



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Message July 2022

While we now have three sessions of Bridge at Easts per week, the number of tables is smaller than at pre COVID times. The cold weather and many cases of colds and flu have probably contributed to this as well as many people finally taking the opportunity to travel again. I hope to see the numbers gradually increasing over the next few weeks. I ask you to encourage any people you might know that have not returned as yet to do so.



As you can see in the newsletter the club has a number of competition events over the next couple of months and I hope that there will be good levels of participation.

In the meantime, keep well and warm and remember " Bridge is a test of your skill against your opponents' luck"

Terry Maunsel

State Open Pairs qualifying

Mondays 11 & 18 July. Win red points at **double** the usual rate.

Club Championship

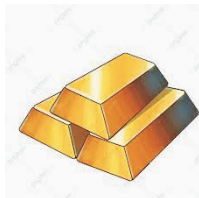
Wednesdays 13, 20 & 27 July. We take your best two out of three scores

GNOT

Win **Gold** masterpoints in the GNOT. **Two Tuesdays 16 & 23 August.**

Time to be decided! (will be either 1pm or 7.30pm)

Enter as a team of four by sending an email to eastsbridge@gmail.com or enter via the **website**.



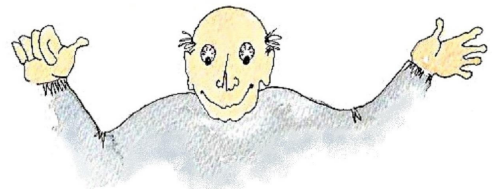
Australia-Wide Pairs

Wednesday 31 August

Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday 1 - 4 pm
 Tuesday 1 - 3.30
 (Supervised. Talk at 12.45)
 Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Audrey's favourite bridge quotes: No. 11



"I favour light opening bids.
 When you're my age, you can never be sure that the bidding will get back around to you again."

Oswald Jacoby at 77

June Winners

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

Monday

1st David Woodsmith & Theo Mangos 59.8%
 2nd Agi Stanley & George Kaponay 58.7%

Tuesday

1st David & Riva Taitz 63.7%
 2nd Morris Rosenberg & Joe Ben Mayor 57.3%

Wednesday

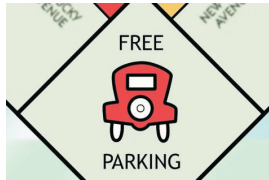
1st Agi Stanley & George Kaponay 61.7%
 2nd Leah Rona & Chris Hamam 60.4%

Player of the Month

(Individual player with the best **five** scores)

1st Chris Hamam 60.1%
 2nd Theo Mangos 60.0%

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.



Plays in the trump suit

Top players know the correct way to play various suit combinations. There are books devoted to these correct plays.

After acquiring that knowledge, you don't have to agonise every time. Take this suit:

♥ ---

♥ A J 10 5 4 3 2

Let's say you open 4♥ with this suit and partner reluctantly passes. When it comes time to play trumps, you may as well start by playing the ace. The defenders play small hearts.

Now what? Do you continue with the ♥J? (or 10) Or do you lead a small one?

What are the odds? It's best to **know**. Just this once, let's work it out. You have to lose two trump tricks. The aim is to avoid losing three.

If each opponent started with three trumps, it doesn't matter what you do. Their trumps will fall in three rounds.

How likely is a 3-3 break? 36%. Every keen player should know that.

48% of the time - so roughly half - the hearts will break 4-2. Like this:

♥ ---

♥ K 9 8 7

♥ Q 6

♥ A J 10 5 4 3 2

This time it **does** matter what you do. If you lead the ♥10 "to force out the queen or king", you cannot gain. The opponents will take three trump tricks - East's queen, and West's K-9, since your jack won't win. No good.

Correct is to lead a **low** one after the ace. After East wins the ♥Q, you use your intact J-10 to force out the king.

What does it all mean? If you play ♥A-J, you will succeed **38%** of the time. If you play ♥A-2, you will succeed **64%** of the time.

Here is a common one:

♥ K 7 6 5

♥ J

♥ A 10 4 3 2

When you play to dummy's ♥K, the ♥J appears from West. Now what?

If that jack is a singleton, you should finesse your ♥10 next.

However, West might have started with ♥QJ, in which case you can play the ace to collect the queen. Decisions.

Finesse the ♥10. That will succeed around **65%** of the time. Playing the ace is **35%**.

Trust me, or google *Restricted Choice*.

Lastly, a grand slam suit:

♥ K Q 9 8

♥ J 10 7 6

♥ ---

♥ A 5 4 3 2

This is a 95% suit if you play it right.

The only problem is an unlikely 4-0 split. If East has all four trumps, you are doomed.

If West has them, you can succeed if you are careful. If you carelessly play the ♥K first, you are down.

To succeed you need to play the ♥A first, then West's ♥J-T are trapped under dummy's K-Q.

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