



AUGUST, 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 August

Saturday 3rd is at the RSL

Monday 5th **is at the RSL** - PLEASE NOTE

Tuesday 6th is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 7th is at Easts

Saturday 10th is at RSL (Finish at 3:30 sharp)

Monday 12th is at Easts **RED POINTS**

Tuesday 13st is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 14th **is at RSL** - PLEASE NOTE

Saturday 17th is at the RSL

Monday 19th is at Easts

Tuesday 20th is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 21st is at Easts

Saturday 24th is at the RSL

Monday 26th is at Easts

Tuesday 27th is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 28th is at Easts

Saturday 31st is at the RSL

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

The Winds of Change

"The more things change, the more things stay the same"

..... So they say. - We can confidently add to **Benjamin Franklin's** two-fold certainties (1789... "Death and Taxes") that the third inevitability is "Change".

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher born in 544 b.c. said, "*No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man.*"

And so it is for our Bridge Club.

It is part of the human condition that we embrace the comfort of the familiar and that we tend to resist change.

That is normal and it has ever been thus.

Indeed, many of our members had misgivings at the recent introduction of modern scoring methods using bridge mates.

A significant majority of our members have indicated favorably for the starting time of our sessions to be later than as currently, at 12:00 noon.

Having had due regard to some members' concerns, the **STARTING TIME FOR BRIDGE SESSIONS** will be 12:30 pm for all sessions. There will be no "Lunch Break" as such, only a 5-10 minute comfort interval. Playing 27 boards, the finishing time will remain unaltered at 3:40 pm. This small change means that a much better use be made, pre-bridge, of the morning. It makes for a shorter session and, also, a more sensible lunch time (before bridge starts) than the 1:30 p.m. currently.

Tuesday sessions, in effect will be 15 minutes later insofar as the lesson will commence at 12:30 pm with actual play starting at 12:45 pm. These changes will take effect beginning of August and the invitation is extended to all our players to embrace the new regime in a positive, constructive and confident manner.

What lies ahead in September?

The good news is that we have no cancellations for any days in this month

The Month Winners in sessions for the month of July

Ave. of best 3 scores

Mondays: David Woodsmith & Theo Mangos	66.07
Tuesdays: Mikie Calvert & Michael Schachat	61.63
Wednesdays: Jerzy Szyszkowski & Halina Drwecka	66.73
Saturdays: Insufficient tables played	

Improved Ratings in July

	Prior	New	Gain
1. Anita Wall	51.17	52.46	1.29
2. Kamala Valliappan	54.89	55.84	0.95
3. Agatha Kosa	54.49	55.44	0.85

"If winning is not important, then tell me —why keep score? "

Klington crew member from *Star Trek*, Next Generation

THE IMPROVER'S COURSE

Something for everyone ...An "Improvers" course of lessons, suitable for all members, will be available in the 3 weeks commencing Tuesday 10th September, starting at 12:30 pm each day. The cost is \$15 in lieu of the normal \$8 table money and the topics are yet to be announced by Nick.

THE BEGINNER'S COURSE

(conducted by Nick Hughes), will begin on the 15th October. The course comprises four sessions of tuition followed by two supervised practice sessions, all under the watchful eye of Nick. A "First Bridge" book is included at no extra charge. Be sure to tell friends and family.

Changed date for the AGM and the "after-party
Due to the unavailability of the Bondi Room on Wednesday 20th the AGM will now be held on Wednesday 27th November.



A perfect safety play is one that is going to work against any and all card combinations. Here is one that is not well known. A story goes with it. Some 40 plus years ago a young lady played for the first time at New York's Cavendish Club.



Dealer South N/S Vul

- S. A 7
 - H. K 9 3
 - D. J 8 6 2
 - C. A 6 4 3
- S. J 8 6 4 2
 - H. J 7 5
 - D. K
 - C. Q 9 8 5
- S. 10 9 3
 - H. Q 8 6 4
 - D. Q 9 7 5
 - C. J 2
- S. K Q 5
 - H. A 10 2
 - D. A 10 4 3
 - C. K 10 7

She became declarer at 3NT and won the first trick. Then she played the ace of diamonds. The king fell from the West hand and it was a simple matter for the girl to score two diamond tricks and make her contract. That girl later became known as Helen Sobel Smith, the greatest woman player of all time.

A male chauvinist player said: "you were lucky. The correct play would have been to lead a diamond from dummy and put in your ten."

Of course, he was wrong. Her play was sure to produce two diamond tricks for her against any and all diamond combinations.

A couple of months went by, Helen was faced with the same card combination. Again, she played her ace.

Again, she made the two tricks she was sure to make and the male chauvinist said, "You will never learn ..."

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In Australia, every horse has its birthday on the first day of August each year - known as the horses' birthday. And while it might not be their exact birth day, the date of August 1 allows standardisation in horse events, like racing, and is linked to the breeding season of horses.



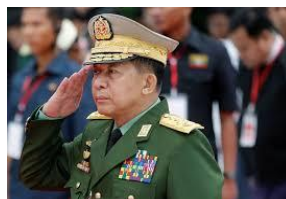
CHRISTMAS IN

JULY was celebrated on 24th July with much conviviality. It was pleasing to see many of the Tuesday players turning up to share the occasion.



"If I could play with the animals"

A warm welcome back to Allen and Jacqui from their three weeks in Africa. There were animals a'plenty and rumour has it that Allen played a few hands of bridge while there. Allen played well and there were no cheetahs at the table.



Three privates and a general sat down to play bridge. The auction proceeded:
1st private: 1NT
2nd private: pass
3rd private: 3NT
General: 1c .. Pass pass pass!



THE SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

16-24th October, 2019

Venue: Level 2, Canterbury Park Racecourse, 96 King Street, Ashbury

There are events at all levels, including the "Novice Pairs" (less than 100 Masterpoints) and the Super Novice prize for a less than 50 Masterpoint winner in the Penline Match Point Pairs.

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Good luck to those of our members playing in THE "COFFS COAST GOLD" BRIDGE CONGRESS in August.

For those in need of New Name Badges.

The following are listed for badges to be struck

- GARY Jenner
- JANE Cost-Cretien
- TAMARA Pollak
- DAVID Taitz
- IAN Temby

If your name does not appear, contact Thomas with your details.