



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Message September 2022

It has been good to see many people returning to the bridge table over the last few weeks. The numbers will continue to increase as many members have been taking the opportunity to travel again and are now returning.



On Tuesday October 11th, we will be commencing a Beginners Course. please encourage friends/ family who wish to learn bridge to come along.

The more people who attend the course, the more chance we have of getting new club members.

Finally advance notice that sessions on Wednesday 21st Sept and Tuesday 27th Sept have been cancelled as the room is not available. Regards

Terry Maunsel



Kerry and Geoff

33rd out of 1500 with 65% Australia-wide

To see Australia-wide results in detail, go to www.australianbridge.com/2022AWOP.php

Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday 1 - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 - 3.30
(Supervised. Talk at 12.45)

Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Cancelled sessions

Wednesday 21 September

Tuesday 27 September

Next Beginner Classes

start Tuesday 11 October

August Winners

Monday

1st Eva Last & Albert Tjahja 67.6%
2nd Helen van Dam & Bonnie Rix 60.6%

Tuesday

1st David & Riva Taitz 64.4%
2nd Zina Weiss & Norii Migita 62.2%

Wednesday

1st Matthew Lynch & Toni Paramore 64.5%
2nd Leah Rona & Chris Hammam 56.8%

Player of the Month

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

1st Theo Mangos 65%
2nd Helen van Dam 63%
3rd Matthew Lynch 62%

Australia-wide Pairs (local results)

NS Geoffrey and Kerry Hil 68.3%
EW Jeannine Devereaux & Pat Walker 60.4%

Geoff and Kerry scored 65% nation-wide to come about 33rd out of 1500.

Fits come in Pairs

Consider this auction ...

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	no	4♥	?

As South, you have a good hand and wonder whether you should get involved, despite the high level.

This is your hand:

♠ K1054 ♥ 7 ♦ AKQ102 ♣ A62

It's a shame to pass with 16 points but partner doesn't have much. It could be expensive if you side doesn't have a fit.

Do you have a fit? Yes. East's jump to game usually shows a shapely hand with four or five trumps. If that is the case, your side is **guaranteed** to have a fit somewhere. All you have to do is find it.

The correct call is double. Even though this is a double of a game contract, it is still a **takeout** double.

Whenever your opponents bid and raise a suit, double by you should be for takeout.

This was the full hand:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	no	4♥	dbl
no	4♠	end	

East did well to bid 4♥ because that contract makes 10 tricks. When South risks a double, North should bid 4♠.

How will that go? If your partner finesses the opening bidder for the ♠Q, 4♠ will make 10 tricks. Even if partner loses a trump trick, -100 will be better than allowing them to make 4♥.

Overcalling for the lead

When the opponents find a fit, they usually like to bid more to compete. You can often get away with a flimsy overcall to get the best lead.

Remember, when they have a fit, so do you. Nothing much can go wrong ...

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	no	3♥	?

♠ 54 ♥ 74 ♦ KQ10543 ♣ A62

Look, you are not going to make 5♦ but it could be a good sacrifice. So one way bidding 4♦ can gain is by getting you to -300 in 5♦x, rather than -420 against 4♥.

More often, you gain by getting partner off to the right lead against 4♥. A diamond lead is sure to be good, while a black suit lead from partner is quite likely to give up a trick.

It could be the difference between +50 or -420. Just as importantly, a diamond lead might save an overtrick. -420 will be fine if most East-Wests are making 11 tricks.

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