



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Message August 2022

Greetings from Townsville where I am enjoying the warm sunshine and lovely chamber music for 10 days. It is nice to have a break from the cold wet weather we have experienced over the last couple of months.



It has been good to see people gradually returning to the bridge tables at Easts over the last few weeks .

Elsewhere in the newsletter , you will see the results our Club Championship and the State Open Pairs Qualifying. Congratulations to those club members..

Terry Maunsel

Club Championship

This year's Club Championship was held over three Wednesdays in July. Clear winners were Leigh Foran & Theo Mangos.



State Pairs Qualifying

This was held over two Mondays in July, with the placegetters to be subsidised to represent Easts in the Final, held at the NSWBA on **19-20 November**.

The red masterpoints for our qualifying event won't be awarded until then.

Bridge sessions at Easts

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

GNOT (Grand National Teams)

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**. At this stage we have **one entry**. We need at least four teams to run the event.

Australia-Wide Pairs

Wednesday 31 August. Extra \$2 per player for red points and booklet. A national event.

July Winners

Monday (State Pairs Qualifying)

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| 1st | Pat Walker & Theo Mangos | 61.5% |
| 2nd | Helen van Dam & Bonnie Rix | 55.4% |
| 3rd | Chris Hamam & Leah Rona | 55.0% |

Tuesday

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| 1st | Louise & Morris Rosenberg | 68.4% |
| 2nd | Ross Mewton Heather Proudfoot | 51.5% |

Wednesday (Club Championship)

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| 1st | Leigh Foran & Theo Mangos | 63.8% |
| 2nd | Eddie & Dianne Mullin | 57.5% |
| 3rd | Brenda Braun & Ann Bernfield | 55.3% |

(Scores on the website are for all 3 scores. For the Championship, we took best 2)

Player of the Month

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

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| 1st | Theo Mangos | 61% |
| 2nd | Helen van Dam | 57% |



Bidding boxes

Written bidding is virtually unknown outside Australia and New Zealand. The rest of the world switched to bidding boxes 50 years ago. We made the switch during the early days of Covid. Pens were thought to be a risk, plus the larger tables we used made bidding pads hard to read and impractical.

Here are a few tips

The bidding box stays near the corner of the table, to **your right**, angled at **45 degrees**.

Left-handers like me (Nick) can have issues. I bid right-handed but play the cards left-handed.

Making a pass is easy. Grab the green PASS card and place it in front of you, a bit to the left. It will be upside down from your view. It's a simple movement, no twisting the wrist. Same with double (X) and redouble (XX). The |Alert| card is used when your partner makes an artificial bid, such as a transfer.

To make an actual bid, place your **thumb** over the bid you want, with your fingers **at the back of the whole pile, pointing down**.

*This technique is **much better** than reaching in to grab just the bid you want. If you do that, you will find it very hard to put all your bids back in the right place.*

With the recommended technique, you end up holding your chosen bid plus all the ones behind it. Place that pile in front of you, making sure to overlap - but not obscure - earlier bids.

Normal is to put your bids away when the bidding finishes. However, somebody might request a review of the auction, so be prepared to leave them out.

Put the pass and double cards away first, then gather up the rest in a pile and shove them back where they came from, behind the bids that remain in the box.

One further point. Some players like the final bid to be left on the table during play. That's okay but not required by Law.

Bridgemates

If you are the one entering scores, then

If you are **on lead**, make your lead **before** entering data in the bridgemate.

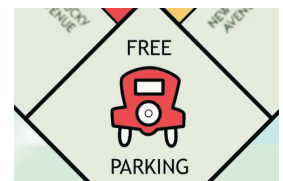
Likewise, if you are **dummy**, put dummy down before entering anything.

Having said that, try to have **contract and lead entered during the first trick**. Don't wait till the end of the play.

Best of **South** scores. No matter who scores, always pass the unit to **East** (not West) for checking. East checks then presses (accept) to see percentage, then scores at other tables.

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.



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