



# SEPTEMBER, 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 September

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is at Easts
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> is at the RSL [Supervised](#)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **RED POINTS**
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at Easts [Improvers Class](#)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **RED POINTS**
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> is at Easts
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> is at Easts [Improvers Class](#)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> is at Easts
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> is at the RSL
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> is at the RSL
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL [Improvers Class](#)
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL

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

### And what about October?

All Saturdays **except the 5<sup>th</sup>** (which is **CANCELLED**) are at the RSL - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> are all at the RSL, **but Monday 7<sup>th</sup> is CANCELLED.**

The **OCTOBER BEGINNERS COURSE – STARTS TUESDAY 15TH** Nick Hughes will be conducting the next Beginners' Course of 6 weeks duration, commencing Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, lessons starting at 12:30 pm sharp. The course contains 4 actual lessons, 2 additional supervised sessions and also a "First Book" of bridge. (Spread the word to friends and rels.- At \$40 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 email.

Defender and his partner, on lead against notrump, had the AKQJ10xxxx between their two hands and could not prevent the declarer from taking a trick holding 9x!

	Dummy	
	xx	
West		East
AKQx		J108xx
	Declarer	
	9x	

Declarer is in 3NT and West leads the king. East fearing partner has led from AKxx and that declarer has Qx, plays the jack to deny the queen and prevent partner from leading low next.

When West sees the jack, he thinks partner has J10x and declarer has 9xxx. If this is the case, he must lead low next which he does. When East sees the low card, he thinks that West started with KQ9x and declarer has Ax. If he (East) plays the 10, the suit will be blocked, so he plays low. Voila, declarer takes a trick with the nine.

*The Officers and Committee of Easts Bridge Club extend good wishes to all our members for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

The defenders would not have suffered the above humiliation had they attended the **Improvers' Class.**

### The **OVERALL WINNERS** in sessions for the month of August

Ave. of best 3 scores

Mondays: Pat Walker and Halina Drwecka	59.37
Tuesdays: Lis Moller & Thomas Karsai	63.37
Wednesdays: Halina Drwecka & Jerzy Szyszkowski	64.83
Saturdays: Kitty and Walter Gottlieb	65.43

### Improved Ratings in August

	Prior	New	Gain
1. <b>Mary Hurst</b>	48.06	51.76	3.70
2. <b>Leila Selby</b>	33.99	37.16	3.17
3. <b>Ted Popper</b>	46.92.	49.95.	3.03

*"I thought I had to look incredibly sexy", said the new bride, "But I find out I have to look like a deck of cards."*

**An "Improvers" course of lessons, suitable for all who wish to improve their bridge,** (whether members or non-members of Easts Bridge Club), will be available in the 3 weeks commencing Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 12:30 pm each day. The cost is \$15 in lieu of the normal \$8 table money. **The course will include practice hands and notes on the topics covered.** Topics to be covered include:-

1. Discarding Losers;
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hand play

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General meeting of Easts Bridge Club to be held on Wednesday **27<sup>th</sup> November 2019** at 3:45 pm, immediately after our bridge session.

Please come along, even if you are not playing that day and learn more about how your bridge club operates. **(Refreshments will be served following the meeting.)**

**NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> November...** Nomination forms will be available from the Director's table from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The Nomination form is required to be signed by two financial members (and the nominee) and returned to the Director who will hold them for our Secretary. If you wish to nominate someone but will not be attending at a bridge session, please obtain a Nomination form for that purpose

**Proxy forms are available from Committee Members** for members unable to attend the AGM due to ill health, unavoidable absence or other good reason.

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**, which is expected to finish by 5:00 pm

1. Record of attendance
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of officers and committee
7. Questions
8. Any other business: **(You must provide one week's written notice of any "matter of business" that you wish to raise at the meeting).**



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**Oswald Jacoby** ("Ozzie", "Jake") was one of America's greatest card players in the 20th century. By all accounts, he was a mathematical wizard, someone who could multiply two 5-digit numbers in his head.

Jacoby was born on December 8, 1902 in Brooklyn, NY, and learned whist and poker as a young child. Jacoby was 15 when he lied about his age to enter the Army during World War I. Luckily, he did not see any action. He spent the final two months of the war playing poker and winning over \$2,000.

After the war, Jacoby enrolled in Columbia University as a math major, using his poker winnings as funding. His genius at games became apparent when he beat then-U.S. champion Frank Marshall in a chess match. However, he dropped out of Columbia when he earned his actuary license. At the time, he was the youngest licensed actuary in New York history.

By 1925, Jacoby became a regular at New York's Cavendish Club, gambling for high stakes. And by the age of 28, he quit his job to focus on gaming. This was a rather remarkable endeavour, considering the onset of The Great Depression in 1929. But Jacoby was brilliant at games, and they were his lifelong passion. He was an expert not only in bridge and chess, but in poker, gin rummy, canasta, checkers and backgammon. Ultimately, he wrote books on nearly all of them.

In 1931, Sidney Lenz chose Jacoby to be his partner in the famous Culbertson Match. This pitted Lenz and Jacoby against Ely Culbertson and a variety of other American experts. At the time, the match was dubbed "The Bridge Battle of the Century". However, Lenz and Jacoby did not play well together, and Jacoby penned a gracious letter of withdrawal before the match finished. This setback did not seriously affect his reputation as an expert, though. Jacoby still won both the Vanderbilt and Springold (Asbury Park Trophy) in 1931. He would proceed to win multiple national titles during the 1930s.

On December 7, 1941, Jacoby was playing in a bridge tournament when word came of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Jacoby immediately left the tournament and joined the Navy to work in counterintelligence. When he returned to the U.S., Jacoby played bridge sparingly. In 1950 he re-enlisted for the Korean War to work once more in counterintelligence.

It was in 1958 that Jacoby decided to make a serious push into bridge again. He was far behind in the ACBL masterpoint standings due to his wartime service. However, he made it a goal to overtake [Charles Goren](#) as the #1 masterpoint holder. Playing actively for four straight years, Jacoby finally did so in 1962. Not coincidentally, the ACBL elected him to its Hall of Fame in 1965. It was also in the 1960s that Jacoby duelled the chess world champion Tigran Petrosian at a game of lightning chess. The game was a draw after Petrosian spotted him a knight. Had Jacoby chosen chess rather than bridge for his primary hobby, he certainly would have been one of the world's best.

During his bridge career, Jacoby wrote a nationally syndicated bridge column, "Jacoby on Bridge", for 34 years. He also invented two bidding conventions that are still highly popular today: the [Jacoby 2NT](#) and [Jacoby Transfers](#). His son Jim also became an expert bridge player who would win 16 national titles and 2 world championships. Ozzie was the non-playing captain for both world championships. In later years, father and son would collaborate on the bridge column and several books. Oswald Jacoby died on June 27, 1984 of cancer. He was 81.

## Celebrity Profile Oswald Jacoby

### Oswald Quotes

*"There have always been people better than me at some game, even when I was in my prime. But I am still the best player of all games in the world today. There's no one around who can beat me."*

*"A games expert probably does more for the country than a second vice-president of a bank, whose contribution is turning down loans."*

Desmond Deery of Ireland recounts of a pairs event in which two LOL's ("little old ladies", for the uninitiated, not "laugh out loud") arrived and on the first hand, one of the LOL's opened a 12-14 point 1NT. This was doubled and went down 1400. On the next hand, Desmond opened 1NT, also 12-14 points, and went down by one trick. 50 points.

*"Well, boys,"* smiled one of the opponents, *"that's tit for tat."*  
*"Yes,"* said Desmond. *"But our tats are bigger than your 50's."*

### Save The Date.

September 5<sup>th</sup> is a special bridge game in the City during **Stroke Awareness Week**. \$5 from each player's table money will be donated to the Stroke Recovery Association. There will be great prizes for the winners as well as a raffle with good prizes.



*The change to "12:30 start-time" is working smoothly and players have adapted without undue stress.*

### THE SYDNEY SPRING NATIONALS

**16-24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Having purchased a bridge book, he took it to the author for a signature. **"It's to be a surprise for my wife,"** explained the buyer. **"A surprise?"** asked the smiling expert. **"Yes. She's expecting a car."**

## YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

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### Membership Renewals \*\*\*\*

Forms will be issued to you during September and must be returned with the \$40 membership fee **no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October**. More about the benefits of membership in the October Newsletter.

Nicoleta and Nick were coming in the top 3 in the Coffs Coast Gold Congress until the last round, but, ended up 7th. That's bridge!

Declarer, after watching his opponent strain to catch a glimpse of his hand, turned to the peeker and asked, "How would you play it?"