



OCTOBER, 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 October

Tuesday 1st is **at the RSL Supervised**
 Wednesday 2nd is **at the RSL**
 Saturday 5th is **CANCELLED**
 Monday 7th is **CANCELLED**
 Tuesday 8th is **at the RSL Supervised**
 Wednesday 9th is **at the RSL**
 Saturday 12th is **at the RSL**
 Monday 14th is at Easts
 Tuesday 15th is at Easts **Beginners' Class**
 Wednesday 16th is at Easts
 Saturday 19th is **at the RSL**
 Monday 21st is at Easts - **Red Points**
 Tuesday 22nd is at Easts **Beginners' Class**
 Wednesday 23rd is at Easts- **State Open Pairs Qualifying – Red Points**
 Saturday 26th is **at the RSL**
 Monday 28th is at Easts
 Tuesday 29th is at Easts **Beginners' Class**
 Wednesday 30th is at Easts- **State Open Pairs Qualifying – Red Points**

AND WHAT ABOUT NOVEMBER? Saturday 2nd is **CANCELLED** – all other Saturdays are booked at the RSL- Monday 4th at the RSL; Tuesday 5th is **Melbourne Cup (No Bridge)**; Tuesdays 12th and 19th at the RSL also Wednesdays 13th and 20th

The **OCTOBER BEGINNERS COURSE – STARTS TUESDAY 15TH** Nick Hughes will be conducting the next Beginners' Course of 6 weeks duration, commencing Tuesday 15th 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. (A free game is offered to any member who introduces a "beginner")



Toni Paramore and Roman Naiman receiving their personalized, engraved Trophy Pens, having achieved a "top ten" result in the National Under 100 Masterpoints Novice Pairs, played earlier in the year. The field, Nationwide, exceeded 2,000

We Have Improved! The 3 weeks course conducted by Nick Hughes in September proved to be a resounding success with 12 tables participating in the "Improvers' Course" of lessons. Many players have gained insight into such arcane topics as the making of contracts by discarding losers, Roman Keycard Blackwood (1430) and how to better play in 3rd and 4th seat.

Also in November
 There is the annual horsey business, a.k.a. "The Melbourne Cup" which takes place on Tuesday 2nd November. No bridge that day but parties to celebrate this event are hosted at Wollstonecraft, Sydney Bridge Centre, Grand Slam at Double Bay and also at Kings and Queens.

"The Law of Total tricks is your best friend.
 In competitive auctions it serves as your "fall guy" – if you follow it and you are wrong you can blame The Law. So, vary from The Law sparingly – do so only when you feel strongly and otherwise let it guide you."
Robert S. Todd

The **OVERALL WINNERS** in sessions for the month of September.

Ave. of best 3 scores

Mondays: Helene Friedland & Robert Vadas 58.67
Wednesdays: Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill 60.20

Improved Ratings in Sept.

	Prior	New	Gain
1. Kerry Hill	58.40	59.32	0.92
2. Paul Larby	56.57	57.44	0.87
3. Geoffrey Hill	58.68	59.54.	0.86

*A Warm
 Welcome to
 Shirley Rowen
 who has joined
 the Committee*

A request from your President.

It has come to my notice that incidents of rudeness and lack of consideration are still occurring, (and far too often), at the table. There are two sides to this, as in all things. Accordingly, my earnest request is for all our players to be especially conscious of those little things... tone of voice, slapping cards heavily on the table.. you know what I mean. On the other side, I request our members to be a little less sensitive and not be upset by every little slight.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General meeting of Easts Bridge Club to be held on Wednesday **27th 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 20th November... Nomination forms will be available from the Director's table from the 23rd 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).**



The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000

herewith some interesting facts and observations about "playing cards":

Did you know that the traditional deck of the playing cards are a strikingly coherent form of a calendar? Very intriguing indeed!

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 playing cards in a deck. There are 13 weeks in each season and there are 13 cards in each suit. There are 4 seasons in a year and 4 suits in the deck.

There are 12 months in a year so there are 12 court cards. (those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit.)

The red cards represent Day, while black cards represent the Night.

Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and the Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of 1 + 2 + 3 + ...to 13 = 91.

Multiply this by 4, for the 4 suits, therefore 91 x 4 = 364

Add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365 being the days in a year?

Is this construct a mere coincidence or the sign of great intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in all the names of the cards, e.g., add up the letters in "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King" = 52!

The Spades indicated ploughing or working.

The Hearts indicated love for the crops.

The Diamonds indicated reaping the wealth.

The Clubs indicated protection and growth.

Also, in some card games 2 Jokers are used - indicating the Leap year.

This mathematical perfection is mind-blowing !

"It is well known that in third seat, you must have 13 cards to open the bidding."

"Some people bid three notrump over their partner's three-level suit bids on the theory that it is more dignified to go down in game"

"Partner, every day you play worse than the day before. Today you are playing as if it is tomorrow already."

Since 1st 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.

BADGES

I have the following members listed as requiring a badge:-

- Gary Jenner
- Jane Cost-Chretien
- Tamara Pollack
- David Taitz
- Ian Temby
- Pamela Smith
- Gail Shields
- Ruy De Menezes
- Albert Cuschieri
- Zina Weiss
- Nick Martin
- Sylvia Cohen

Should your name not appear above, it may be due to oversight on my part. Please advise me (Thomas) and a badge will be ordered.



We welcome the return of Nicoleta, following her well-earned holiday in Rumania

Vacancy on the Committee

If you would like to be part of a team to help improve our Club and are prepared to take on some light responsibilities, then please nominate.

"Somebody said 'down one' is good bridge. Making is perhaps better"

"Many people would sooner die than think – and they usually do", lamented British



The Director is the Bridge Player's best friend!

Please call the director, in the event of an infraction having been committed at the table. (Do not be shy or embarrassed, it is part of the game). You might be surprised as to the measures applied by the director, in the process of "Rectification" (You have more rights than you might think!)

Typical infractions are: - a call out of rotation, a card faced out of rotation, an insufficient bid or a revoke.

What you should not do is to "make your own arrangements", no matter what you might think the correct next step to be.

The ABF 2019 Spring Nationals

Where? – Canterbury Racecourse, Canterbury **When?** – 16-24th October

Who can enter? - There are open events for the "Big Boys" (and Girls) and also Restricted Events for those with less than 300 masterpoints as well as Novice Events for those players with less than 100 masterpoints.

How to enter? – On line at <http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/spnot/2019/> or by downloading an entry form from the website and posting same.

Membership Renewals

Forms must be returned with the \$40 membership fee no later than 31st October.

It is good to be a member

- Members' table money is \$8 not \$10
- Affiliation with both State and ABF
- ABF number & Masterpoints
- The services of our Matchmaker
- Receive monthly Newsletters
- Up-dates via emails
- Wine and refreshments at all social functions for our members
- Complimentary fixtures booklet

GNOT - Our representative team (Thomas Karsai, Lizzie Moller, Eva Bloch and Yvonne Abadee) performed with enthusiasm and bravery against a strong field of 33 tables which included no less than 12 professional players. The results were less than spectacular with 2 wins and 5 losses in the Swiss repechage. It was as much a test of endurance as of bridge skill, with 112 boards being played over the two days.

YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

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