



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's message

It has been wonderful to see the increasing number of people returning to the bridge table over the last few weeks. We also have an enthusiastic group who are now halfway through their Beginners' Course and I hope to see many of them joining the regular sessions before too long.

We will be having a celebration of our 25th Birthday on **Wednesday November 30th** at 4pm at the conclusion of the bridge session. We hope you can come along and join your fellow players in commemorating this milestone. I think after the difficulties we all have endured over the last couple of years, we certainly deserve some festivity. If you have any photos of the club (either sessions or events), we would love you to bring them along to a session before this date so we can scan and show a presentation at the party.

Also mark your diaries for **December 14th**. **Maurice Steinfeld** who is known to most of us will be celebrating his 100th birthday on that day and we will be having another party.

At the last meeting of your committee, the decision was made to increase the annual membership for the first time in a number of years. The new fee will be **\$50** and forms will be available at sessions from November 7th.

Terry Maunsell

Nefesh Bridge evening

Sunday 27 November at 54 Roscoe St, Bondi
Drinks at 6.30, play from 7-10 including a light supper. \$45 per person. Go to nefesh.org.au/bridge to book, or ring Allen on 0408 628 233

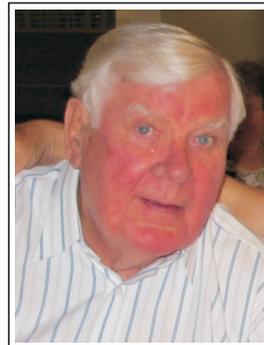
In October, Nicoleta and Nick played in the Spring Nationals at Canterbury Racecourse, without success. A team with **Theo Mangos** made the semi-finals of the Senior Teams and a team with **Chris Haman** won the Novice Teams.

Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday 1 - 4 pm

Tuesday 1 - 3.30
(Supervised. Talk at 12.45)

Wednesday 1 - 4 pm
(25th birthday party on 30 Nov, 4pm)
(Maurice's 100th on 14 Dec)



Michael Schmaedicke

who died in September, aged 83, was a fine player, though a bit irascible!

October Winners

Monday

1st Eva Last & Albert Tjahja 66.27%
2nd Leah Rona & Chris Hamam 59.17%

Wednesday

1st Agi Stanley & George Kaponay 57.03%
2nd Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill 55.50%

Player of the Month

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

1= Eva Last 61%
1= Albert Tjahja 61%

Starting next month, we will reintroduce free game tickets for the monthly winners.

Starting this month, the top scorers in sessions of 10+ tables will receive free game tickets. (Top North-South **OR** top East-West)

Weak Twos and responses

We all know what a weak two opening looks like. A good 6-card suit, shape to too freaky, 6-10 points:

♠ 5 4 ♥ KQ10543 ♦ A54 ♣ 75

Perfect for 2♥. However

♠ AQ43 ♥ J86543 ♦ J43 ♣ —

Poor suit, four cards in the other major, plus a void. All these are serious flaws, so you should pass.

The bad suit is the worst thing. If partner has nothing much and the opponents double you, you could easily lose four trump tricks. Also, if the opponents win the contract, your partner might lead the ♥K from a doubleton, which will give up a few tricks.

The void is also bad. It means that your hand could go better with one of the other two suits as trumps but partner won't have room to find out. Partner might have

♠ K1062 ♥ 9 ♦ KQ962 ♣ A63

Partner will pass a 2♥ opening with that. 2♥ might make, but so will 4♠ or 5♦.

Should responder bid 2NT with 12 points and guards in the unbid suits?

No. Responder needs at least 15 points to think about game opposite 6-10. In fact, most people use a 2NT response as a forcing enquiry, not an offer to play notrumps. Like this:

♠ K1062 ♥ A63 ♦ KQ962 ♣ 9

This hand is worth 15 TP with hearts as trumps. That's enough to invite game. 2NT is the bid. It does **not** say that you want to play notrumps. It asks opener a question "How good is your hand?" There are fancy ways to respond but normal is to repeat the opened suit to show a minimum. Any other bid shows a maximum.

Why doesn't responder just bid 3♥ to invite game? That would be fine if a raise to 3♥ were invitational but it's **not**.

Raising a preempt tells opener to **pass**. It is simply "adding to the preempt", hoping to cause problems for the opponents. Like this:

WEST	EAST	EAST'S HAND
2♥	?	♠ A 6
		♥ K 10 5
		♦ Q J 7 5 4
		♣ 9 6 3

Can you make 4♥? No way. Should you pass? No way. If you just pass, the fourth player will get involved, perhaps with a 2♠ overcall or a takeout double. They can make heaps, maybe even 4♠. A pre-emptive raise to 3♥ might shut them out.

2♥	?	♠ A 6
		♥ K 10 5 4
		♦ J 10 7 5 4
		♣ 9 6

You should bid 4♥! You **know** that they can make 4♠ for +420. If they double you in 4♥, partner is likely to make eight tricks for -300. (Okay, you might bid just 3♥ if you are **vulnerable** and they are **not vulnerable**)

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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