



# FEBRUARY, 2019 NEWSLETTER

## EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

*We encourage the game of bridge in an environment where players compete and develop with enjoyment and mutual respect*

### Bridge in February

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - is at the RSL  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **RED POINTS**  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at Easts [Improvers' Course](#)  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **RED POINTS**  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at Easts [Improvers' Course](#)  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> is at Easts [Supervised](#)  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - is at Easts Supervised  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – [Beginners Class](#)  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> is **CANCELLED**

*There may be last minute changes to some week-day events due the Venue being booked for external functions*



Nick Hughes will be conducting the next **Beginners' Course** of 6 weeks duration, commencing Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, with lessons starting at 1:00 pm. The course includes 4 actual lessons, 2 additional supervised sessions. and also, a "First Book" of bridge. (Spread the word to friends & rels.) At \$30 it is the best value in town. Flyers promoting the course, are available at each bridge session, or from a Committee Member. Enrolments can be left with the Bridge Director or sent by mail.

### The "Improvers" course of lessons

The first session was attended by approx. 60 players and was very well received.

The course addresses "Card Play" and the first session was focused on "the Art of the Finesse" The sessions are open to all players, (whether members or non-members of Easts Bridge Club), the next two sessions being on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February, starting at 1:00 pm each day. The cost is \$15 in lieu of the normal \$8 table money. **The course includes practice hands and notes on the topics covered.**

*The Club Booklet, including members' details and the program for the year are now available for collection by members.*

*The Booklet is personalised, with name, ABF number and Easts Membership number. The Name badges for those who requested same are now also available and are magnetically affixed to the whiteboard*

### TOP SCORING OPEN PLAYERS IN JANUARY.

	(Average of 6 best scores)		
	Total of Best 6.	Average (rounded)	partners
Theo MANGOS	398.6	66	3
Helen VAN DAM	367.9	61	5
Walter GOTTLIEB	367.4	61	1
Kitty GOTTLIEB	367.4	61	1

### Why does my name, etc. not appear in the booklet?

Members who filled out the 2019 renewal forms, ticking the privacy boxes indicating their desire for non-publication, these requests have been respected.

### The MOST IMPROVED for the month of January

	Ave. of best 3 scores.	Impact	Times played
Mondays: Lidia KOVARI & Gabor KOVARI	65.43	+1.08.	4
Tuesdays: Margaret SHARLAND & Aysel SARIBATIR	62.53	+0.55	3
Wednesdays: Kamala VALLIAPPAN & Esther SHERWOOD	60.60	+0.71.	5
Saturdays: Bonnie RIX & Helen VAN DAM	64.03	+0.58.	4

*East's 3H bid on Q x x x shows great fortitude. Personally, I'd rather have fivetitude.*

*Edgar Kaplan*

### THIS ITEM IS WORTH REPEATING. (Many of our newer members need to take heed)

Since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 the Alerting Rules have been changed by the ABF to include "Announcements". When you open 1Club or a natural 1NT the opener's partner must automatically announce, without waiting to be asked, the essential meaning of the bid. For a 1NT opening the announcement is the strength of the range. So, partner says, "15 to 17" or "16 to 18" or whatever the range is. For a 1 Club opening, it depends on the system. Partner announces the minimum club length guaranteed, saying, "4 plus Clubs" or "3 plus Clubs" etc.



The doctor says to the patient, "Please stick your tongue out and let me see". The patient complies. The doctor inspects the throat and says, "Now do the same at the man who is waiting on your right" "What will that do?" asks the patient. The doctor says, "I'm mad at my bridge partner".

**AUSTRALIA DAY AT EASTS BRIDGE CLUB WAS ENJOYED BY ALL!**



Not having Peter Allen, Thomas gave a rendition of "I Still Call Australia Home" on his clarinet. (Lizzie on microphone)

We had the pleasure of some our Tuesday players – seen here sipping wine.



Our "Socials" are well planned for the year... Next one being "Cheese & Wine" on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March



Millie, Margit, Helen and Rebecca, enjoying the occasion (on the left)

Kamala, Hilda with Heather and that naughty Theo. All in party mode! (Right)



**A Timely Reminder. The rules relative to "Free Game Vouchers" as they appear in our Policy Manual**

"A free Game Voucher will be awarded to the first placed pairs in terms of percentage, both North/South and East/West when there are 20 tables or more. Free Game Voucher will be awarded only to the highest of these pairs if there be less than 20 tables. No free Game Vouchers will be awarded when the game is played at a venue away from Easts Leagues Club, at which venue a hire fee is to be paid." These rules are strictly adhered to.



*Valentine at the bridge table in February.*

**YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS**

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**Tips from Robert S. Todd**

"Rules are there for a reason. Don't mastermind or attempt to place the contract early in the auction. Start by trying to follow the rules and describe your hand."

"It is not usually the first mistake that gives you a bad board, it's the second one. You often make the second mistake because you are still focussing on the first one. Don't let one mistake cause another"