



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Message April 2022

It has been wonderful to be back playing bridge face to face at Easts over the last month. The table numbers are smaller than pre Covid times but are gradually increasing. For me it has been so pleasing to see how much enjoyment members have had just being able to see one another across the bridge table.

At present we have sessions on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon (supervised) and the new Tuesday evening sessions. We encourage you to attend this new session and mention it to friends who may not be able to attend afternoon sessions. It is very easy to join friends for a meal or drink in the adjoining bar and bistro areas before play.

The committee is in discussion with the management of Easts re resumption of Wednesday afternoon sessions and are hopeful of a positive result.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Helen Van Dam and Shirley Rowan who stepped down from the committee at the recent AGM for their assistance over the years. Welcome to the new committee with a special welcome to the new members Adelia Tchelnokov and Gaby Paroz.

Here's hoping we have an uninterrupted year of face to face bridge

Terry Maunsell



*Helen van Dam
at the AGM.*

*A founding
member
of the bridge club,
many years
on the Committee.*

From the AGM

The AGM was held on 14th March, following the bridge session. 32 financial members were in attendance.

Treasurer Allen Rosenberg reported on the financial difficulties over the past two years. A \$10k deficit in 2020 was followed by an improved \$2k deficit last year. At the moment the club is breaking even.

Nicoleta Giura, the chief bridge director, lamented the decline in membership in this, our 25th year. However, there has been a recent pickup in table numbers and membership has passed 100.



*From the Seniors Expo at Easts
on Sunday 27th March*

Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday 1 - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 - 3.30
(Supervised. Talk at 12.45)

Tuesday 7 - 10 pm

Plus Wednesday **BBO** at 1pm, Red masterpoints. (Held in conjunction with Trumps)

We are currently negotiating with Easts on restarting the Wednesday 1pm game at the club. Stay tuned!



Parking for a game of bridge at Easts used to be an expensive proposition.

You need to set aside four hours for game. The first two hours are free at Westfield but then shell out up to \$25 for the rest. No thanks! Westfield now offers **four hours free parking**, but only for those who are members of **Westfield Plus**, which is **free**. To become a member, you need to download the *Westfield+* app to your phone. (Search via Google Play or Apple Store) Sign up, quote your number plate and you are good to go!

Note that Westfield **used to** offer free parking for everyone after 6pm but now that's only for Westfield Plus members.

Also, **don't go a minute over** four hours. If you do, you get charged the full 4+ hours amount, which is \$60. Ouch!

Your 2022 Committee

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Leading and following

New players quickly learn leading mantras. Most leads are signals for partner, such as "top of a sequence" "top of a doubleton" "MUD" "4th highest". These are useful guidelines whenever you are on lead.

When you are **following suit** to partner's lead, everything changes. As well as playing "third player high" the signalling method changes to "**low = like, high = hate.**"

♠ J 8 6

♠ AK 7 5 3

♠ 10 2

♠ Q 9 4

The contract is 4♥/S. Partner leads the ♠A - showing the king as well - and East plays?

If you were the one leading, you would lead the ♠10 as "top of a doubleton". You partner would then win the ♠A and king, then give you a ruff.

When you are following - not leading - you give your **attitude** to partner's lead. You would like partner to keep playing spades and give you your ruff, therefore you play the ♠2 - "low-like".

♠ J 8 4

♠ AK 7 5 3

♠ 10 6 2

♠ Q 9

This time there is no ruff. You want to tell partner there is no future in spades. You convey this by playing the ♠10 - "high-hate". Partner will know to switch and do so quick smart, to avoid setting up dummy's ♠J for a discard.

March Winners

from average of a pair's best **three** scores

Mondays

David Woodsmith & Theo Mangos 66.1%

Tuesdays

Zina Weiss & Norii Migita 59.6%

Best in Show

(Players with the best five scores)

1st	Theo Mangos	64%
2nd	Toni Paramore	58%
3rd	Bonnie Rix	56%