



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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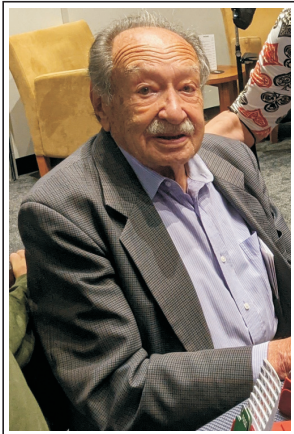
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President's message

It has been pleasing to see the number of people returning to the bridge table. There are some new faces as well which is important for the Club.

Unfortunately as we lead into the holiday season, the Bondi Room has been required for some "paying " functions so we have had to cancel or reduce the length of some sessions. Our apologies for this but it cannot be avoided. We had to postpone our 25th birthday celebration and this will now take place in 2023.



Maurice Steinfeld

We celebrated the 100th birthday of our member **Maurice Steinfeld** after the bridge session on Wednesday December 14th. Many of us were there to celebrate this momentous occasion with him.

Terry Maunsell

The day before Maurice's birthday we had two more member birthdays - **Bella Katz and Lis Moller**.

For Bella's birthday, friends and family brought a large array of cakes and treats for the Tuesday players. While this was much appreciated, the Leagues Club would prefer that arrangements were made through them, so they could be involved with the food and drinks, as required by law. (For Maurice's birthday, the Leagues club arranged cake and pizza)

One more thing. We have access to the Bondi room from **12 noon** on our bridge days. Prior to that, the room is **closed**. If you arrive early, please take a seat in Arties Bar until our room becomes available.

Bridge sessions at Easts

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

Monday 26 December cancelled

Apart from that, we are open throughout Christmas and New Year.

Membership

\$50 for membership of Easts Bridge Club is due by the end of the year. The \$50 pays your *Capitation Fee* with the ABF and NSWBA.

Forms are available at the club and have also been emailed to current members.

You can pay by cash at the club, or EFT, or by sending us a cheque.

November Winners

We have reintroduced **free game** tickets for the monthly winners. (From the average of a pair's best **three** scores)

Monday

1st	Leah Rona & Chris Hamam	60.1%
2nd	Eva Last & Albert Tjahja	59.3%

Wednesday

1st	Heather Jessurun & Tamara Pollak	57.4%
2nd	Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill	55.1%

Player of the Month

Individual player with the best **five** scores, provided they play with more than one partner

1st	Theo Mangos	58%
2nd	Pat Walker	57%

Also, the top pair in sessions of 10+ tables will receive free game tickets.

(Top North-South **OR** top East-West)

Major suit raises

It's so good when your partner opens a major and finds you with support. How do you take advantage of this lucky turn of events?

Beginners learn this:

1♥	2♥	6-10 TP, 3+♥s
	3♥	10-12 TP
	4♥	13+ TP

With 10 TP you can go either way. A good idea is to bid 3♥ with 10 TP and four-card support.

First problem with this is that 13+ for 4♥. Players soon found a better use for a jump to game, as a weak, shapely raise:

1♥	?	♠ 3
		♥ K 10 6 5 3
		♦ A 7 4 3
		♣ 6 5 3

This is worth 3♥. 7 HCP +3 for the singleton makes a fine 3♥ bid. Players came to realise that it was better to bid 4♥ on a hand like this – five trumps and shapely, often with a singleton. This is why:

♠ A 4 2	1♥	4♥	♠ 3
♥ A Q 9 8 7			♥ K 10 6 5 3
♦ J 10 8			♦ A 7 4 3
♣ 7 2			♣ 6 5 3

West will make 4♥ unless there are two diamonds to lose. What's more, if East bids just 3♥, West will pass.

Even if 4♥ fails, it will be in a good cause because the opponents will then be able to make 4♠. Heads you win, tails you break even.

Given that it's right to jump to game with a weakish, shapely hand, what should responder do with this:

♠ A 6	♥ K Q 5 4	♦ Q 10 3	♣ K 10 4 3
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If you also bid 4♥ with this, you might miss a slam. You have 15 TP, partner might have 18 TP, enough for slam.

Wouldn't partner try for slam with that strength? No. Partner would pass, thinking you probably had the weak shapely hand from earlier on.

So don't bid 4♥. Bid something else, maybe 2♣. When you follow that up with a jump to 4♥,

partner will realise you have a full value raise to game. These is something else you can try.

Jacoby 2NT

What does 2NT show in response to 1♥ or 1♠? Simple is to have it as 11-12 balanced but those hands can start with a change of suit, planning 2NT next time.

Many tournament players use this 2NT response to show good support for partner's major and enough for game, the **Jacoby 2NT**.

Opposite a Jacoby 2NT, opener can sign off in game or bid a new suit to show a **singleton** there. That will help responder work out well the hands fit, for slam purposes. Speaking of singletons ...

Splinters

Some players use **double jump shifts** to show support plus a singleton in the suit you bid.

1♥ - 3♠/4♣/4♦ and 1♠ - 4♣/4♦/4♥.

Fancy stuff and a bit error-prone.

But worth it if you both remember.

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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