jun Li

Supervised

- 1 Richard Thode
- 2 Libby Dale
- 3 Kim Maston



Men's Pairs

	5 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb	Total
1 Alan Cooper & John Scudder	60.69%	64.67%	63.95%	-	189.31%
2 Peter O'Brien & Paul Best	-	62.04%	44.44%	68.82%	175.30%
3 Brian Jacobson & Mick McAuliffe	58.86%	53.70%	-	60.18%	175.74%
4 Neil Melvin & Paul Barnett	55.06%	60.49%	56.53%	-	172.08%
5 Robert Vadas & Graeme Haley	48.96%	-	53.36%	62.82%	165.14%
6 Michael Rosen & John Claude Farrugia	51.80%	51.19%	-	49.57%	152.56%
7 James Harvey & Martin Coote	47.15%	57.04%	-	46.49%	150.68%
8 John Sharp & Nick Armitage	54.91%	-	43.65%	38.70%	137.26%
9 Victor Clarke & Paul Molloy	47.87%	45.56%	0%	-	93.43%
10 Frank Phillips & Ray Spurr	0%	39.21%	-	48.80%	88.01%



- 1 Rod Dunn & Ian Jamieson (Rozelle) 72.51%
- 2 Mick McAuliffe & Wing Roberts (City) 66.83%
- 3 Ingeborg Radonic-Errath & Rosemary Rolston (City) 65.40%
- 4 Frances Cufar & Ronald Dight (City) 61.49%
- 5 Pauline Thomas & Teresa Wilson (Rozelle) 58.56%

Women's Pairs

	5 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb	Total
1 Jane Biscoe & Ellen Borda	61.05%	-	59.17%	64.56%	184.78%
2 Helen Maguire & Kathy Gilbert	49.59%	59.31%	-	58.71%	167.61%
3 Maria Douglas & Mary Perrett	55.68%	-	51.65%	55.20%	162.53%
4 Pamela Bedwell & Winnie Raste	50.69%	44.56%	55.21%	-	150.46%
5 Jay Novak & Di McAuliffe	51.71%	44.95%	-	45.13%	141.79%
6 Daphne Cannell & Caroline McClure	41.57%	45.93%	35.19%	-	122.69%
7 Frances Cufar & Wendy Diamond	0%	59.75%	-	59.80%	119.55%
8 Brenda Lee & Mary Nixon	-	38.77%	35.53%	39.03%	113.33%
9 Rosemary Wood & Fay Lindsay	-	31.85%	30.77%	43.03%	105.65%
10 Margaret McCall & Judith Cornet	51.73%	39.93%	0%	-	91.66%

(If you believe there is an error, please let us know)

SBC Members at Congresses

Have a look and see how your fellow club member mates have gone. If you have competed in a Congress, you may even find your own name listed. A lot of our members enjoy congresses because of its travelling nature — get on the road, get on the plane, enjoy a bridge weekend and have a good time with friends and bridge buddies. How about you take a photo in front of the Congress flag or signage next time when you travel, we would love to share your journey with others by displaying your photo in the club.

PHOTO MONTAGE Going to a Congress? Take a photo at the event of yourselves in front of their venue, or sign, or at presentation & submit it to us. We would love to put it up on display in the club. Go on, have some fun with the photo.



Congress Results

- 26 Dec Trumps Festival — Swiss Pairs**
1st Jane Dawson & Peter Gill
2nd Jane Beeby (+ P. Beeby)
3rd Helen Lowry & Toni Sharp
4th George Finikiotis (+ A. Simpson)
- 27 Dec Trumps Festival — Gourmet Pairs**
3rd Axel Johannsson & Kate McCallum)
- 28 Dec Trumps Festival — Gourmet Pairs Final**
1st Julianne Rocks (+ F. Lyons)
2nd Peter Jeffery (+ W. Zhu)
4th Jane Dawson & Peter Gill
- 29 Dec Trumps Festival — Festival Pairs**
1st Tom Kiss (+ W. Zhang)
- 30 Dec Trumps Festival — Australian Teams**
1st Tom Kiss (+ W. Zhang, C. Dibley & P. Livesey)
3rd Nigel Rosendorff & George Bilski (+ E. Kaplan & M. Solar)
5th Jane Beeby (+ L. Milne, G. Fleischer & M. Vadas)
- 31 Dec Trumps Festival — Open & Restricted Pairs**
2nd Jane Beeby (+ P. Beeby)
5th Peter Gill (+ P. Livesey)
6th Axel Johannsson & K. McCallum
- 1 Jan Trumps Festival — Festival Teams**
1st Jane Dawson, Jane Beeby (+ S. Humphries & L. Milne)
2nd Marcia Scudder & Kinga Moses, John Scudder & Neville Moses
4th Julian Abel (+ T. Burke, H. Sadigh & P. Weaver)
5th George Finikiotis & Steven Bock, Martin Bloom (+ L. Grewcock)
6th Peter Jeffery & Yumin Li (+ W. Zhu & W. Zhang)
- 6 Jan NSWBA Summer Teams**
1st George Finikiotis, Kevin Davies, Leo Goorevich (+ C. Thomas)
2nd Axel Johannsson, Arthur Ramer, Kate McCallum (+ C. Ginsberg)
3rd Tony Nunn (+ M. Vadas, G. Fleischer, R. Speiser)

- 6 Jan NSWBA Summer Teams (cont'd)**
4th Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Peter Gill (+ P. Livesey)
5th Martin Bloom, Peter Jeffery (+ L. Grewcock, W. Zhu)
6th Steven Bock, Dennis Zines (+ C. Emul, C. Zhang)
- 27 Jan NSWBA Matchpointed Swiss Pairs**
3rd Alex Penklis & Rob Ward
4th Catherine Chaffey & Colin Clifford
6th Martin Bloom & Peter Gill
- 3 Feb Kings & Queens Summer Swiss Pairs**
3rd Jane Dawson (+ M. Green)
6th Peter Gill (+ E. Gilbert)
- 9-10 Feb Great Lakes Teams**
1st David Weston, Kim Morrison (+ G. & S. Mayo)
3rd Liz Sylvester, Axel Johannsson, Peter Gill & Kate McCallum
4th Ian and Vicky Lisle (+ M. Johnson & N. Van Vucht)

National Results

- 9-20 Jan Summer Festival of Bridge National Women's Teams Championship**
1st Vanessa Brown & Kate McCallum (+ B. Travis & C. Ginsberg)
2nd Jessica Brake (+ J. Tutty, S. Humphries, M. Bookallil)
4th Helen Lowry, Heather Cusworth (+ B. Folkard & F. Lyons)
- National Senior's Teams Championship**
1st Bruce Neill, Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Avi Kanetkar (+ A. Braithwaite, A. De Livera)
3rd Nigel Rosendorff (+ G. Smolanko, S. Hinge, S. Lester, Z. Nagy, D. Lilley)
- Chris Diment Matchpoints Swiss Pairs**
1st Tom Kiss (+ W. Zhang)
- Novice Swiss Pairs Championship**
4th Di McAuliffe & Michael Hogan
5th James Harvey & Martin Coote

Upcoming Promotions & Events

APRIL	EVENT	MPs	DETAILS
1 - 15 (over 3 Mon)	SBC State Mixed Pairs Qualifier @ Rozelle	RED	Open to members and visitors. Extra \$2 per player per session. Best 2 out of 3 results counted. 2 pairs from each venue will be sponsored by SBC to compete in the State Mixed Pairs Championship on 25—26 May 2019 at NSWBA. Mixed Pairs ONLY are “contending”. Walk-in and casual players are welcome.
2 - 16 (over 3 Tue)	SBC State Mixed Pairs Qualifier @ City		
27 Apr - 4 and 11 May (over 3 Sat)	SBC State Mixed Pairs Qualifier @ Henley		
4, 11, 18, 25 (Thu)	April Half @ City Thursday PM	GREEN	Half price for all players to Thursday evening sessions in April in the City only. Come along and try an evening game.
5 (Fri)	Workshop @ City	n/a	“Overcall, Double, No-Trumps, Jump or Pass!” Booking essential, please enter on notice board or contact office, for catering purpose.
MAY	EVENT	MPs	DETAILS
4 & 11 (Sat)	SBC State Mixed Pairs Qualifier @ Henley	RED	Not too late to participate in the qualifying event, only 2 best results of the 3 sessions will be counted, so you can still be qualified!
6 (Mon)	Bridge for Brain @ City AND Rozelle AM sessions	RED	The Bridge for Brain Research Challenge is held nation wide each May to raise funds to support NeuRA’s reserach on Alzheimer’s disease.
10 (Fri)	Workshop @ City	n/a	“Rebids and Decision Making - Showing Your Hand Better, Weak and Strong Rebids” Booking essential, please enter on notice board or contact office, for catering purpose.
23 (Thu)	Cancer Council Morning Tea @ City AM Cancer Council Tea Party @ Rozelle PM	RED	A variety of tea and light refreshment will be provided. We hope this is your cup of tea while supporting the Cancer Council’s biggest morning tea fund raising in Australia.
25 - 26 (Sat & Sun)	NSWBA State Mixed Pairs Championship Final	RED	6 pairs will be representing SBC to compete in the Final. You can also take up the challenge by entering via SBC for a discount, if you competed in our qualifier but didn’t win.
JUNE	EVENT	MPs	DETAILS
2 (Sun)	NSWBA Teams of Three	RED	The most popular event for players who would like to improve their game! Each of the teams will be coached by an advanced player who will be a State, National or International representative. Your Captain will partner your team members through the day.
14 (Fri)	Workshop @ City	n/a	Topic to be announced.

Date of later event may be subject to change, please refer to club announcement and event flyer for further details.
Please refer to [ABF](#) and [NSWBA calendars](#) for all national and state events.

Book Reviews

Thanks to Paul Laving who recommends some bridge books to us. Have you recently read a good one? You can also share your reviews with us! If you would like a copy, let us know.



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Hand of the Week

By Joel Martineau

(Masterpoint Press, Toronto, Canada, 2018, soft cover, 221 pages)

\$25.95 post-paid or \$25 from Paul Lavings NSWBA Book Stall at Goulburn Street

The enthusiastic author presents 52 hands where he was involved, to instruct and entertain the reader. His analysis leaves no stone unturned and he explains the reasoning behind every bid and play. He does not say so but Martineau could well be a professional player assigned to improve his partners' game. Then again he is not adverse to occasionally playing with pros as well.

Most of the hands are from Matchpoint play, the game played 4 mornings a week at NSWBA. I enjoyed this deal because defence is the soul of the game and also most defenders err here at trick one by taking their ace. The bidding proceeds:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		P	1C
P	1H	P	1NT
P	3NT	//	

From ♠ 10854, ♥ 1092, ♦ J10752, ♣ K our hero leads D5 and when dummy goes down his partner sees:

- ♠ KQJ
- ♥ AQ65
- ♦ K63
- ♣ 1092

- ♠ 976
- ♥ J83
- ♦ A98
- ♣ A543

When declarer plays low from dummy East smoothly plays the 8. The secret is the Rule of 11, deduct the lead card, the five, from 11 and that gives the number of cards above the 5 in the other three hands. Dummy has two, you have three so declarer has only one card above the 5.

- ♠ KQJ
- ♥ AQ65
- ♦ K63
- ♣ 1092

- ♠ 10854
- ♥ 1092
- ♦ J10752
- ♣ K

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- ♠ 976
- ♥ J83
- ♦ A98
- ♣ A543

- ♠ A32
- ♥ K74
- ♦ Q4
- ♣ QJ876

Declarer needs to set up clubs to come to 9 tricks so continues with ♣ Q. West wins ♣ K and continues with ♦ J. Declarer has a nasty guess, to duck playing East for ♦ A or put up the ♦ K playing West for the ace. Eventually declarer goes up with ♦ K and goes down two.

A fascinating book but quite intense, one hand at a time is recommended. ♣

Paul Lavings