



AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

Easts Bridge Club

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

**BRIDGE PLAYERS DO IT
WITH FINESSE**

Bridge in AUGUST 2021

BBO sessions are held Monday and Wednesday, starting at 1p.m. Also Randwick sessions can be joined on each Saturday afternoon and Wednesday evening and our sister club, Wollstonecraft, is running a session on Fridays also at 1p.m. - everyone is welcome.

To join any of these sessions you need a BBO name and registration with the ABF.

You can then register for a chosen session with your partner up to two hours before scheduled commencement. You will need to buy BB\$ (3 US\$ BB\$ per session. (About \$4.50 UAD). Some of this comes back to our club to cover costs.

Further information is on Easts Bridge Club web site, including links to useful guides and videos

VALE - MARCEL STEIN

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Marcel Stein. Marcel was a well liked player from our Supervised Group and was enjoying and improving his game with each session. Many condolences to his wife Daisy,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members of Easts Bridge Club:

As I write this, it has just been announced that our lockdown will continue for another four weeks. It is therefore very uncertain when we will get back to playing bridge at the Easts Club but, as you can see in the Newsletter, there are many opportunities for you to play online and I hope many of you will take up this opportunity.

I know this isolation can be hard for many of our members, particularly those who live alone. Your Committee has therefore been making phone calls to members for a quick chat to see how they are going. Please all keep safe and well until we meet again at the bridge table. TERRY MUNSELL

ON-LINE BRIDGE PLAY

When you want to play at an on-line session as a member of our club but do not have a partner, you can play with a robot (allowed at some sessions) or find a partner at the PARTNERSHIP DESK. Select the session you require from the list of current sessions at Virtual Clubs - ABF - then click on the Partnership desk tag. Enter your name onto the list and wait for someone to invite you to play.. Alternatively, if you see someone you would like to play with who is already at the Partnership Desk, just invite him/her to establish the partnership then wait for the game to begin.

If you have any questions, contact Nicoleta or Allen whose numbers are listed on Page 2 of this Newsletter.

The MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS for JULY are

Pat Walker. From 60.52 to 60.86 (gain 0.34%)

Dianne Mullin From 58.76 to 59.06 (gain 0.30%)



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When partner overcalls

This is the auction we are talking about:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	1S	no	?

Partner has around 9-16 HCP and a decent 5-card suit. South needs to adjust the normal responding guidelines. For one thing, the strength requirements for various actions should be boosted by a few points:

With

76 KJ5 9854 QT43

South should pass a 1S overcall. An overcall shows a bit less than an opening bid so a 1NT response should show a few points more, say 8-11 HCP plus a stopper in opener's suit.

(If you want to use the correct terminology, the responder to an overcall is known as the advancer)

12-14 plus a stopper advances to 2NT. You need 15+ HCP to have a shot at 3NT.

Likewise a raise of the overcall shows a bit more, 8-11 TP for a single raise.

The other change is the status of a change of suit. Normally, when responder bids a new suit opener **must** bid again. It's different opposite an overcall because you are quite unlikely to have a hand that wants to force in a new suit.

A change of suit advance is NON-forcing, showing around 8-11 HCP and a chunky suit. Something like this:

7 KJT653 A4 JT54

Bid 2H, which partner can pass. Game is not likely but you don't want to languish in 1S. Partner will often pass 2H though you'd welcome a raise since game could still be on opposite a maximum with a fit.

If you pick up a strong hand with a long suit, you can jump shift, which is forcing.

2-level overcalls

An overcall at the 2-level shows an opening hand and a good suit. Sure, you can stretch on occasions but advancer should play you for opening values, say 11-16 HCP.

The same principles apply to advancer, with 2NT showing around 10-12 plus a stopper. A **cue bid** shows some hand worth a bid with no clear destination:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1S	2H	no	?

65 Q5 AK76 Q7632

2S suggests this – minors, no spade stopper. It could also be a good raise in hearts – too good to invite via 3H.

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Play against other people or robots at

www.bridgebase.com

Here is a guide to playing on BBO. (Bridge Base Online)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zgSG4nEcZMrUsMy22_5wMSsMcfwmDKETMEXuhsaRZjs

[1zgSG4nEcZMrUsMy22_5wMSsMcfwmDKETMEXuhsaRZjs](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zgSG4nEcZMrUsMy22_5wMSsMcfwmDKETMEXuhsaRZjs)

plus a link to some BBO youtube videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MldFbBdea90&ab_channel=PeterHollands

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyFULWYsVXc&ab_channel=PeterHollands

To play bridge on a computer or tablet

Bridge Baron 29. \$99

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<https://www.bridgeshop.com.au/bridge-baron-software.html>

There are also iPad & Android versions

Or Jack <http://www.jackbridge.com/eindex.htm>