



MAY, 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 May

Wednesday 1st is at Easts **BRIDGE FOR BRAINS CHALLENGE - RED POINTS**
 Saturday 4th is at the RSL
 Monday 6th is at the RSL (Please note!)*
 Tuesday 7th is at Easts **Supervised**
 Wednesday 8th is at Easts - **THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1/3 - RED POINTS**
 Saturday 11th is at the RSL
 Monday 13th is at Easts - **RED POINTS**
 Tuesday 14th at Easts **Supervised**
 Wednesday 15th is at Easts - **THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2/3 - RED POINTS**
 Saturday 18th is at the RSL
 Monday 20th is at Easts
 Tuesday 21st is at Easts **Supervised**
 Wednesday 22nd is at Easts -**THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 3/3 - RED POINTS**
PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS at end of play on the 22nd
 Saturday 25th is at the RSL
 Monday 27th is at Easts
 Tuesday 28th - is at Easts **Australia Wide Novice Pairs Challenge RED POINTS**
 Wednesday 29th is at Easts

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

The **AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS CHALLENGE** is for newer players as well as experienced players who have accumulated less than 100 masterpoints. This event features pre-dealt boards scored across the nation. **Red Points** are available. There are prizes awarded for the top scores across Australia as well as a number of "spot prizes". The entry fee of \$5 per player is subsidised by Easts Bridge Club to the tune of \$3 per player.



GO FOR GOLD

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS event will be played on the **first two Mondays in June**. Make up a team for this prestigious event as this is an opportunity to earn "Gold Points" while playing at our home Club. Entries can be made on the notice board from the middle of May



It is "Party Time" at Easts after the final session of the "CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS" on Wednesday the 22nd May



The Club Championships are hotly contested this month with contestants playing for three sessions, with the same partner, for at least two of the three sessions. (A substitute will be allowed for one session only.) The result of the three session will be accumulated to determine the winners. Prizes will be awarded to each member the first, second and third place-getting pairs and presented at a social event towards the end of the year. **First Prize** is a small trophy plus a \$50 gift card, second placegetters receive a \$30 gift card and a \$20 gift card is awarded for third.

And what about June?

We have all Saturdays, being the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – they are all booked in at the RSL Also, Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th are at RSL

"Red Points in the Sunset" –

There are no fewer than six red points events this month. Play in these events and "cash in"



We grieve the passing of Beryl and Hanna. They will be missed by all of us at Easts Bridge Club

The MOST IMPROVED in sessions for the month of April

	Ave. of best 3 scores	Impact
Mondays: Eddie Mullin & Dianne Mullin.	64.73	+ 0.47
Tuesdays: Lis Moller & Thomas Karsai	63.00	+ 0.40
Wednesdays: Kamala Valliappan & Esther Sherwood	65.10	+ 0.99
Saturdays: Insufficient tables.		

Vale
Beryl
Ashley



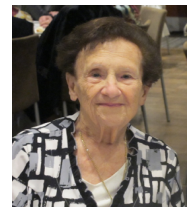
Improved Ratings in April

	Prior	New	Gain
1. Dan Moalem	50.60	51.53	0.93
2. Ruth Moalem	50.67	51.60	0.93
3. Fay Adler	50.81.	51.65.	0.84

A "Thank You" from the Stroke Recovery Club,

(a club for stroke sufferers and their carers) which meets every second Wednesday at 10:00 am, sharing the Bondi Room but finishing before the start of bridge. The next meetings are scheduled for the 1st, 15th and 29th May.

Vale
Hanna
Stern





Celebrity Profile.
Bob Hamman

HAMMAN'S LAW

"If you have a choice of reasonable bids and one of them is 3NT, then bid it."



He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 1999 and a version of his citation that reports 23,219 masterpoints to March 2001 also reads:

"One of the world's greatest players, ranks #1 among WBF (World Bridge Federation) Grand Masters, also ranks 1st in world performance over the past 10 years. Member of the ACBL Hall of Fame. He has been the highest ranked player in the world since 1985"

Robert David "Bob" Hamman, (born 6th August 1938) an American bridge player, among the greatest of all time. Hamman and Bobby Wolf played as partners for nearly three decades on teams that challenged for major trophies in North America and often for world championships. Representing the United States (from about 1980, previously North America) they won eight world championships for national teams, the 1988 World Team Olympiad and seven Bermuda Bowls spanning 1970 to 1995. For the last, they were members of Nick Nickell's professional team, where Hamman remained a fixture through the current two-year cycle and won three more Bermuda Bowls in partnership with Paul Solway and Zia Mahmood.

Dallas businessman Ira Corn established the first full-time professional team in 1968, the Dallas Aces, later simply the Aces. Hamman joined in 1968, as the sixth player and established a partnership with Billy Eisenberg.

Following the retirement of Italy's Blue Team, they won the 1970 Bermuda Bowl as North America representative and repeated in 1971 as defending champion.

A (true) story recently heard at a bridge session. A popular bridge player in the USA also owned two nightclubs. His bridge-playing colleagues adopted the habit of referring to him as "Stayman"

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

LAW 45 – CARD PLAYED

A. Play of Card from a Hand

Each player except dummy plays a card by detaching it from his hand and facing it on the table immediately before him.*

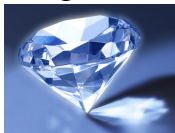
The opening lead is first made face down unless the Regulating Authority directs otherwise

A bridge teacher explaining duplicate bridge protocol tells this lady to make her opening lead face down. She promptly puts her head on the table and leads a card face up.

ABF Rank Promotions for the Month of March 2019

ABF No.	Name.	Masterpoints.	Previous Rank
Graduate			
0938769	Dudgeon, Alice	2.05	Nil
Club			
0795356.	Creighton, Harold	5.03	Graduate
0186546.	Morton, Bronwyn	5.09	Graduate
*State			
0952842	Cooper, Alan	128.02	State

Diamonds, Legends and Bridge



Come up and see me some time!

It may not be generally known that Mae West – the sex symbol of the forties – was a keen bridge player. Perhaps that inspired her to quip the following when someone, noticing her jewelry, said "Goodness, what wonderful Diamonds you have."
"My dear, Goodness had nothing to do with it!"

*"I never disliked a man so much that I would return his diamonds"
... Zsa Zsa Gabor*

"Bridge is more than just a card game. It is a cerebral sport. Bridge teaches you logic, reasoning, quick thinking, patience, concentration and partnership skills" ...
Martina Navratilova (tennis is not her only racket)

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Have your Say!

Shortly, a survey will be issued to our members, addressing a number of topics. When you receive it, please note your preferences and also any comments. Return to the director after the session or return the survey by post to the club. Your Committee values your opinion on these important issues, so this is why we have compiled this survey.