



# Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

## June 2022

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### President's Message June 2022

It has been great being back playing bridge at Easts and it is particularly pleasing to now have sessions on Wednesdays.



The number of tables at all sessions is less than at pre COVID times but is slowly building up and I hope will continue to rise.

Unfortunately our trial of Tuesday night sessions was not as successful as we had hoped and we have discontinued them but we may consider another trial later in the year.

Congratulations to those who have just completed the bridge lessons with Nick and we look forward to seeing you at the regular duplicate sessions.

All keep well in this cold wintery weather.

*Terry Maunsel*



*Sam Gelber, a Life Member of Easts Bridge Club, passed away aged 97. Week after week, Sam volunteered at the bridge club, setting up tables and helping players to their seats.*

*He was a passionate bridge player, and as a resident of Montefiore Home Randwick continued to play bridge with other residents until his memory faded last year.*



*Charlotte Szatmary turned 100 recently!*

*She hopes to return to bridge at Easts one day soon.*

### Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday 1 - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 - 3.30  
(Supervised. Talk at 12.45)

Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

We have **discontinued** both the Tuesday night game and the Wednesday BBO game.

### Novice Pairs Results (31 May)

- NS 1st Geoffrey & Kerry Hill
- 2nd Lis Moller & Thomas Karsai
- EW 1st Toni Paramore & Ruy de Menezes
- 2nd Richard Thode & Chris Hamam

Corrected scores. (Originally 1st & 2nd each direction were around the other way) Nationwide scores will be available in a few weeks.

### State Mixed Pairs final

Our qualifying event sent Chris Haman and Leah Rona to the State Championship, where they made the seven table final, as did Nick and Nicoleta. Unfortunately, both pairs faded in the final to finish below average.

### May Winners

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

#### Mondays

- 1st Lalitha Gupta Kamala Valliappan 60.7%
- 2nd Eva Last & Albert Tjahja 60.1%

#### Player of the Month

(Individual players with the best **four** scores)

- 1st Chris Hamman 67%
- 2nd Ruy de Menezes 64%



Westfield offers **four hours free parking** to those who are members of **Westfield Plus**, which is **free**. To become a member, you need to download the *Westfield+* app to your phone. Sign up, quoting your number plate.

**Don't** go one minute over four hours. If you do, you might get charged \$60. Ouch!

### Honour cards as signals

"Top of a sequence" is something we learn early on. To the leader it doesn't matter. The idea is to help partner work out what to do:

	Dummy	
	♥ 7 6 5	
Leader		You
♥ Q		♥ A 4 3 2

Partner's lead of the ♥Q shows the jack and denies the king, so you can work out that declarer has that card. It seems a waste but you should play the ♥A on partner's queen. Declarer might win the king next time but that's okay. Partner's ♥J will win the third round.

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There is another reason to play the ♥A on partner's queen - declarer's ♥K might be a singleton. By playing the ace, you ensure that declarer can't make a trick in hearts.

A sequence is two cards next to each other in rank, one of which is an honour. So

	♥ J 3 2	You
♥ 10 9 8 7		♥ K 6 5
	♥ A Q 4	

Partner's ♥10 lead shows the nine. If dummy's jack is played, you should play your king. If you don't, declarer makes all three heart tricks. If you **cover**, partner will win the third round.

However, if declarer plays low from dummy, you should too. Save your king to cover dummy's ♥J next time.

"Bottom of a sequence" applies to the third player, whether winning a trick or trying to force a bigger honour from declarer. Take this:

	♥ 10 6 5	
♥ J 4 3 2		♥ K Q 7
	♥ A 9 8	

When you lead the ♥2, East should play the ♥Q - not the king - to force the ace. West will see that it might be good to keep playing hearts. Let's change things:

	♥ 10 6 5	
♥ J 4 3 2		♥ K 8 7
	♥ A Q 9	

When East plays the ♥K, West knows that South has the queen as well as the ace. Why? Because East would play the ♥Q with K-Q. West will realise there is no future in hearts and try some other suit.



*"I've decided to stop playing 1♣ forcing."*