



April 2017
Newsletter

East's Bridge Club

We encourage the game of bridge in an environment where players compete and develop with enjoyment and mutual respect

The April Schedule

Monday 3rd is at Easts
Tuesday 4th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 5th at Easts- **Mixed Pairs**
Saturday 8th –RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 10th is Easts
Tuesday 11th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 12th at Easts – **Mixed Pairs**
Saturday 15th RSL (Bill Johnson)
Monday 17th is at Easts
Tuesday 18th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 19th is at Easts
Saturday 22nd - RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 24th- RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Tuesday 25th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday the 26th is at Easts
Saturday 29^h **CANCELLED**

Improved Ratings in March:-

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Elaine Bogan	48.09	46.70	1.39
Tola Shmerler	50.35	49.07	1.28
Dawne Cox	48.88	47.65	1.23

TEAMS OF THREE

A fun event which may be of interest to our intermediate level players. Three players are joined by a NSW representative player to make up a team of four. Every team member plays some matches with the NSW representative player.

Enter via the NSWBA website

THE AUTUMN CARNIVAL OF BRIDGE AT EASTS

Mixed Pairs, Wednesdays 5th & 12th April

The Bridge for Brain Research event on 3rd May
Club Championships Wednesdays, 10th 17th and 24th in May

GNOT on 5th & 12th June (Not strictly Autumn)

All are Red Points except GNOT which are Gold

THE "WELCOME TO EASTS" ISSUE

As President of Easts Bridge Club, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the 24 graduates of Nick Hughes' lessons in "How to Play Bridge".

A warm welcome is extended to:-

Duran Acikgos, Zubeyde Acikgos, Janice Barnes, Judi Brazier, Jennifer Dowling, Terry Ann Maunsell, Catherine Mulvenna, Robert Mulvenna, Mube Nelbant, Candice Reid, Leila Selby, Fay Brown, Georgia Douglas, Lili Errera, Marie Freyne, Lynne Halprin, Shanti Jegasothy, Nessie Kessie, Karen Luland, Margaret O'Loughlin, Toni Paramore, John Robinson, Robert Sweica and Lorna Zappa.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the bridge table over the coming months and years, practicing and ever improving your newly acquired skills.

"An expert bridge player is a beginner who never gave up" and *"A well-played bridge hand has as much power to thrill and to satisfy as a Beethoven symphony"* .. Hugh Kelsey, prolific Scottish bridge writer.

"If you focus on playing good bridge then good results will come. If you focus on trying to get good results then you won't play good bridge". Robert S. Todd

FOR THE NOVICE (and not so) PLAYERS

THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BRIDGE CLUB, on behalf of the NSW Bridge Association is pleased to host the **NOVICE AND RESTRICTED PAIRS 2017 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS for the novice section)** - (prize money for the first 3 place getters and free entry to the ANC Restricted Butler Pairs in Canberra on 22-23 July, a subsidy from ABF in the form of an airfare to attend plus a per diem allowance.

WHERE AND WHEN? 9:30 am Saturday 29 and Sunday 30th April, 2017 at the Highlands Golf Club, Mittagong.

(Entry fee is \$90 per player, which includes lunch on both days). Red Masterpoints Grade B will be awarded

Pay by direct deposit at time of entry to Southern Highlands Bridge Club Inc BSB062 576 A/c No. 1016 1171 (or cheque to The Hon Treasurer, Southern Highlands Bridge Club Inc, PO Box 1061 BOWRAL NSW 2576 (Please include a note stating the event and the player you are paying for) Entries close 21st April 2017

Organisers - Craig Curry and Tony Lye – information 0410 478 024
Online entry - www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp

"If you get rattled at the bridge table, stop doing all the other things that you do when you are playing and just focus on bridge..." Robert S. Todd

Helen Sobel, probably the greatest woman player of all time, was a chorus girl before taking up bridge. Not forgetting her roots, she used this little play when she was missing an important queen in a slam or grand slam contract playing against two men: she raised her skirt a little above her knees before playing. It never failed that the fellow without the queen would look and the one with the queen was so intent on taking a trick with that card that he didn't. Helen always found the queen. I should caution the ladies that if they are playing against me in a tournament not to pull that one on me. Whether I have the queen or not, I always look.

"The opening lead is our primary advantage as defenders, do not waste it" Robert S. Todd

Technology rules at Easts Bridge

Bridgemates have proven themselves and it is gratifying to see our members taking to this new technology so well. The ultimate decision as to adopting Bridgemates for our club is on the agenda for the next Committee Meeting scheduled for the 12th of this month.

Also on the agenda is the adoption of a "New Look" web-site for our club with many new features. Nicoleta, (bless her little cotton socks), worked long and hard to set this up and you will all be very happy with the result!

"A knowledge of the mechanics will suffice to put a player in a commanding position in the post-mortem. To become a member of the upper crust calls for more, much more. Resilience, imagination, occasional flashes of inspiration, these are the hallmarks of quality. And this transcends the realm of science". Victor Mollo

"Rule 1. when discarding – Do No Harm! (Do not give up a trick trying to signal"
Robert S. Todd

We all have brains (or so I am told).....
It is especially apposite with the age of our members in mind (no pun intended) that we wholeheartedly support the upcoming **Bridge for Brains** event and I would suggest that all members give generously in the envelopes which will be provided. This is not an idle "commercial"...I truly hope that ALL MEMBERS will open their hearts and their wallets.
It may be your brain that will be the beneficiary of this great and ongoing research

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

For those interested and serious about having these lessons. Nick will be giving these lessons on Tuesdays, at 1:00 pm for 3 weeks starting 26th September.

Advise of your interest with Thomas, or the director on the day, and we shall ensure your place will be reserved on the course.

We had an Intermediate Course last year and this one promises to be "a ripper".

"The auction tells you what to lead, your hand has to persuade you otherwise" ...
Benito Garozzo

Rainy days and Tuesdays, always make me want to play bridge!

The supervised sessions, commencing at 1:00 pm are a big hit, so come along and have a stress free, friendly game of a Tuesday

From your President

Much has transpired since I wrote last.

The uncertainty of a Saturday venue has been front of mind but the issue appears to be resolved, for the time being at least, with the RSL being available for most Saturdays.

Bridgemates have been trialed and, behind the scenes, a new web-site has been built.

Thank you for listening better to the announcements and for wearing your badges.

I now ask that you bring your "fixtures booklets" with you to bridge as they contain information that is useful to you.

I congratulate all members for lifting the tone of the room. It can only be of benefit to all and, especially, to those vulnerable new members.

Tell me, tell me..... Members have been exceptional, over the past few months, in making suggestions and providing me with feed-back. I now ask that mistakes or inaccuracies in the booklet be advised.
Also, keep the list of players wishing to participate in the September/October "Improvers' Course" alive and add your name (or confirm that it is noted.)

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