Bridging NSW

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From the Chair: Playing for gold

Hi everyone,

The first NSW gold point event for 2026 was a resounding success, with 320 players descending on Orange for the Central West Festival of Bridge. Now in its third year, the sold-out festival showcased a powerful collaborative model between regional clubs, local businesses, and government – a successful framework that other clubs and regions might look to replicate. Plans are already underway to increase capacity for 2027.

There are two more NSW gold point events in 2026 – the popular Coffs Coast Gold Congress in August, which has sold out quickly again this year; and the Sydney Spring Nationals in October (SN26), which is now open for registrations. With 18 separate events over the nine days, this flagship tournament includes a diverse range of events for players of all experience levels. For those ready to enter, an early bird discount is available until 31 August.

This month, we are excited to launch the Starter Congress, a first-of-its-kind event for Australia, specifically for new or developing players with limited congress experience. Featuring a pre-match briefing, a gentler pace of play with fewer boards, and dedicated volunteers to help players learn, it an excellent introduction to congress play. The first event is a collaboration with Peninsula Bridge Club as host, and supported by North Shore Bridge Club, Sydney Bridge Club and Trumps Bridge Centre. We hope to make this an ongoing series, hosted in partnership with clubs across the state.

To wrap up event news, the NSW teams for this year's ANC are officially set! Check out the team lists on page 8 to see who is representing us. It is a wonderful achievement to be selected, and I encourage you all to wish our players well before they head off to Canberra in July.

A special mention goes to this month's profile, which features the Curtis family – mum Brooke, dad Dion, and 10-year-old Jack. After starting lessons at Mollymook Bridge Club, this competitive trio has embraced bridge as their latest challenge. Their story is a fantastic reminder of the game's unique camaraderie and appeal across generations.

Finally, we extend a heartfelt thank you to André Korenhof, who is stepping down from the Events Committee in June after 10 years of valuable service. While André will continue as GNOT Coordinator in 2026, his decade of committee work is especially significant to acknowledge in May, with National Volunteer Week coming up. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. If you love the game, please consider contributing some time to your local club or one of our committees. You can learn more about Bridge NSW volunteer opportunities here.

Catherine Chaffey, Chair of Bridge NSW

People of Bridge

Profile: The Curtis Family

(Mum Brooke, Dad Dion and 10-year old Jack)

Dion, Jack and Brooke Curtis (L–R)

How did the three of you first come across bridge, and what made you decide to give it a go together as a family?

Brooke & Dion: We are a family who plays card and board games together, and I'm always keeping an ear to the ground for our next challenge. By pure chance, I interrupted a Bridge training session last year to ask what card game they were playing…. And the rest, as they say, is history!

Jack: Mum heard about it and because we enjoyed "500", thought it might be a fun game to play.

What's it been like learning the game as a family—does it make it easier, more fun, or occasionally more competitive?

Brooke & Dion: Ordinarily we are a very competitive family, however, as none of us has "mastered" bridge - (and may never do so!) - the dynamic is completely different. We discuss boards after Bridge sessions to help each other problem-solve and improve. We really champion each other and celebrate solid performances.

How have you found the atmosphere at the club? Did you feel welcomed as a family of new starters?

Brooke: Jack is the youngest member that Mollymook Bridge Club has ever had, so we were very aware of trying to fit in and not annoy anyone with too much "youthful exuberance". We needn't have worried - the Club has been incredibly supportive. The NSW Bridge Youth contingent has also welcomed Jack into their fold and he had a wonderful time of building friendships and playing Bridge at the recent Bateman's Bay Congress.

Proof of the family's board game enthusiasm

What has been the most surprising (or funniest) part about learning the game as a family?

Dion: The complexity of bridge has blown my mind, and I love it. The element that I did not anticipate, was how much I was going to be learning off my 10 year old son.

How has this shared hobby changed your family time?

Brooke: I get to participate! As a mum I often find myself supporting everyone else's interests and hobbies without finding time to undertake enjoyable activities myself. Bridge is a win-win.

Jack: It doesn't change our family time, it's just a different activity we enjoy together. *(Note from Mum: For context - Jack is homeschooled).*

In action at the Mollymook Bridge Club

What have you found most challenging so far, and have there been any "lightbulb moments" where things started to click?

Brooke: My "lightbulb" moments usually occur immediately after I've made an incorrect bid or led the wrong card. C'est la vie!

Jack: The bidding (after basic conventions) has been a good challenge.

Who is the most competitive player in the family?

Brooke: Jack is definitely the most competitive since his young, elastic brain is picking things up at a faster rate. We're very proud of him.

What are your goals with your bridge game?

Jack: Improving and playing more regularly. I'd like to be good enough to represent Australia one day.

What would you say to other families or beginners who might be thinking about trying bridge for the first time?

Brooke: Apart from the fun and challenge presented by Bridge which, alone, is more than enough reason to embark on this adventure, there are enormous cognitive and social benefits. Give it a go and see if it's a nice FIT for your family… see what I did there?! 😉

Dion: Being involved in bridge, the thing that has impressed me the most is the calibre of the people. Everyone that I have encountered from day one has been a credit to the community. The youth community that Jack has become involved in is full of genuinely impressive people. Bridge is a complex and challenging game – it involves work and time. But the people are amazing, the game is brilliant and it is so worth it.

Bridge NSW News

Introducing the Starter Congress

Bridge NSW is excited to announce an initiative to support new and developing players who have little or no experience playing in a congress.

Introducing the Starter Congress – a full-day event specifically for newer players who are interested in trying tournament bridge but might feel hesitant to take that first step.

The very first Starter Congress will be hosted in partnership with Peninsula Bridge Club at their brand-new club house on Sunday, 9 August.

Why try tournament bridge?

Playing in a Congress is the best way to:

- Make new friends and connect with other bridge players
- Compete against others at about the same level of ability (or if you feel up to the challenge, in a higher-level field)
- Have a wonderful time, sharing stories of triumphs and disasters, while you laugh and learn!

Take your first step at the Starter Congress

Moving from club bridge to tournament bridge can feel like a giant step for many players. The Starter Congress is a "supported pathway" to allow players to give congress bridge a go. It features:

- **Fair competition:** created for players with under two years' experience or less than 50 masterpoints to ensure players compete with those at a similar stage in their bridge journey.
- **A gentler pace:** a shorter day with fewer boards than a standard congress and a focus on learning – a great experience without the pressure of a standard tournament.
- **Helpful guidance:** the day begins with introduction to congress etiquette and scoring, with dedicated "Go-to" volunteers on hand to support players throughout the day.

The inaugural Starter Congress is expected to be the first in an ongoing series, hosted in partnership with clubs across the state. The goal is simple – to help newer players build their confidence and skills to become more active and engaged players within the NSW bridge community.

Clubs and players are encouraged to share details of this event with newer players in your community. An online version of this article, including a downloadable event flyer is available here. If you're a player interested in finding out more, or ready to enter, visit the event page at MyABF here.

Entries now open for Sydney Spring Nationals 2026

A national gold masterpoint event - Sydney Spring Nationals 2026 (SN26) returns this October, bringing together players from across Australia and abroad, for what is expected to be the second largest event in the nation this year.

The scale means more than just a large field and more gold masterpoints; it means a diverse program with something for every player – whatever your level of experience.

A flagship Spring tradition, SN26 will take place from Saturday 17 to Sunday 25 October at Canterbury Park Racecourse.

Highlights this year include:

- **Teams and Pairs events** – Novice, Restricted, Intermediate and Open categories ensure you can customise your program and compete with players at your level.
- **Two mixed events offering Playoff Qualifying Points**– recognising the popularity of the mixed format, the Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs returns this year, alongside the Gumby Lazer Mixed Teams
- **The Open Teams Championship** – the double knockout format has been simplified and will run over three days for those who don't make the semi-finals, incorporating a plate event but no shield this year.
- **The return of Mini Monday** – this popular initiative offers an introduction to congress play for newer players with a focus on learning and fun.

Spring Nationals is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the game by entering multiple events over the nine-day program. You can test your skills by entering higher level events than last year and sharpen your game comparing hands and recapping matches with fellow players.

But it's also about more than just what happens at the table. It an opportunity to strengthen social bonds by reconnecting with friends, as well as meeting players from NSW and beyond. Sydney Spring Nationals is a backdrop to host club social events, drinks after play with fellow players, or spontaneous get togethers with new people you meet.

Coming from outside of Sydney?

Why not organise a club 'road trip' with fellow players and make it a bridge holiday? The venue includes ample free parking and there is lots of local accommodation including the nearby Comfort Inn & Suites where a special rate is available for SN26 players.

Take advantage of the early bird discount **(available until 31 August)** and register now at MyABF.

Benefits of club membership

Bridge NSW provides a range of programs and services to support clubs and players throughout the state and to develop and grow the game.

These program and services are mainly funded through annual affiliation fees that members pay to Bridge NSW via their club.

In the months ahead, these key service areas will be featured in the newsletter to demonstrate the value of club membership with Bridge NSW. Read the full list here.

Supporting clubs

- **Convening Presidents' Days** at clubs across the state where club leaders from a surrounding area are invited to learn more about how Bridge NSW can support them, to receive their feedback, and to discuss collaboration with other local clubs.
- **Hosting free webinars** throughout the year on key subjects such as teaching, marketing, MyABF, directing, player development, and delivering lessons.
- **Supporting beginner lessons** through comprehensive lesson plans and direct support, and customised marketing materials.
- **Helping clubs to retain beginners** by offering regular Online Supervised Play sessions, particularly benefiting clubs that are unable to run supervised sessions.
- **Delivering and supporting other events and activities** organised by the Bridge NSW Clubs and Community Committee that exists to help all clubs.

Annual General Meeting 2026

The Bridge NSW Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held online on Tuesday 12 May 2026 from 5:00–5:30pm. Key information:

- Each member club may appoint one representative to attend, speak and vote on behalf of the club.
- The Secretary must be advised of your nominated representative at least 48 hours prior to the meeting via the Club Representative Nomination Form.
- Member clubs wishing to submit a resolution for inclusion on the AGM agenda must contact the Secretary at least one week prior to the meeting.

Find out more at the Bridge NSW website where you can access key meeting documents (Agenda and Annual Report) and the meeting link.

Popular Teams of 3 returns

One of the most popular events on the annual bridge calendar is the Les Longhurst Teams of 3 – and registrations for the 2026 event are now open.

The unique format matches teams of three with an experienced team captain (someone who has played at the state, national or international representative level) to enjoy a rewarding day of bridge focused on fun and learning.

With that learning focus in mind, players need to have fewer than 1000 masterpoints to join a team.

The event will be held on **Sunday, 31 March** at Sydney Bridge Club. Register here.

Event results

Interstate teams announced

Following interstate team selection events held in March and April, the teams to represent NSW at the Australian National Championships in Canberra this July have been selected.

Congratulations to all players to have made the team, as well as those that entered selection events year.

Open team

- Peter Buchen
- Michael Courtney
- James Coutts
- Bruce Neill
- Nigel Rosendorff
- David Wiltshire
- NPC*: David Fryda

Women's team

- Nazife Bashar
- Sally Clarke
- Cathryn Herden
- Sharon Mayo
- Kinga Moses
- Judy Mott
- NPC*: John McIlrath

Seniors' team

- Martin Bloom
- Peter Gill
- Ted Griffin
- Pauline Gumby
- Mike Hughes
- Warren Lazer
- NPC*: Bob Sebesfi

Youth team

- Ida Andersen
- Aadhi Hariharan
- Adrian Le
- Natalie Newman
- Shannon Ooi
- David Zheng
- NPC*: Mitch Dowling

*Non-playing captain

View full event results here.

Online Teams League – Summer season results

Another strong season of the Online Teams League recently concluded. Well done to all teams for participating and a big congratulations to team VAN DER VLUGT for taking the top prize.

Champions: VAN DER VLUGT

Maurits van der Vlugt, Fraser Rew, Robert Fruewirth, Dagmar Neumann, Tony Leibowitz, George Kozakos, Brad Coles (sub), Nigel Rosendorff (sub)

Runners Up: MUNDELL

Tania Lloyd, Hugh Grosvenor, Andrew Peake, Gisell Mundell, Jane Lennon (sub)

The next OTL season will be held in June as part of a special collaboration with Bridge Victoria. Players from both states can enter the Victorian Online Pairs League (starting 4 May) and a 4-week OTL (starting 1 June). Find out more here.

Tournament recap: Central West Festival of Bridge

With Murray Paterson, Tournament Organiser

The Central West Festival of Bridge has concluded another successful year in Orange, continuing its growth from its 2024 debut. Originally established as a series of red-point events to support the ANC, the festival has quickly become a significant fixture for both local and interstate players.

The 320 available places sold out in record time this year, and the field included 130 players from Sydney, 36 from Canberra and 36 local players from the Orange Bridge Club. Demonstrating the growing appeal of the festival, players from Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and the wider Central West region joined this year's event.

Open Pairs winners Jimmy Wallis & Kevin Steffensen with Murray Patterson (middle).

Tournament highlights

Competition was held across Open, Intermediate, Restricted, and Novice divisions, with identical prize scales applied to all categories.

- **Open Teams:** The team of Pauline Gumby, Warren Lazer, Sue Luck and Bruce Neil successfully defended their title, retaining the championship for the second consecutive year.
- **Open Pairs:** Jimmy Wallace and partner Kevin Steffensen secured the win after maintaining their position at the lead table for the duration of the event.
- **Novice Awards:** Two Gold Cups were awarded in the Teams event – one for the overall Novice winners, and another specifically for the best-performing Novice team from the Central West region.

Back-to-back Open Teams champions: Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby, Sue Lusk, Bruce Neil (L–R)

Support from the community

The festival continues to benefit from the support of the Orange Ex-Services Club, which provides the venue at no cost. This partnership remains essential in keeping entry fees affordable for participants.

Additional support was provided by the Orange City Council and Newmont, both of whom view the event as a driver for local tourism. Many attendees took the opportunity to extend their stay in the region to visit local wineries and restaurants.

Gold Cup (Novice Team) winners: Miriam Dayhew, Jen Woodhouse, Greg Brackenreg, Peter Dayhew (L–R)

Gold Cup (Best Local Novice Team) winners: Allan Kerrigan, Julie Kerrigan, Michelle Hill, Keith Hill (L–R)

Looking ahead

Due to the high demand, the committee has confirmed that the event will expand from 80 to 100 tables next year. This will be achieved by relocating the Novice event to the Orange Bridge Club.

Key dates for 2025:

- **Entries open:** 1 October.
- **Registration:** The first 80 fully paid entries will be accepted immediately. Given this year's record sell-out, players are encouraged to finalise payment early to secure their placement.

Congratulations to the six-person organising committee – Murray Paterson, Jenny King, Anne Tonna, Des Mulcahy, Dorothy Woodside and John McKenzie – for delivering another successful festival and to the three directors – Matt McManus (Chief Tournament Director), Ian Lisle and Ronnie Ng – for overseeing four days of great competition.

You can read Will Jenner-O'Shea's daily recap bulletins here which also includes plenty of great photos.

Full event results are available here.

Full house: This year's event was sold out again.

Upcoming state events

From 3 May – Online Supervised Play

Designed to support new and developing players, a new series gets underway from 3 May focussing on reinforcing concepts learnt in beginner lessons. Learn more.

4-25 May Victorian Online Pairs Championship

Join Victoria's premier online pairs championship as part of the new NSW/Vic collaboration. Learn more.

5-19 May – Women's Pairs State Championship

Hosted on RealBridge by the Hunter Region Bridge Association, women pairs are encouraged to join this state championship event. Register here.

5-19 May – Veterans' Pairs State Championship

Hosted on RealBridge by the Hunter Region Bridge Association, veterans' pairs are encouraged to join this state championship event. Register here.

16-17 May – Mixed Pairs State Championship Finals

Successful pairs from the club qualifying events will come together for the Finals at the Sydney Bridge Club. Find out more.

17 May – Autumn Swiss Pairs Congress

The Autumn Swiss Pairs Congress will be run alongside the State Mixed Pairs Finals. Learn more.

26-29 May – State Seniors Pairs and Teams Championship

Held in person over four days at the Central Coast Leagues Club in Gosford, eligible players can enter both the Pairs event (Tue 26 and Wed 27) and Teams event (Thu 28 and Fri 29). Register here.

31 May – Les Longhurst Teams of Three

This popular and unique format matches teams of three with an experienced team captain to enjoy a rewarding day of bridge focused on fun and learning. Register here.

1-29 June Online Teams League: Season 2

A new 4-week version of the popular Online Teams League, specifically collaborating with Bridge Victoria and inviting their teams to join. Learn more.

Profile: Newcastle Bridge Club

With Jennifer Bisset, Vice President

Tell us about the history of your club – how long has it been running?

The seeds of the club were sown on 18 August 1968, when 34 players from the Postal Institute, BHP Research Labs, and Newcastle University came together to form a dedicated bridge community. We grew quickly, reaching 66 members in our first year thanks to the tireless efforts of our early teachers.

However, finding a permanent home was a decade-long challenge and with many venue changes along the way. We played at the YMCA, where we struggled in near-darkness because they insisted on turning the lights off after supper—talk about the Dark Ages! The Adamstown RSL was another highlight, where we'd have to pause play at 9:00 pm for the Ode of Remembrance, hopefully not in the middle of a difficult slam. We moved through the Bowling Club, the Masonic Club, and even the International Sports Centre before landing at the District Park Tennis Club, which was notoriously draughty in winter.

The discussion for a permanent home began in 1979 with the purchase of an investment property, funded by bank loans and generous member contributions. The eventual sale of that property, combined with years of fundraising and hard work of volunteers, allowed the club to move into its current Broadmeadow home, where it celebrated 25 years of occupancy in 2004.

The club's permanent home since 1979

How big is your community and what sessions do you run?

We currently have 316 members and run 10 sessions a week. A real highlight is our monthly "Potluck Partners" Sunday session, where you draw a card to find your partner for the day. We are fortunate to have a paid Director and Administrator, Ken Wilks, for three sessions, supported by a dedicated group of experienced volunteer directors and standby players to ensure everyone gets a game.

Long term members, Janet Hill, Pam Robinson (Pam's Social Saturdays), Christo Moskovsky and Bernie Adcock (L–R)

What makes your club special?

Some of our sessions are absolutely buzzing; Tuesday and Thursday mornings, in particular, see huge fields of players with a wide range of abilities. Many of our experienced players (include Grand Masters) are always willing to share their knowledge or give formal lessons to help improving players.

One of the original founding members Roy Hardy still plays regularly at the Club and won the mixed pairs championship last year with long term partner Pam Robinson – exactly 50 years after they won the same title together!

What other activities do you run?

The first Saturday of the month is "Social Saturday." It's a regular bridge session followed by drinks, nibbles, and a "plate of goodies" to share for a $2 donation—a total bargain. It's a tradition started by Pam Robinson that we've joyfully reintroduced post-pandemic. It's the perfect time to socialise and, inevitably, deconstruct the most interesting hands of the day.

How do you appeal to new players?

We run beginner lessons twice a year and provide at least three supervised sessions per week. We've also introduced a dedicated Teaching Subcommittee and a Mentoring Program, which has been vital for helping newer players feel confident enough to stay. Beyond lessons, we host two Congresses a year including our Open Congress in June, and host many other special sessions.

What is a particularly memorable moment in the club's history?

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2018 with 90 members was special, but looking further back, our 1970s Pairs Congress at the historic Great Northern Hotel was fabulous! It was held in a stunning Art Deco ballroom and attracted some of the top Sydney players of the era, thanks in no part to the exceptional meals from Chef Myer.

The original Ballroom of the historic Great Northen Hotel hosted a Pairs Congress.

Contact the club

Interested in playing at Newcastle Bridge Club? Get in touch via email here or visit the website here.

Bridge laws workshop at Scone Bridge Club

With Kelvin Russell, Secretary

On March 26, Scone Bridge Club hosted a day of training presented by John McIlrath. John concentrated on how to deal with infractions at the table - when to call the director, when to just accept, and, if the director offered them, how to choose between five related responses. Walking through these scenarios with John's calm and steady approach was illuminating.

John's presentations were followed by play. We were encouraged to call the director at every opportunity, and many arose! These were attended by our new directors Jim Watts and Steve Dunnill who were able to practice dealing with infractions at the table under John's supportive gaze.

Other clubs in the area were invited and we were happy to host players from Muswellbrook, Quirindi, Gunnedah, and the Hunter Bridge Club in Singleton.

We're enormously grateful for John's time and expertise. Having such a high level of training in our **spiritual home** (see photo below) was a true **blessing** for the club, and the participants were thrilled to receive his notes and presentation afterwards.

Scone Bridge Club's unique home

Club equipment giveaway

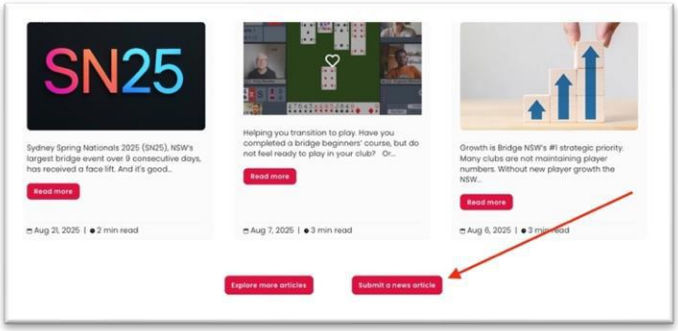
Following the club's move to their new premises, Peninsula Bridge Club has some equipment they no longer need, and would like to donate the items to any club that may be interested

The materials include a wall mountable, simple digital round timer, a power amplifier and a good microphone with a wireless relay base station, and a couple of other surplus microphones.

Any clubs interested, can contact the secretary, Simon Hunter via email at secretary@peninsulabridgeclub.org.au or phone 0451 130 330.

Got a club story to share?

You can now **submit your club story** for the newsletter and more **on our website**. Go to the 'Latest bridge news' section on the homepage and under the articles you will see two red buttons. Click on the button on the right to submit your story or click here. We'd love to hear from you!



And don't forget to join our Facebook page, if you haven't already. Simply **click the 'Like' button to follow us**.

Directing

Beyond green point events

The Masterpoint Scheme requires Directors to have certain qualifications for specific events. They recognise three levels: Club, Congress, and State (or D, C, and B). The States are individually responsible for accrediting Directors for these levels. The ABF administers the top-level of National Directors. NSW and Victoria have adopted a common accreditation framework for these levels which you can learn more about here.

The Committee – primarily John – has been very busy presenting workshops across the State for Directors who want to get accredited as D or C Directors. Four workshops were held in April at Northern Rivers, Blue Mountains, Orange and Wagga Wagga and will be recapped in next month's newsletter.

Beyond NSW

In February, John McIlrath, together with four other National Directors, ran an Interactive Workshop in Melbourne for the Australian Bridge Directors Association (ABDA). Several NSW Directors attended (some receiving ABDA subsidies).

John gave his excellent session, "Considering becoming a Director," on issues relevant to the new Director. The notes from that presentation and a recording will be added to the Director Development page soon.

ABDA plans for 2027

Every ten years, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge are revised by the World Bridge Federation Laws Committee (of which Laurie Kelso from Victoria is Secretary). In August 2017, the Laws became active in Australia. The planned schedule is to release a draft in January with an opportunity to comment, and a final release in March or April.

ABDA is planning workshops for senior Directors following both releases and will work with State Associations on workshops for all Directors before implementation locally.

Future webinars

- **19 May:** Common problems with using Bridgemates
- **9 September:** How to select and run a movement
- **15 December:** Using a scoring program: Your questions answered

What you can do

To support Director development, you can:

- As a Director, make sure you are listed on the website's Director List. If not, follow the link to complete the Director Survey.
- As a club administrator, identify potential Directors at Club and higher levels and encourage them to direct and become qualified.
- As a player, ALWAYS call the Director for irregularities at the table. That is how Directors hone their craft!

The committee is keen to hear from players and clubs on what more we can do to provide top-quality Directors for events in NSW, at directing@bridgensw.com.au.

Teaching & Education

Online Supervised Play

On 3 May we launch a new series of Online Supervised Play focused on reinforcing concepts learnt in beginner lessons. Themed sessions will be as follows:

3 May - Declarer Play in NT

10 May - Declarer Play in Suits

17 May - Responding to a 1 major opening

24 May - Responding to a 1 minor opening

31 May - Forcing or not forcing

7 June - Overcalls

Who should join?

- **Recent Beginners**: If you've recently completed lessons, you can join on your own, as a pair, or as a club table of four.
- **Clubs:** Reserve a table and let our helpers provide guidance to your students. We also encourage clubs to invite experienced players to help supervise; it doesn't always need to be a teacher. Click here to reserve a table.
- **Players:** Perfect for those who can't make it to physical club sessions but want to stay involved.

Sessions are held on RealBridge, allowing you to see and hear everyone at your table—it's both fun and rewarding! Find out more here and join each week by clicking the relevant date under "2026 Sessions." Hand records and notes accompany each session.

Can you help?

The scope of our program is limited by the number of helpers available. If you are a friendly, reasonably experienced player willing to assist even once a month, please get in touch here.

Improver lessons (Play)

New lessons for improvers, focusing on **Declarer and Defence Play** as well as four popular **Intermediate Conventions**, have been added to the Improver material page on the website.

All hands are available to be played on bridge-training.com, suitable for individuals or for teachers to use as illustrations. Find them under Self-guided practice or in the **Student Notes**. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on this new material.

Teach the teacher webinar #2 – Podcast recap

We have created a six-minute podcast discussing the key points from our March **Teach the teacher** webinar. It's an excellent resource for time-poor teachers. You can listen to the podcast here. The full recording and presentation materials remain available on the webinar page.

We are planning a new webinar series for October/November to help develop teachers and would love to hear your suggestions for topics—specifically regarding the *how* of teaching (rather than bridge theory).

Contact education@bridgensw.com.au to share your ideas.

Join the Bridge NSW teaching community

Bridge NSW's WhatsApp Teaching Community is active and a great place to lodge a question and find answers. Click here to join.

Technical corner

- **Bridge Composer for Mac:** For those in the Apple ecosystem, a community member has developed a Mac-friendly version of Bridge Composer. It allows for hand input and commentary and produces **.pbn** files.
- **AI in Bridge:** While AI hasn't yet mastered the technical complexities of bridge play, it is proving useful for preparing notes, summarizing content, and creating podcasts. In fact, some boards in our **Online Supervised Play** were created by AI!

If you are using AI for bridge education, or have questions about the Mac software, please contact us at education@bridgensw.com.

Stay informed between newsletters – follow us on Facebook!

Our Facebook community is growing, and we'd love you to be part of it.

By following our page, you can stay across all the news as it happens. It's also a place to showcase our community in action – sharing great stories about clubs and players from across the state.

To follow us, simply log in and head to our **Facebook page** and click the "Like" button. You can also use the QR code below to go straight to our Facebook page:

If you have some great club or player news you would like to share on our page, **get in touch with us here.**

Player Development

Kate's Way #9

THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS GOVERNS ALL COMPETITIVE DECISIONS.

We don't defend at the 2-level when either side has (or appears to have) an 8-card fit. Similarly, we don't sell out below the three-level when we have 9 trumps, and we don't sell below the four-level with 10 trumps.

"When in doubt, put the opponents on lead. Why should you make the mistake?" - Edgar Kaplan

The reason for this very basic principle of competitive bidding is the Law of Total Tricks. For readers not familiar with the Law of Total Tricks (LOTT), it's a phenomenon, first observed by French mathematician Jean-Rene Vernes in his 1966 book on the subject. He found that the total number of tricks available to both sides is equal to the number of trumps held by both sides.

Greeted with skepticism at the time (some of which still lingers today), it's turned out to be remarkably accurate in the years since.

It's not quite as simple as stated above, but pretty close. In practical terms, if you have a 9-card spade fit, and the opponents have a 9-card heart fit, there are a total of 18 trumps between us, and, you will nearly always find that there are 18 tricks available. They may be divided 9-9, 10-8, or 11-7, or even 13-5. Your job, in the bidding, is to find out how many of those 18 tricks are yours.

But you don't need to do all that work if you don't want to. Bidding to the level of the number of trumps you hold is a fairly accurate and painless way to apply the Law, even if you don't understand it. In this case you would bid to the three-level since you hold 9 trumps (contracting for 9 tricks).

An obvious fact to be derived from that basic principle is that, when our opponents are at the 2-level in their 8-card fit, they've reached their correct LOTT level (8 trumps, 8 tricks). We will pretty much always score poorly if we let them play there.

Hence the agreement – we don't defend their 8-card fit at the two-level. Never. Not ever.

Various factors can affect the Law and cause total tricks to play high or low. For example, if both sides hold queens and jacks in the opponents' suit, total tricks is likely to be a trick low, i.e., 18 trumps but only 17 total tricks. If you're interested in learning more about how to apply it more accurately at the table, you might want to read Larry Cohen's "To Bid or Not to Bid" (much of it written by myself so, needless to say, I think highly of it).

Here's an old example of the Law at work (from the 1985 World Championships and borrowed from a recent write-up on youth.worldbridge.org) – see overpage.

	NORTH ♠ A 6 ♥ 9 7 ♦ K 9 6 4 ♣ A Q 9 3 2	
WEST ♠ Q J 10 9 2 ♥ 10 8 5 4 ♦ A Q ♣ 10 4		EAST ♠ K 8 7 ♥ A J 6 2 ♦ J 10 8 5 2 ♣ 6
	SOUTH ♠ 5 4 3 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K J 8 7 5	

In one room, the Italian pair sitting N/S arrived at a contract of four clubs. In the other room, the American E/W were allowed to play two spades.

North made ten tricks in clubs, losing only one spade and two red aces, while West made eight tricks in spades at the other table, losing one spade, one diamond, one club and two hearts.

N/S holds 10 trumps (clubs) and E/W has 8. 18 trumps should equal 18 tricks. And it does. 10 for N/S and 8 for E/W. And, as it happens, the 8 tricks go to the side with 8 trumps, while the side that has 10 trumps can take 10 tricks.

The Americans didn't follow the Law (no one had heard of it in those days) and they scored poorly, as we would expect nowadays.

A much more recent example from the ANOT a few years back, in which I will not mention names to protect the guilty.

North faced this bidding problem:

KQ65 973 K 85432

None Vul at IMP scoring, his RHO opened 1H and the bidding continued as follows:

1H P 4H Dbl

P ?

Would you bid 4S? Not if you're a Law-abiding bridge player:

The opponents can be assumed to have 9-10 trumps. Our side will usually have 8-9 (occasionally only 7!). Max of 19, minimum of 16. Let's forget the unlikely 16 and assume 18 trumps for the moment since that's pretty likely. If you can take 10 tricks, then the other side can only make 8. Seems right to bid? Perhaps… Not so much in it.

But, let's suppose there are only 17 trumps. Now, if you can take 10, they have only 7. Clearly right to pass.

Suppose there are 19, then one side will make ten and the other 9. This one is harder. What's right? It's a guess. 4S is insurance, and if you're sure about the 19 trumps, you should probably bid.

But the deal with 19 trumps is the least frequent, and pass may still be right. The deal with 17 trumps is the most frequent, when pass is the clear winner. And then there's that occasional 16 that we ignored. It's looking right to pass.

And don't forget that on those frequent deals with 17 or 18 trumps, it's possible that neither side has ten. If there are only 18 trumps, the 18 tricks may be divided 9-9.

And when there are only 17, it's even more likely that neither side has 10. Pass is becoming a standout.

	NORTH	
	♠ K Q 6 5 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ K ♣ 8 5 4 3 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ 3 2 ♥ K Q J 10 5 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ A Q T		♠ A J 4 ♥ 8 6 4 2 ♦ J T 9 6 5 3 ♣
	SOUTH	
	♠ T 9 8 7 ♥ A ♦ A Q J ♣ K J 9 8 7	

In fact, neither side had ten tricks, and pass was a big winner, just as we were able to predict by counting the trumps and following the Law. But both world class north players in our match bid 4S!

As often happens, there are 17 trumps and only 17 tricks. (NS take 8 on best defense and EW take 9). Bidding 4S was a big loser.

You won't always be right with this sort of calculation. Maybe this would have been the deal with 19 trumps where it was right to save in 4S against a making 4H. But if you always follow the Law, and go with the percentages, you'll be right most of the time. We can't ask for more than that.

Monthly bidding contest

By Philip Glover

This month's challenge comes from Hand 1 of March 2025. The material is taken from the RealBridge bidding challenge moderated by Marc Smith.

What is going on? Who has what?

Choose your bid and then compare with the experts.

None Vul. Dealer North. IMPs.	West	North	East	South
♠ 9 8 5 4 2		1♣	X	1♥
♥ Q	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
♦ Q J 4	?			
♣ K 8 6 3				

ACTION	MARKS	PANEL VOTES	Competitors' Entries (%)
2NT	10	13	15
3♣	8	5	16
3♥	6	3	2
3NT	6	3	3
4♥	4	1	0
3♠	2	1	12
2♠	0	0	36
4♠	0	0	10
Pass	0	0	6
3♦	0	0	1

Competition Entrant Average Score: 3.32 (very low score)

West has to decide about partner's bidding. Is it a cue raise for spades? How does partner show a strong single suiter hand? Most of the panel considered that the 2H bid was

a genuine suit, despite South's attempts to muddy the waters.

Many of the competitors (58%) thought it was a cue raise in Spades and made a game try / game bid.

The experts considered that if partner was making a cue raise, then 2C was the bid not 2H, hence 2H is a true bid with good values. Recognizing this, an almost majority of experts decided to show some values with 2NT which by implication denies heart support.

When the hand was played, 4H was a make, 3NT was off 2 and 4S was a disaster

As a side note, many experts considered that they would have bid 2S instead of 1S (8-10, 5Sp.)

That's it for another month. I encourage readers to visit the RealBridge website and join the bidding challenge for 2026.

Upcoming events

The following pages are flyers for forthcoming events and courses. The deadline for flyers to be received is the **second last Friday of each month**. Flyers must be a single A4 page and should be for events and courses in the following two months. To have your flyer included in the next issue, please send it to bridging@bridgensw.com.au.

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Parking Available

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THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7PM

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Entry: $60perperson

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Please advise any dietary requirements

Enter online via MyABF
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Entries close 17 May 2026

Director: Alan Bustany
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With Will Jenner-O'Shea

Saturday May 30th, 10am – 3:30pm

@Goulburn Street

All of the hands have opportunities for good play or defence to have an effect on the outcome.

Conventions and Topics

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You do not need a partner. Please book online on www.sydneybridgecentre.com, or contact the office – Level 1, 162 Goulburn Street. office@sydneybridgeclub.org.au or 9264 6884

Costs: $60 for Members, $65 for Non-Members.

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Sunday 31 May 2026 | 9.40am (for 10am start)

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Register by 28 May via MyABF

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Cost: FREE!
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SBC Novice & Restricted Pairs

Saturday 6th June 2026

at the SBC clubrooms on Level 1, 162 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills

Entry fee: $65 (lunch included)

Director: John McIlrath • Organiser: Wing Roberts

RED Masterpoints

Programmes

A special Pairs event for Novice and Restricted players! Compete with players who are of similar level – Novice (fewer than 100 masterpoints) and Restricted (fewer than 300 masterpoints). Play commences at 10.00am sharp on Saturday 6th June for two sessions. There is a break for lunch between sessions and refreshment at the conclusion of congress.

Entries are restricted to ONLY Novice and Restricted players. Please sign up in advance via MyABF. Both players in the pair must have fewer than 100 masterpoints / 300 masterpoints as at 1st April 2026 to compete in the Novice / Restricted field.

Prize money will depend on the number of entries.

RED masterpoints awarded.

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Organiser: Wing Roberts

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Maximum of 24 Tables - 12 Tables Minimum

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12 Young Road, Broadmeadow, NSW, 2292

Director: Ronnie Ng
Convenor : Ailsa Kearney
Enquiries : 0400 062 19
amkearney01@gmail.com

Programme

Registration 9.00am for 9.30am start both days

Combined field - Open/Restricted/Novice

Saturday 13 June: Swiss Pairs $35 per player

Sunday 14 June: Swiss Teams $35 per player

Total master points are to be <300 per player Restricted or <100 per player Novice as of 31 March 2026.

Payment Options via ABF Credits, Cash on the day, Direct deposit to Newcastle Bridge Club

Online Entries via ABF, or BridgeNSW until 05 June

Mail Entries The Congress Convenor - Newcastle Bridge Club, PO Box 257 Hamilton, NSW 2303

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(pls email Dietary requirements)

Prizemoney in 3 Sections!

Sunday 21st June
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9:00am for 9:15am Start

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Saturday 27 June
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Sat 11 July	Sun 12 July	Mon 13 July	Tue 14 July	Wed 15 July	Thu 16 July
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