



Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

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From the 2023 AGM - 13 March

President Terry-Anne Maunsell presented her report at the AGM:

"It is wonderful to be able to hold an AGM in a relatively restriction free atmosphere.

"Last AGM we had resumed Monday and Tuesday sessions albeit with small numbers and were still negotiating with Easts Club re the resumption of Wednesday sessions. Thankfully we were able to resume Wednesday sessions fairly soon after. Over the year the number of tables at each session has slowly been increasing and it has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning.

"Numbers are not yet back to pre Covid levels for a number of reasons including many of our members taking the opportunity to again undertake overseas travel. Our experiment of Tuesday night sessions was not very successful but may be revisited in the coming year.

"Our Beginner's classes have been popular with the latest commencing a week ago with 20+ participants. Some are people who had their previous course curtailed by Covid but most are those who have heard by word of mouth from members or previous students.

"We now have 114 members and our financial situation is recovering after the losses incurred during lockdowns etc. We have been able to resume offering free game tickets to monthly winners and to the top pair (N/S or E/W) when there are 10 or more tables.

"A big occasion during the year was the 100th birthday of **Maurice Steinfeld**. We were honoured to be able to celebrate this big day with Maurice and his family. Many members attended to wish him all the best and enjoy the pizza and drinks we funded with him. There was also a delicious cake supplied by Easts Club who also arranged a photographer to record the occasion. Many thanks to Nicoleta who together with the family arranged a slide show of photographs of Maurice's life.

Bridge sessions at Easts

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

State Mixed Pairs Qualifying

Three **Mondays** - 17, 24 Apr & 1 May
(Red points, best 2 of 3 count)

"I have to thank Cain Price and Brett Crastin from Easts Club for their assistance. While many of you might complain when we have to cancel sessions because of other bookings for the Bondi Room, you have to appreciate the fact that we have use of the room gratis. If we had to pay for the hire of a venue, our fees and table money would be considerably higher.

"Special thanks to Nick for taking over as editor of the Newsletter this past year and to both him and Nicoleta for directing us through many sessions.

"Thank you to the Committee for your support and friendship, it is much appreciated.

Your 2023 Committee

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Special thanks to Paul Larby and Gary Jenner who are stepping down, we look forward to continuing to see you at the table."

Terry Maunsel

Treasurer's Report for AGM

As a sub-club of Easts Leagues Club, the financial year for the bridge club ends on 31st October each year.

At the end of October 2022, the bridge club bank balance was \$16,437 compared to \$11,161 a year earlier. While this is well below our bank balance before the pandemic, it was sufficient to service our members and to conduct small after-bridge events, as well as to award prizes to winners.

Since then, our bank balance has increased to \$24,624, mainly from membership fees, and significant increases in the number of players at each bridge session. Some of this has to be remitted to the Australian Bridge Federation for affiliation fees at the end of March. Also, because of the pandemic, the bridge club executive has prudently managed our expenditure.

Note that prior to the current year, our financial results were impacted by both Coronavirus and the unavailability of Easts Leagues Club. Unfortunately, as I have been overseas for several weeks, I have not had the opportunity to complete detailed accounts, nor a budget for the current year. However, these will be available for members by the end of April.

Allen Rosenberg

Minutes of the 2023 AGM - 13/3/23

24 members in attendance. Apologies from Allen Rosenberg, Leigh Foran, Nola Nettheim. President's & Treasurer's reports tabled, moved, seconded & accepted.

Election of officers and committee

In the Committee, Thomas Karsai and Chris Hamam will replace Gary Jenner and Paul Larby. Others as before.

Use of Bidding Boxes

During the Director's report Nicoleta had expressed her view on bidding boxes. Wendy Cohen had asked for the item to be added to

the agenda and spoke to her reasons for wanting to discontinue the use of bidding boxes. Lively discussion followed. It was pointed out that it was possible to still have some tables using paper bidding while others used the boxes. Motion: To continue the use of bidding boxes. Yes 15 Against 7 (2 abstentions)

Member booklets

A quote has been received to print directories. \$650 for 140 copies. Discussion followed on whether it (a) was possible to just add amendments to the existing directory (b) consent needed to be obtained for provision of information.

Motion: Directory to be printed with information for period July 1 2023 to 30 June 2024. Passed. An email will be sent asking members for consent to have details included.

Awards

President presented the following awards: "Novice"; i.e Members under 5 masterpoints - Winner **Adelia Tchelnokova** was presented with a trophy.

The Club Championship was won by Theo Mangos and Leigh Foran.

Life Membership

The Committee recommended that **Theo Mangos** be awarded Life Membership for his long and extensive contribution to Easts Bridge Club. Unanimous approval.

February Winners

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

Wednesday

1st Helen van Dam & Anita Ezekiel 56.03%
2nd Leah Rona & Chris Hamam 55.53%

Player of the Month

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

1st Paul LARBY 58.3 %
2nd Helen VAN DAM 57.2 %

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