



# Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

## October 2022

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VALE

Valerie  
MacDonald

Valerie passed away peacefully last month, aged 92. She is survived by her husband and bridge partner, Alistair. They had 62 wonderful years together.

Valerie was a keen bridge player but always friendly and considerate to her opponents. She played for many years at Easts Bridge Club and also at Potts Point Bridge Club.

She joined the bridge club committee and was treasurer for a number of years. Three weeks before her death, Valerie was still enjoying playing bridge at Montefiore Woollahra.

Condolences to Alistair and their two children, Fiona and Duncan.

*Allen Rosenberg*

### GNOT

The team of Pat Walker - Lalitha Gupta, Chris Hamam - Leah Rona represented Easts in the Metropolitan final of the GNOT. They had some early success, including a narrow win over a team that included Theo and Leigh!

### Jewish Holidays in October

|       |                 |           |
|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| 5th   | Yom Kippur      | Wednesday |
| 10-11 | Sukkot          | Mon - Tue |
| 17th  | Shemini Atzeret | Monday    |
| 18th  | Simchat Torah   | Tuesday   |

### Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday 1 - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 - 3.30  
(Supervised. Talk at 12.45)

Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

### Cancelled sessions

Tuesday 6th November is Melbourne Cup. We might still run a session. Stay tuned.

### Next Beginner Classes

start Tuesday 11 October, 1pm

Ask your friends to ring Nicoleta or Nick if they would like to join in. Four weeks plus two practice sessions.

### September Winners

(Two cancelled sessions affected these results)

#### Monday

|     |                              |       |
|-----|------------------------------|-------|
| 1st | Agi Stanley & George Kaponay | 59.7% |
| 2nd | Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill   | 55.1% |

#### Tuesday

|     |                            |       |
|-----|----------------------------|-------|
| 1st | Lis Moller & Thomas Karsai | 65.2% |
| 2nd | David Taitz & Riva Taitz   | 62.6% |

#### Wednesday

|     |                               |       |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1st | Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill    | 61.3% |
| 2nd | Margit Short & Ruy de Menezes | 56.1% |

### Player of the Month

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

|     |               |     |
|-----|---------------|-----|
| 1st | Theo Mangos   | 62% |
| 2=  | Lis Moller    | 61% |
| 2=  | Thomas Karsai | 61% |

## Responding to 1NT

These days, most play a 15-17 1NT, which may have a 5-card major, though some stick with the older "wide-range" 15-18, or even the older still 16-18.

The easy responses are the major transfers, so 2♦ for hearts, 2♥ for spades.

Could be zero points, in which case it's better for partner's strong hand to be declarer.

Invitational hands can transfer then follow up with 2NT on a balanced 8-9 points, or three of the major with six of them.

To transfer then bid a new suit at the 3-level is forcing to game.

♠ 65 ♥ KJ653 ♦ A742 ♣ 102

This hand transfers to hearts, then invites with 2NT. The hand is not strong enough to show the diamonds. 3♦ would be game-forcing.

If the ♦2 were a small heart, the rebid would be 3♥, showing six of them.

What is a 2♠ response to 1NT? Not spades! That would be pointless. If your partner agrees, you can use a 2♠ response as a transfer to **clubs**.

2♣ is "simple" Stayman, where the only responses are 2♦/♥/♠, with 2♦ denying a 4-card major.

Stayman is usually 8+ points but could be a weak, shapely hand looking to escape from 1NT:

♠ K1043 ♥ Q54 ♦ J8754 ♣ 6

Bid 2♣ Stayman, then pass opener's rebid. That rates to find a better spot than 1NT.

The usual way to ask for aces after a 1NT is 4♣ Gerber, not 4NT, which is best played as a natural invitation to slam. for instance:

♠ A1094 ♥ AK6 ♦ AQ32 ♣ 82

After partner opens 1NT, you start with Stayman 2♣. If partner bids 2♠, you can just bid 6♠. The points are there with the fit.

If partner rebids 2♦ or 2♥, what then? 15+17 = 32. The answer is to bid 4NT as a natural invitation to 6NT.

## Advanced extras

If you agree with the idea of using 2♠ as a transfer to clubs, what do you do if you want to show long diamonds?

Here is where it gets a bit murky. Rather than using 3♣ to show diamonds, the expert method is to use 2NT as a transfer to diamonds. That means giving up 2NT as an invitational raise, so you have to do something else with that hand. What?

Well, you could start with 2♣ Stayman, then bid 2NT to say you weren't looking for a major after all, just showing 8-9 balanced.

Another idea is to use a 2♠ response as either clubs or a raise to 2NT. That way, a hand that bids 2♣ Stayman will always have a four-card major.

3♣ is now free for another purpose. Common in the expert world is to use it as "5-card Stayman". After all, if you allow a 1NT with a 5-card major, it would be good to have a sure fire way to find a 5-3 major fit.

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