



# NOVEMBER, 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**

### FACE TO FACE BRIDGE FOR NOVEMBER - 1pm Start times

Monday 8th November	Easts
Tuesday 9th November	Easts (Supervised)
Monday 15th November	Easts
Tuesday 16th November	Easts (Supervised)
Monday 22nd November	Easts
Tuesday 23rd November	Easts (Supervised)
Monday 29th November	Easts
Tuesday 30th November	Easts (Supervised)

Until Monday 8th November - All online sessions will be available as during lockdown. Many thanks to Nick and Nicoleta for their kind attention in maintaining these online sessions. Wednesday online bridge will continue until further notice.



Vale **IDA FREIMAN**

*We extend our condolences to the Family and Friends of Ida (Edith) who passed away, aged 96 years on 6th October 2021. She was a treasured Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother and will be fondly remembered.*

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Fellow Members of Easts Bridge Club

We are back!

It is certainly exciting after all these months to be able to say we will be back playing bridge face to face in the Bondi Room of Easts Club. The session times are listed in the newsletter.

As mentioned elsewhere in the letter, you will be required to show your vaccination certificate when you enter the Club or your medical exemption letter. We will also make sure that the correct covid protocols will be in place at the bridge table.

While the Easts Club has been closed, changes have been made to the catering at the Club. Lunch specials are back and there are a number of more reasonably priced meals available. In addition, you can order coffee at the bistro or at the adjoining Artie's Bar and it will be brought to you in the Bondi Room where you will be playing. I encourage you to take advantage of these facilities.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces across the bridge table very soon.

Terry

RUY DE MENEZ

WISHING YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY RUY, AFTER YOUR RECENT FALL. TRUST IT WILL NOT BE TOO LONG BEFORE WE SEE YOU BACK AT THE BRIDGE TABLES



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## BIDDING TIPS FROM NICK

### When an opponent bid your best suit

Usually you pass or bid notrumps, or perhaps raise partner's suit. Almost never double. Take this:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	1♠	?
♠AJT54	♥6	♦Q854 ♣T92

Just pass and hope they go down. Your singleton heart suggests the hand is a mis-fit, in which case it's best to defend. If partner had opened 1♦, then show the fit by raising to 2♦.

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	2♣	?
♠T76	♥K3	♦Q854 ♣KT94

Pass again. 2NT here would show 11-12 points, inviting opener to bid game. You don't have enough for that.

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	3♠	?
♠KQ53	♥J6	♦AQ3 ♣AQT3

Bid 3NT with fingers crossed. You would like more points but that is all they dealt you. Can't pass and double would ask partner to bid a suit, not what you want.

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR FACE TO FACE BRIDGE AT EASTS ***MEMBERS PLEASE BE AWARE:***

New Protocols will apply for entry to the Club. In addition to scanning requirements, you will need to present double Vaccination certificates (or medical exemption) together with your Club card.

Social distancing requirements will remain and masks will still be compulsory as before.

Last but not least - bring those bidding boxes along if you have them stored at home. Nick loves organizing those cards!

## Spotlight on a Committee Member

Tamara Pollak

Tamara commenced playing Bridge with her father in law more than 10 years ago with the condition he "didn't get exasperated" with her. She has been a member of Easts Bridge Club for 10 years and in pre Covid times usually played twice a week.

During the lockdown period she has been kept busy babysitting her three young grandchildren and has managed to catch up on one of her favourite pastimes, - reading. Although she has not been playing bridge online, she has attempted to keep up her skills by following bridge columns.

Tamara joined the club's committee at this year's AGM. Her reason for joining was to give back to the club, as she said "by volunteering you receive more than you give". Many of you will have received a phone call from one of the committee members over the lockdown period to say hi and see how you were faring, this was Tamara's suggestion.

Like all of us, Tamara is looking forward to being able to resume face to face bridge sessions as she not only enjoys the sessions but has made some wonderful friends through bridge.