



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's message

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable time over the summer holiday period. It has been great to see some sunshine after all the rain we had in 2022.

It has been great to see so many people back at the bridge tables despite it being traditional holiday time. There are many faces we had not seen since the start of the Easts Club renovations and the pandemic. I hope to see even more returning.

It has been membership renewal time and I am pleased to say we have had more than 100 people renew already and give a gentle reminder to you who haven't.

Our **AGM** is set for **Monday March 13th** and the relevant notices will be sent out shortly. Please come along and see how your club is faring and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Terry Maunsell

Membership

\$50 for membership of Easts Bridge Club is **overdue**. 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.

Next Beginner classes

Six Tuesdays (4 lessons + 2 practice) at 1pm, starting **Tuesday 7th March**.

\$50 for Seniors includes the textbook plus bridge club membership till the end of the year.

Ask your friends to contact Nicoleta on 0414 876 175 or email

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Bridge sessions at Easts

Monday	1 - 4 pm
Tuesday	1 - 3.40 (Talk at 12.45)
Wednesday	1 - 4 pm

Possible cancelled sessions

Easts is unavailable on **Monday 27 Feb**, **Tuesday 28 Feb**, **Wednesday 1 Mar**. We are looking at alternative venues for those three days.

January Winners

Free game tickets for the monthly winners. (From a pair's best **three** scores)

Monday

1st	Eva Last & Albert Tjahja	63.30 %
2nd	Leah Rona & Chris Hamam	60.37 %

Wednesday

1st	Agi Stanley & George Kaponay	61.83 %
2nd	Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill	60.33 %

Player of the Month

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

1st	Leah RONA	294.5	59 %
2nd	Theo MANGOS	292.8	59 %

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

Top masterpoint earners at Easts in 2022

1	Theo MANGOS	11.84
2	Chris HAMAM	10.00
3	Leah RONA	8.60
4	Eva LAST	8.08
5	Toni PARAMORE	8.00
6	Agi STANLEY	7.86
7	Geoffrey HILL	7.08
8	Albert TJAHJA	7.04
9	Georg KAPONAY	6.98
10	Kerry HILL	6.84

Laws and manners

Here are some good habits to ensure everyone has an enjoyable bridge session.

- Make sure your mobile phone is on silent, or preferably turned off.
- North-South should check that you are playing the **right boards - in order - against the correct opponents**.
- South is responsible for entering the score on the bridgemates. (This task can be delegated to North) **East** checks the score, presses [accept] then [OK] will allow you to see scores from other tables. After that, pass the bridgemate back to South, so they can see as well.
- When you arrive at the table, please greet your opponents, or introduce yourselves. Please especially make newer players feel welcome.
- Once your opponents arrive, do not carry on a discussion about the previous round!
- The board in play must remain on the table during the bidding and play. During the play, **don't** rotate the board 90 degrees.
- Try to bid "in tempo": neither excessively slowly nor quickly. Think about what you are going to bid before you reach for the bidding box. So don't fiddle with your bidding box while you are thinking about your bid.
- Do not comment on any bid or speak unless necessary during the auction. If you want to know what an opponent's bid means, you can ask the partner, but only at **your turn to bid**. It is often better to save any questions until the end of the auction.
- If your partner fails to alert or announce your bid, do not say anything! **After the auction has finished**, if you are declarer or dummy, tell the opponents before they lead. (If you end up as a defender, tell the opponents at the end of the **play**)
- After the last bid has been made, **leave the bids out** until the opening lead has been made.
- Make your opening lead (or table dummy) without pausing to record the contract, on your scorecard or **on the bridgemate**.
- After the lead has been made, put away the bids. Some people like to leave out the final bid, as a reminder of the contract. Strictly speaking this is contrary to the Laws but it is allowed in many clubs.
- At the end of a trick - if your card is still face up - you can ask your opponents to turn theirs up.

Once you have turned yours face down, you can no longer make that request.

- If you think your partner has revoked to the current trick, you can ask "No more diamonds?" (Declarer can also ask either defender)
- Never touch another player's cards!
- Dummy should not play a card until declarer asks, even if it's a singleton
- As dummy, be careful **not** to point to any particular suit or card. "Sit on your hands"
- Making a claim. It is considered good practice to claim, once the outcome is clear. State your line of play, such as "Draw the last trump".
- Make sure both sides agree on the number of tricks won before you gather up your cards. If there is a disagreement, call the director.
- Do not criticise your partner, or make any comment or suggestions to the opponents. Do not offer advice, unless you are asked for it.
- Once the next round is called, please thank the opponents.
- Please report any examples of rudeness or bad behaviour.
- Be nice, smile... No matter how good or poor you play bridge, you are an Ambassador for the game. You can drive people away or you can make them love it.... We need people.
- Don't give lessons to anyone at the table. If your opponent or partner wants to know what they did wrong or how to better play or bid a hand they will ask.
- Learn not to get offended when a director is called on you. This is part of the game.

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