



# NSWCC BBO Newsletter #1



*NSWCC is a co-operative of Brisbane Water, Central Coast,  
Central Coast Leagues and Community Bridge Clubs.*

## Hello Bridge Fans,

We cannot believe that it has been almost a month since our regional bridge club on BBO started, and so far, all involved in its development are very happy with the participation and feedback we have been getting from our members. It is a great feeling to play online against people that we genuinely know from our local clubs. So far, we have been averaging about ten tables a session (and growing) and the format we found that works best for you and for the directors is three boards a round for eight rounds and six minutes per board. Now that things have settled in, we are expecting more members to come on board and join in the fun.

Currently we have three directors running the online sessions: Ronnie Ng (BBO=**Chiaki**, [rng.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:rng.bridge@gmail.com), 0405-507-753), Alan Bustany (BBO=**ABustany**, [alan.bustany@gmail.com](mailto:alan.bustany@gmail.com), 0411-264-305) and Gary Barwick (BBO=**gsbarwick**, [garybarwick@outlook.com](mailto:garybarwick@outlook.com), 0413-884-805). If you experience trouble entering the events or have constructive feedback to give feel free to contact us, we are always glad to help our members out.

Results for all our BBO events can be found on BWBC, CCBC and CCLCBC websites and BBO will allow you to dive deeper into the card play of your hands and all hands played via their website archive which can be found at <http://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tarchive.php?m=h&h=vABF2036&d=vABF2036>

**Cheers from your NSWCC BBO Team.**

## \* **NEW** \* Trial Novice Sessions

We have had a lot of requests for a session each week where novice players can meet and play each other. Next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June we are holding a Trial Novice Only event where each player must have < 100 Masterpoints to be eligible to enter. There will be no charge for this Tuesday's Trial session. If you are a novice bridge player who would like to test the waters in our online regional club events, then this one is for you.

Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Time: 1:20pm (player registration opens at 11:20am)

BBO: Competitive → Free Tournaments → Search for host name **Chiaki** event name will contain **NSWCC**

We anticipate a successful trial and hope to make this a regular novice event on Tuesdays at a cost per player of \$BBO2 for 18 board matches or \$BBO3 for 24 board matches. If you need more help on how to use BBO you can find it in the BBO Help section on the Central Coast Bridge Clubs website <https://www.centralcoast.bridge-club.org/>

## \* **NEW** \* Red Point Open Sessions

Our Central Coast BBO Bridge Club will now hold one RED MASTERPOINT session EACH WEEK starting from this coming Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Each red masterpoint session will be 24 boards with one-winner and the pairs placing in the top half of the results will be awarded red masterpoints. The cost for entry will be \$3 BB which is around \$4.75 AU. See the Red Point Event Calendar section for future redpoint events.

Date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Time: 1:20pm (player registration opens at 11:20am)

BBO: Virtual Clubs → ABF Australia → look for **NSWCC** event with host **vABF2036**

**\*Please Note: You and your partner must be logged into BBO at the same time to enter the event. Follow the steps above and avoid visiting the casual area of BBO as you or your partner may not get the event invite or included in the event when it starts. Also, it is a good idea if you have remained idle on BBO to logout and log back in about 10 minutes before the event.**

## IMPS vs Matchpoints

For most of us our regular bridge sessions are scored with matchpoints where you only need to beat the other scores by a small amount to get a top board. For example, if you played 3NT making 10 for 430 and everyone else played 4H making 10 for 420 then you make 100% for a top board. In an IMP scored tournament it matters by **how much** you beat the opponents. If you are in 3NT making 9 for 400 and everyone else is in 4S making 9 for -5 then you are rewarded handsomely with 10 imps.

A good way to approach matchpoints is to go for the extra trick and double the opponents if you think they are going to go down. In IMP's if you think game or slam is on then bid it, and always ensure you can make your contract before going for extra tricks.

## Update Your BBO Profile

It is important that players can recognise their opponents. Please update your profile as shown below to make it easier for opponents to know who you are and see how you play. To make it show card symbols like I have below write 2!C instead of 2C in the description and it will show the suit symbol.

The screenshot shows a BBO player profile for 'gsbarwick' (rank 5, Online). The profile includes:
 

- Name:** Gary Barwick
- Country:** Australia
- Skill level:** Private
- Created:** 2011-11-28
- Logins:** 1000+
- Compatibility:** ★★★★★
- System Summary:** Standard American, 1♣=3+, 1NT=15-17HCP, Multi Two ♦, ♥ & ♠. 2NT=5-5 Minors 6-10 HCP, 2♣ strong 21+ with 2♦ Waiting.
- New member:** No
- Board completion rate:** 100
- Tournament completion rate:** Unknown

 Annotations point to:
 

- The name 'gsbarwick' and rank '5', explaining that clicking on a player's name shows their profile details and that the number 5 is the BBO Masterpoint Ranking.
- The 'System Summary' field, explaining that users can optionally add a short system summary here.
- The 'Name' field, explaining that if a user's name does not describe who they are, they should add at least their first name and initial for their last name in the Name field.

## Red Point Event Calendar

| June           | July           | August         |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Monday 1st     | Wednesday 1st  | Monday 3rd     |
| Wednesday 10th | Friday 10th    | Wednesday 12th |
| Friday 19th    | Monday 13th    | Friday 21st    |
| Monday 22nd    | Wednesday 22nd | Monday 24th    |
|                | Friday 31st    |                |

## Register Your BBO Name with Us

If you have a BBO account send your BBO name to one of your club's representatives or directly to Ronnie, Alan, or Gary. If you don't have a BBO account you can sign up on <https://www.bridgebase.com/> and for extra help in this regard look in the BBO Help section on the Central Coast Bridge Clubs website <https://www.centralcoast.bridge-club.org/>