



**NEDLANDS
BRIDGE CLUB**



HANDBOOK 2024



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Management Committee 2023-24

President:	Alan Harrop
Vice President:	Peter Holloway - <i>Life Member</i>
Honorary Secretary:	Mary-Jane Whitehead
Honorary Treasurer:	Ann Goode
Committee Members:	Erica Allan Ian Bailey — <i>Life Member</i> Craig Bradley Robin Burton — <i>Life Member</i> Bruce Fraser Kathie Perry

Committee Appointments

Approved Manager:	Ian Bailey
Bar Manager:	Alan Harrop
House Manager:	Robin Burton
Masterpoint Secretary:	Ian Bailey
Club Recorder:	Peter Holloway
Maintenance Officer	Richard Cullen
Web Master	Ian Bailey
Assistant Webmaster	Hamish McCracken
Librarian	Christa Mazzucchelli
Auditor	Graham Cushion

Interclub Teams of Four—Club Captains

Open Teams:	Wendy Driscoll, Shizue Futaesaku
Novice Teams:	Robin Burton

MEMBERSHIP

New members to the club are more than welcome. If you cannot play bridge, we have a number of bridge lessons and supervised sessions to get you started.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:	Nomination:	\$10.00 (Once only)
	Annual Subscription:	\$65.00 (Home members) \$35.00 (Alternate members) \$28 (Youth members, \$65 first year, \$28 after 1st year) (from 1 st January to 31 st December)

An application must be nominated and seconded by club members, and fees must be submitted with the completed application form.

BANK DETAILS FOR ON-LINE PAYMENTS:

CBA BSB 066-105 Acct No 10049769

Please quote : 'Subscription : *your name*' as reference when paying on-line.

Weekly Session Timetable

Monday	12:30 pm to 4:00 pm	(Dir: Andy Cayley)
Tuesday Supervised [^]	9:30 am to 12 noon	(Dir: Robin Burton)
Tuesday	12:30 pm to 4:00pm	(Dir: Ian Bailey)
Wednesday	12:30 pm to 4:00 pm	(Dir: Peter Holloway)
Thursday*	12:30 pm to 4:00 pm	(Dir: Peter Hicks)
Friday	9:30 am to 1:00 pm	(Dir: Peter Hicks)
Saturday	1:30 pm to 5:00 pm	(Dir: Ian Rowlands)

[^] Advice given on request. No need for a partner

* Devonshire tea is offered on the first Thursday of each month

Table Monies

Note: Members are encouraged to purchase a book of 10 game vouchers for \$70. Payment can be made in cash or by EFTPOS card at the office. Those wishing to pay in cash at the table are asked to bring correct money with no small coins.

Members:	\$7.00
Non Members	\$9.00
Youth (under 26)	\$4.00

CLUB COMPETITIONS

MASTER POINT COMPETITION

The Master Point winner will be determined by the member who wins the most master points at the Nedlands Bridge Club in local duplicate games, from 1st January to 30th November.

2023 Winner: Tom Wheatley

SESSIONAL MASTER POINT WINNERS

For each duplicate session, the top master point earner from 1st January to 30th November will win a prize. Only one prize per person. In the event of a member qualifying for more than one prize, it will be at the discretion of the Master Point Secretary to distribute the prizes.

2023 SESSIONAL MASTER POINT WINNERS

MONDAY	Tom Wheatley
TUESDAY	Robyn Todd, Ken Todd
TUESDAY SUPERVISED	Mario Rossi
WEDNESDAY	Vinod Nasta
THURSDAY	Chris Cullen
FRIDAY	Frank O'Connor
SATURDAY	Jairo Giraldo

INTERCLUB TEAMS OF FOUR—CLUB CAPTAINS:

OPEN TEAMS: Wendy Driscoll and Shizue Futaesaku

INTERMEDIATE TEAMS: Robin Burton

Inter club teams is a BAWA event to promote team play.

All club members are encouraged to participate.

Contact the above captains in your category.

OPEN TEAMS: Anyone is eligible.

INTERMEDIATE TEAMS: You are eligible if you have less than 500 MPs as listed in the ABF Master Point Rankings List on the 1st January of the year of the competition.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

JACKPOTS

All monthly session winners are eligible to compete for the overall Jackpot prizes in November. Visitors are welcome to participate in this competition. The days and final for each session are as follows:

SESSION	DAY	FINAL
Monday	3 rd Monday of each Month	18 November
Tuesday	2 nd Tuesday of each Month	12 November
Wednesday	4 th Wednesday of each Month	27 November
Thursday	1 st Thursday of each Month	7 November
Friday	4 th Friday of each Month	22 November
Saturday	1 st Saturday of each Month	2 November

*Each session winner can only qualify once, in the event of one pair winning a session twice the qualifying place will go to the 2nd placed pair.
The successful Jackpot winners must be club members and will be awarded a prize at the Club Xmas Party*

2023 JACKPOT WINNERS

MONDAY	Linda Bedford-Brown, Mei Zhao
TUESDAY	Graham Williams, Margaret Williams
WEDNESDAY	Vinod Nasta, Tim Wright
THURSDAY	Ken Todd, Tom Wheatley
FRIDAY	Christine Bradley, Sheila Bishop
SATURDAY	Deborah Frankel, Deidre Greenfeld

CLUB EVENTS INFORMATION

“SHOW THE FLAG” ON AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday 26th January,

Open to all players. Red Master Points. Normal table money.

One session 9.30am LAMINGTON MORNING TEA

BIRTHDAY CONGRESS

Sunday, 4 February

Open to all Players. Red Master Points. Swiss Pairs Format.

2 sessions: 10.00 am and 2.00 pm

This congress is held to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of our club rooms in 1989. Generous cash prizes. BYO Lunch.

EASTER MONDAY

Monday 1 April

The normal session will be played at 12.30 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 20 April at 1.00pm

All members are requested to attend, to give their views on how the club is to be run for the next 12 months. Make your vote count in the appointment of a committee. It is a short meeting followed by a bridge session.

GNOT QUALIFYING SESSIONS

Saturday 11 May (Sessions 1 & 2) 10am and 2pm

Saturday 25 May (Session 3) 1.30pm

This is a prestige team event with the opportunity to earn gold points in the comfort of your own club. Only one of the players in the team must be a member of the club for the team to be eligible. The more entries we have the more teams get a place in the final. This is a DO NOT MISS event.

RED POINT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 15 May

Open to all players. Normal table money.

CLUB DAYTIME PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Two Wednesday afternoons 22 and 29 May 12.30pm

Members Only. Red Master Points.

2023 WINNERS : Bruce Fraser and Chris Ingham

CLUB EVENTS INFORMATION

AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS

Tuesday 28 May, 9.30am.

Run during the supervised session, this is part of an Australia-wide competition organized through the Australian Bridge Magazine! Match yourself against players from all Australian states!

THE RANJIT GAUBA MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

All day Saturday, 22th June. 2 sessions 10.00 am and 2.00 pm

Open to all players. Red Master Points.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

BYO lunch. Drinks and nibbles afterwards with prize presentation.

CLUB NOVICE PAIRS

Two Tuesday mornings, 2 and 9 July 9.30-12.30. Red Master Points.

For players with fewer than 50MPs. Best overall result from both sessions.

You can play one or both days, but to win the event need to play both. Open to all but only club members are eligible to win.

2023 WINNERS: Yoko Kobayashi and Mario Rossi

RED POINT SATURDAY

Saturday 4 July

Open to all players. Normal table money.

CLUB MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 20 July 10am and 2pm

Members Only. Red Master Points.

Although this is primarily a mixed pairs event, men's and women's pairs may enter, and gain red points, but will not be eligible to win the major trophy.

2023 WINNERS : Jairo Giraldo and Robyn Giraldo

RED POINT SATURDAY

Saturday 31 August, 1.30pm

Open to all Players. Normal table money

SUNDAY ONE DAY CONGRESS

Sunday 18 August. Two sessions, 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. Red Master Points.

Open to all players. Swiss Pairs Format. BYO lunch.

CLUB EVENTS INFORMATION

SATURDAY CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 7th September, 10am & 2pm

Members Only. Red Master Points.

All members are invited to enter this competition .

2023 WINNERS : Gill Gavshon and Chris Cullen

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, 28 September 10am and 2pm

Members Only. Red Master Points.

The most prestigious Club event of the year. BYO lunch

2023 WINNERS: No Award

NEDLANDS THREE DAY SPRING CONGRESS

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 4th, 5th and 6th October.

Open To All Players. Red Master Points.

Commences on Friday afternoon at 1pm with a Welcome Pairs event, with Open and Novice sections.

Saturday will be an all day Swiss Pairs event. Sessions at 10am and 2pm.

Sunday will be an all day Swiss Teams event. sessions at 10am and 2pm.

BYO lunch on both days.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 5th November at 11.30 am.

Champagne and Lunch. Sweeps and spot prizes. Always a great day.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Saturday 7th December 1.30pm

Everybody Welcome.

The regular Saturday afternoon session of bridge will include the award presentations. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. Your attendance will make this event a successful one.

BLENNERHASSETT OPEN RED POINT SATURDAY

Saturday 16th December, 1.30pm. Red Master Points

1.30 pm Everybody welcome. Normal table money.

	RED POINT EVENTS
	GOLD POINT EVENTS
	FISKE WARREN LESSONS
	BEGINNER COURSE

JANUARY

Monday 1		
Tuesday 2		
Wednesday 3		
Thursday 4	Jackpot Day	
Friday 5		
Saturday 6	Jackpot Day	
Sunday 7		S Perth Swiss Pairs
Monday 8		
Tuesday 9	Jackpot Day	Canberra Festival ,9-21 January
Wednesday 10		
Thursday 11		
Friday 12		
Saturday 13		
Sunday 14		
Monday 15	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 16		
Wednesday 17		
Thursday 18		
Friday 19		
Saturday 20		
Sunday 21		
Monday 22		
Tuesday 23		
Wednesday 24	Jackpot Day	
Thursday 25		
Friday 26	“Australia Day—Show the Flag” Jackpot Day	9.30AM
Saturday 27		Mandurah Congress
Sunday 28		Mandurah Congress
Monday 29		
Tuesday 30	BEGINNER COURSE Week 1 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 31		

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1	Jackpot Day—Devonshire Tea	
Friday 2		
<i>Saturday 3</i>	Jackpot Day	WABC Congress
<i>Sunday 4</i>	NEDLANDS BIRTHDAY CONGRESS	10AM AND 2PM
Monday 5		
Tuesday 6	BEGINNER COURSE Week 2 of 8	10.00 to 12.00
Wednesday 7		
Thursday 8		
Friday 9		
<i>Saturday 10</i>		Rockingham Congress
<i>Sunday 11</i>		Rockingham Congress
Monday 12		
Tuesday 13	BEGINNER COURSE Week 3 of 8 Jackpot Day	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 14		
Thursday 15		
Friday 16		Gold Coast Congress 17-24 Feb
<i>Saturday 17</i>		
<i>Sunday 18</i>		Joondalup Congress
Monday 19	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 20	BEGINNER COURSE Week 4 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 21		
Thursday 22		
Friday 23	Jackpot Day	
<i>Saturday 24</i>		
<i>Sunday 25</i>		
Monday 26		
Tuesday 27	BEGINNER COURSE Week 5 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 28	ADVANCED LESSON Jackpot Day	10.00 - 12 .00
Thursday 29		

MARCH

Friday 1		Albany Congress
Saturday 2	Jackpot Day	Albany Congress
Sunday 3		Albany Congress
Monday 4		
Tuesday 5	BEGINNER COURSE Week 6 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 6	INTERMEDIATE SHORT COURSE (1)	10.00 - 12 .00
Thursday 7	Jackpot Day	
Friday 8		
Saturday 9		
Sunday 10		WABC Multi Congress
Monday 11		
Tuesday 12	BEGINNER COURSE Week 7 of 8 Jackpot Day	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 13	INTERMEDIATE SHORT COURSE (2)	10.00 - 12 .00
Thursday 14		
Friday 15		
Saturday 16		Kalamunda Congress
Sunday 17		Kalamunda Congress
Monday 18	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 19	BEGINNER COURSE Week 8 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 20	INTERMEDIATE SHORT COURSE (3)	10.00-12.00
Thursday 21		
Friday 22	Jackpot Day	
Saturday 23		Melville Congress
Sunday 24		Melville Congress
Monday 25		
Tuesday 26		
Wednesday 27	ADVANCED LESSON Jackpot Day	10.00-12.00
Thursday 28		
Friday 29	GOOD FRIDAY—CLUB CLOSED	S Perth Congress
Saturday 30		S Perth Congress
Sunday 31		S Perth Congress

APRIL

Monday 1		S Perth Congress
Tuesday 2		
Wednesday 3		
Thursday 4	Jackpot Day	
Friday 5		
Saturday 6	Jackpot Day	
Sunday 7		WABC Masters Teams of 3
Monday 8		
Tuesday 9	Jackpot Day	
Wednesday 10		
Thursday 11		
Friday 12		
Saturday 13		
Sunday 14		
Monday 15	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 16		
Wednesday 17		
Thursday 18		
Friday 19		
Saturday 20	NBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1PM	Bunbury Congress
Sunday 21		Bunbury Congress
Monday 22		
Tuesday 23		
Wednesday 24	ADVANCED LESSON Jackpot Day	10AM
Thursday 25		
Friday 26	Jackpot Day	
Saturday 27		
Sunday 28		
Monday 29		
Tuesday 30		

MAY

Wednesday 1		
Thursday 2	Jackpot Day — Devonshire Tea	
Friday 3		
Saturday 4	Jackpot Day	Undercroft Congress
Sunday 5		Undercroft Congress
Monday 6		
Tuesday 7		
Wednesday 8		
Thursday 9		
Friday 10		
Saturday 11	GNOT Qualifying Sessions 1 & 2	10AM & 2PM
Sunday 12		Kendenup Congress
Monday 13		
Tuesday 14	Jackpot Day	
Wednesday 15	RED POINT WEDNESDAY	12.30PM
Thursday 16		
Friday 17		
Saturday 18		Western Senior Pairs
Sunday 19		Western Senior Pairs
Monday 20	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 21		
Wednesday 22	CLUB DAYTIME PAIRS (1) Jackpot Day	12.30PM
Thursday 23		
Friday 24	Jackpot Day	
Saturday 25	GNOT Qualifying Session 3	1.30PM
Sunday 26		Fremantle Congress
Monday 27		
Tuesday 28	AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS	9.30AM
Wednesday 29	CLUB DAYTIME PAIRS (2)	12.30PM
Thursday 30		
Friday 31		

JUNE

Saturday 1	Jackpot Day	WABC Congress
Sunday 2		WABC Congress
Monday 3		WABC Congress
Tuesday 4		
Wednesday 5		
Thursday 6	Jackpot Day	
Friday 7		Geraldton Congress
Saturday 8		Geraldton Congress
Sunday 9		Geraldton Congress
Monday 10		
Tuesday 11	Jackpot Day	
Wednesday 12		
Thursday 13	MENTOR DAY 12.30pm	
Friday 14		
Saturday 15		Busselton Zonta Charity Day
Sunday 16		BAWA Masters in Teams of 3—S Perth
Monday 17	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 18		
Wednesday 19		
Thursday 20		
Friday 21		
Saturday 22	RANJIT GAUBA MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS	10.00 AM & 2.00 PM
Sunday 23		
Monday 24		
Tuesday 25		
Wednesday 26	Jackpot Day	
Thursday 27		
Friday 28	Jackpot Day	
Saturday 29		Western Senior Pairs, Melville
Sunday 30		Western Senior Pairs, Melville

JULY

Monday 1		
Tuesday 2	NOVICE PAIRS SESSION 1 OF 2	9.30AM
Wednesday 3		
Thursday 4	RED POINT DAY Jackpot Day - Devonshire Tea	12.30PM
Friday 5		
Saturday 6	Jackpot Day	
Sunday 7		
Monday 8		
Tuesday 9	NOVICE PAIRS SESSION 2 of 2 Jackpot Day	9.30AM
Wednesday 10		
Thursday 11		
Friday 12		
Saturday 13		
Sunday 14		
Monday 15	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 16	BEGINNER COURSE Week 1 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 17	Jackpot Day	
Thursday 18		
Friday 19		
Saturday 20	CLUB MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	10AM & 2PM
Sunday 21		BAWA Novice C/ ship— Undercroft
Monday 22		
Tuesday 23	BEGINNER COURSE Week 1 of 8	
Wednesday 24	Jackpot Day	
Thursday 25		
Friday 26	Jackpot Day	Mandurah Congress
Saturday 27		Mandurah Congress
Sunday 28		Mandurah Congress
Monday 29		
Tuesday 30	BEGINNER COURSE Week 3 of 8	
Wednesday 31	ADVANCED LESSON	10.00-12.00

AUGUST

Thursday 1	Jackpot Day—Devonshire Tea	
Friday 2		TBIB S Perth Congress
Saturday 3	Jackpot Day	TBIB S Perth Congress
Sunday 4		TBIB S Perth Congress
Monday 5		
Tuesday 6	BEGINNER COURSE Week 4 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 7		
Thursday 8		
Friday 9		
Saturday 10		
Sunday 11		
Monday 12		
Tuesday 13	BEGINNER COURSE Week 5 of 8 Jackpot Day	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 14		
Thursday 15		
Friday 16		
Saturday 17		Bayswater R Congress
Sunday 18	NEDLANDS ONE DAY CONGRESS	10.00AM & 2.00PM
Monday 19	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 20	BEGINNER COURSE Week 6 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 21		
Thursday 22		
Friday 23	Jackpot Day	
Saturday 24		Swan River Swiss Pairs WABC
Sunday 25		Swan River Swiss Pairs WABC
Monday 26		
Tuesday 27	BEGINNER COURSE Week 7 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 28	ADVANCED LESSON Jackpot Day	10.00—12.00
Thursday 29		
Friday 30		
Saturday 31	RED POINT SATURDAY	1.30PM

SEPTEMBER

<i>Sunday 1</i>		
Monday 2		
Tuesday 3	BEGINNER COURSE Week 8 of 8	10.00—12.00
Wednesday 4		Territory Gold, Alice Springs, 6-10
Thursday 5	Jackpot Day	
Friday 6		
Saturday 7	NEDLANDS CLUB PAIRS Jackpot Day	10AM & 2PM
<i>Sunday 8</i>		West Coast Congress
Monday 9		
Tuesday 10	Jackpot Day	
Wednesday 11		
Thursday 12	MENTOR DAY	12.30PM
Friday 13		
Saturday 14		HGR Memorial Congress—Melville
Sunday 15		HGR Memorial Congress—Melville
Monday 16	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 17		
Wednesday 18		
Thursday 19		
Friday 20		Kalgoorlie Congress
Saturday 21	Jackpot Day	Kalgoorlie Congress
Sunday 22		Kalgoorlie Congress
Monday 23		
Tuesday 24		
Wednesday 25	ADVANCED LESSON Jackpot Day	BAWA Open Pairs C/ship 1 of 3 - Nedlands
Thursday 26		
Friday 27	Jackpot Day	
Saturday 28	CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP	10AM & 2PM
<i>Sunday 29</i>		
Monday 30		



OCTOBER

Tuesday 1		
Wednesday 2	INTERMEDIATE SHORT COURSE (1)	BAWA Open Pairs C/ship 2 of 3 - Nedlands
Thursday 3	Jackpot Day—Devonshire Tea	
Friday 4	NEDLANDS THREE DAY SPRING CONGRESS	1.00 PM
Saturday 5	NEDLANDS THREE DAY SPRING CONGRESS Jackpot Day	10AM & 2PM
Sunday 6	NEDLANDS THREE DAY SPRING CONGRESS	10AM & 2PM
Monday 7		
Tuesday 8	Jackpot Day	
Wednesday 9	INTERMEDIATE SHORT COURSE (2)	BAWA Open Pairs C/ship 3 of 3 - Nedlands
Thursday 10		
Friday 11		
Saturday 12		Busselton Congress
Sunday 13		Busselton Congress
Monday 14		
Tuesday 15		
Wednesday 16	INTERMEDIATE SHORT COURSE (3)	10.00—12.00
Thursday 17		
Friday 18		
Saturday 19		Undercroft Congress
Sunday 20		Undercroft Congress
Monday 21	Jackpot Day	
Tuesday 22		
Wednesday 23	Jackpot Day	
Thursday 24		
Friday 25	Jackpot Day	Maylands Novice Congress
Saturday 26		
Sunday 27		BAWA Super Vets Congress
Monday 28		
Tuesday 29		
Wednesday 30	ADVANCED LESSON	10.00—12.00
Thursday 31		BAWA Open Teams C/ship (1) - Melville

NOVEMBER

Friday 1		
Saturday 2	JACKPOT FINAL	BAWA Open Teams C/ship (2 & 3) - Melville
Sunday 3		
Monday 4		
Tuesday 5	MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH	11.30AM
Wednesday 6		
Thursday 7	JACKPOT FINAL	BAWA Open Teams C/ship (4) - Melville
Friday 8		
Saturday 9		
Sunday 10		BAWA Novice Congress- Joondalup
Monday 11		
Tuesday 12	JACKPOT FINAL	
Wednesday 13		
Thursday 14		
Friday 15		Golden West Welcome Pairs—Mandurah
Saturday 16		Golden West Swiss Pairs— Mandurah
Sunday 17		Golden West Swiss Pairs— Mandurah
Monday 18	JACKPOT FINAL	
Tuesday 19		
Wednesday 20		
Thursday 21		
Friday 22	JACKPOT FINAL	
Saturday 23		Undercroft Congress
Sunday 24		Undercroft Congress
Monday 25		
Tuesday 26		
Wednesday 27	ADVANCED LESSON JACKPOT FINAL	10.00—12.00
Thursday 28		
Friday 29		WABC Xmas Congress
Saturday 30		WABC Xmas Congress

DECEMBER

<i>Sunday 1</i>		WABC Xmas Congress
Monday 2		
Tuesday 3		
Wednesday 4		
Thursday 5		
Friday 6		
<i>Saturday 7</i>	 NEDLANDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRIZE-GIVING 	1.30PM
<i>Sunday 8</i>		
Monday 9		
Tuesday 10		
Wednesday 11		
Thursday 12		
Friday 13		
<i>Saturday 14</i>	BLANNERHASSETT PAIRS	1.30PM
<i>Sunday 15</i>		
Monday 16		
Tuesday 17		
Wednesday 18		
Thursday 19		
Friday 20		
<i>Saturday 21</i>		
<i>Sunday 22</i>		
Monday 23		
Tuesday 24		
Wednesday 25	CHRISTMAS DAY—CLUB CLOSED	
Thursday 26		
Friday 27		
<i>Saturday 28</i>		
<i>Sunday 29</i>		
Monday 30		
<i>Tuesday 31</i>		

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

GENERAL POINTS RELATING TO CLUB GAMES

- A neat standard of dress is required.
- All games will start promptly at advertised times.
- Players should be seated ten minutes before the game is due to start.
- Play can only start once the director instructs players to do so.
- Please give the Director your attention and follow instructions promptly.
- Players SHOULD call the Director whenever any irregularity occurs. This does **not** forfeit anyone's rights, whereas failure to do so may result in a penalty.

COURTESY

A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.

- Do not touch the bidding box until you have decided on your call. **Toying with different bidding cards along the way may convey "unauthorized information" and restrict your partner's actions.**
- If you are on lead, make the lead before writing the details in your scorer. This also applies if you are Dummy. Put the hand on the table before writing in your scorer so play can start without delay.
- Two aspects of your bidding need to be announced. For a 1 club opening you **should state the minimum length e.g. "3 or more"**. For a 1NT opening **state the point range e.g. "12-14"**. Any bids in your system which have special meanings generally require an "Alert". This is done by the partner of the bidder saying "Alert" and showing the Alert card. An explanation of an alerted bid is not required unless an opponent requests one.
- During the bidding you may ask an opponent for an explanation of a call made by their side only when it is your turn to call. You must ask the partner of the player who made the call, not the person who made the call. Avoid asking questions about the bidding while it is continuing unless you need the information in order to decide what your next call should be. If you do not have a call to make, keep quiet until the end of the auction.
- A player should not summon the Director in a manner discourteous to him/her or to other contestants.

CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

BREACHES OF ETIQUETTE

The following are considered breaches of bridge etiquette:

- Taking a long time to think and then passing may cause your partner to have a serious problem. Although it is not illegal for you to think, it is illegal for your partner to take any inference from your hesitation; i.e. if you hesitate and pass your partner now has to make sure their own hand justifies any call.
- Commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to significant occurrence or to the number of tricks still required for success.
- Showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding **one's cards**).
- Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent
- Leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.
- The opening lead should always be made face down. This is to avoid making a lead out of turn. Once your partner agrees it is your turn to lead he/she may then ask the opposition any questions regarding their bidding. Bidding cards should remain on the table until the opening lead has been faced.
- Keep your voice even and gestures consistent when making bids or **playing the hands. All play should be 'in tempo'. Do not slap your cards down, play slowly, sigh if partner does not play the card you want them to or make any unusual movements or facial expressions to get your point across. This is considered rude and could be unethical.**

THE ROLE OF THE CLUB RECORDER

If you ever feel an opponent has acted improperly, what do you do?

The Nedlands Bridge Club has a Club Recorder. The role of the recorder is that of an "unofficial" mediator. The mediator is available for club members who feel that a breach of ethics or propriety has occurred but when it is not something so serious that a formal complaint needs to be made.

Bridge is an ethical game. While everyone wants to win, we also play bridge for fun, particularly at club level. Therefore, anyone playing at the club should be able to do so without being intimidated, bullied or cheated in any way. While such instances are rare, they do occur and the impacts on the people concerned can last for a long time. So the Club, like all bridge clubs, has a Club Recorder.

The Recorder is not the only avenue available. The session Director is your first option. The Director must always be called if an irregularity has occurred (such as a bid or a lead out of turn), and the Director may also be called if you feel the opponents are not acting appropriately.

You may also approach the Director during or at the end of the session to discuss any concerns you may have. The Director may suggest you contact the Club Recorder.

What will the Club Recorder do?

It will depend on the circumstances. In most cases, after discussing with the offended party, the Recorder will talk to the offending party and the matter will be simply resolved. Where circumstances are more serious, the offending party may be warned not to continue certain behaviour. The Recorder may also escalate serious issues to the Management Committee for resolution.

The Club Recorder maintains a log of all incidents. This log is confidential and is not shared with anyone, including the Management Committee. However, it will be used by the Recorder to determine any patterns or repeat offences.

The current Club Recorder is Peter Holloway, an experienced player and National Director. If you wish to contact the Club Recorder, you may (in order of preference):

- [Speak with Peter before or after a club session](#)
- [Write a note addressed to Peter and hand it to a session Director or member of the Management Committee for forwarding.](#)



NEDLANDS BRIDGE CLUB

Proudly sponsored by:



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