



# JUNE, 2017 NEWSLETTER

## EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

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

### *The June Schedule*

Saturday 3rd – At RSL in Auditorium  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts GNOT - first session, **GOLD POINTS** (also normal duplicate session)  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (Supervised)  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – **CANCELLED**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts - GNOT second session, **GOLD POINTS** (also normal duplicate session)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts (Supervised)  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – **CANCELLED**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (Supervised)  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> is at Easts  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – At RSL in Auditorium  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (Supervised)  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

### Most Improved Ratings in May:-

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Dawne COX	49.76	48.61	1.15
Beverley LULAND	48.27	47.35	0.92
Keith REICHMAN	49.12	48.21	0.91

### The Grand National Open Teams

This event is Australia-wide and is conducted by the ABF. It is the only opportunity for players to earn Gold Materpoints in their local club. It works like this:-

- Australia is divided into regions on a Geographical Basis
- Each region provides a set number of teams to the national Final (total 60)
- Clubs hold heats to qualify teams to a final within their region
- NSW Regional Final will be played at NSWBA on September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>
- The National Final is played on 24<sup>th</sup> November in Tweed Heads

We'll be running a 5- teams qualifying event on Mondays June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (as well as our normal duplicate bridge sessions)

## IN THIS ISSUE WE SALUTE THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION

### THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships, were conducted over three Wednesdays during the month of May. Congrats to the winners, **Halina Drwecka** and **Jerzy Szyszkowski** with their best two sessions aggregating 130.5 The Silver is shared between the pairings of **Pat Walker** and **Alan Cooper & Robert Vadas** and **Paul Larby** (124.1)

Halina & Jerzy ( right)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of **2017 MIXED PAIRS**, Leigh Foran and Theo Mangos (below right) who won comfortably with 135.9 from Jerzy Szyszkowski & Halina Drwecka 119.7 (cumulative 2 sessions). Leigh and Theo represented our club at the State Final at NSWBA on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, qualifying for the final (4<sup>th</sup> out of 33) and came a creditable 9<sup>th</sup> against stiff opposition in a final field



**NSW State Wide Pairs** (No, not the pictured couple) will be run on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at our club. It is a **Red Point** event which is scored across the state. Hands are provided together with a booklet which features brief commentary on each deal for perusal at the completion of the session. The event is then scored across all participating clubs and the overall winners are determined. Cash prizes are presented, as well as gift vouchers from the Bridge Shop and certificates for the winners in each club. Prizes are also awarded in restricted divisions of under 25, under 50 and under 100 masterpoints (as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017)

The tenuous connection of the following story is that I overheard it while playing bridge at Double Bay on Tuesday night.

Ninety two year old gentleman marries a nubile 21 year old. His mates are amazed. "How is it possible?" They ask. "No problem, I **do it** almost every night", was the reply. "I almost did it on Monday night, almost did it on Tuesday night, I almost did it on Wednesday night....."



**Intergalactic  
bridge**

It is **totally unacceptable** for a player to call an opponent "a cheat"- Law 74 covers Conduct and Etiquette and this is a gross infraction. The Director is available to redress any grievance a player may have.

## IT IS THE LAW

It seems timely to quote some of the provisions from the "2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge" which is up-dated every 10 years under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation.

### LAW 9 PROCEDURE FOLLOWING AN IRREGULARITY

#### A Drawing attention to an irregularity

1. Unless prohibited by Law, any player may draw attention to an irregularity during the auction period, whether or not it is his turn to call
2. Unless prohibited by Law, declarer or either defender may draw attention to an irregularity that occurs during the play period.

#### B After attention is Drawn to an Irregularity

1. (a) The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity.  
(b) Any player, including dummy, may summon the Director after attention has been drawn to an irregularity.
2. No player shall take any action until the Director has explained all matters in regard to rectification.

### LAW 10 ASSESSMENT OF RECTIFICATION

#### A Right to Determine Rectification

The Director alone has the right to determine rectification when applicable. Players do not have the right to determine (or waive – see Law 81C5) rectification on their own initiative.

### LAW 81 – THE DIRECTOR

#### A Official Status

The Director is the official representative of the Tournament Organiser.

#### C Director's Duties and Powers

The Director (not the players) has the responsibility for rectifying irregularities and redressing damage.



**Another tense night of  
contract bridge ahead.**

We are fortunate in having professional, experienced Directors and the Committee will fully support the Director should a penalty be imposed because of a breach of ethics.

**Walter Gottlieb**, one of our cherished players, had a fall some 10 days ago but is now recovering in hospital from a successful hip operation. Our thoughts are with you Walter, come back soon to partner Kitty.

**Too bad, pard.**  
That was an  
unlucky grand  
slam. The ace of  
trumps was off  
side.

West Side Story – what the appeals committee would not buy as they ruled for North-South.

**Both Shirley Rowan & Roger Trudeau** (in each case for personal reasons, unrelated to bridge), have resigned from the Committee. We thank them for their service. We welcome **Ted Popper** and **Allen Rosenberg** to the Committee.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF  
LOSERS  
THOSE THAT ALWAYS PULL  
TRUMP AND THOSE THAT  
NEVER PULL TRUMP



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The Bridge Room has been the poorer for Alice's absence in recent times. She is recovering from a fall from horse riding and is back home from hospital. Get well and come back to bridge

### Vale Bernie Schwartz

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Bernie. He was always a pleasure at the bridge table. Our thoughts are with Bernie's family at this time