



AUGUST, 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 August Schedule

Tuesday 1st is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 2nd is at the RSL
Saturday 5th – is at the RSL
Monday 7th – is CANCELLED
Tuesday 8th – is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 9th – is at Easts
Saturday 12th - is at the RSL
Monday 14th is at Easts **RED POINTS**
Tuesday 15th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 16th at Easts
Saturday 19th is at the RSL
Monday 21st is at Easts
Tuesday 22nd is CANCELLED
Wednesday 23rd is at Easts
Saturday 26th is at the RSL
Monday 28th is at Easts
Tuesday 29th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday the 30th is at Easts

Most Improved Ratings in July

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Ruth GLEZERSON	45.26	43.92	1.34
Heather CAMERON	50.32	49.12	1.20
Kamala VALLIAPAN	49.34	48.26	1.08

There is a special morning tea on Monday 7th August (and a game of bridge) at Sydney Bridge Centre, Goulburn Street, in memory of our late member Marion Rice, who died last year aged 107



As our bridge session is cancelled on that date, you might enjoy this event. Details on the NSWBA website

A WARM WELCOME to our new members...

Mary Hurst, Oleg Julebin, Allan Carter and Peggy Sorger

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our Club is not in a dire financial position at present. It is the duty of your President and his Committee to ensure that this does not change, to be ever vigilant and to anticipate trends.

The attendance at all of our sessions are significantly down with table numbers some 4-6 down on the week days and more than that on Saturdays. This is expected to continue or get worse.

It is understandable, with members in many cases over 90 years of age, that illness and death will inevitably decrease our playing numbers. We have been witness to many such sad departures in the recent past.

While we have had some well attended beginners' classes, these players, in the main, do not translate into regular week-day attendees due to a number of factors, these having been alluded to on a regular basis in past issues of this publication. Some of our regular players play at other clubs, in preference to Easts!

Saturdays are played at the RSL where the room hire is onerous and we run these sessions at a substantial financial loss. On some occasions, we are obliged to pay for room hire at the RSL for sessions during the week.

I ask members for their understanding and to appreciate measures your Committee may implement to compensate for the erosion of revenue. Not a "fun message" but necessary.

Thomas

THE BEGINNER'S COURSE conducted by Nick Hughes, will begin on the 17th October. The course comprises four sessions of tuition followed by two supervised practice sessions, all under the watchful eye of Nick. A "First Bridge" book is included at no extra charge. Be sure to tell friends and family.

THE COFFS HARBOUR BRIDGE CONGRESS

starts on 8th of August. Good luck to our members playing at the Congress – **Nick and Nicoleta, Leigh and Theo, and Allen and Albert.**

People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.



A "Special Request from the President" ... Would able bodied players please sit East/West so that they do not have to be asked to move and so the start of the game is not delayed.



Well done, partner!
7NT bid and made.
But you bid it wrong
because you didn't ask
for aces. The book says
you're supposed to
ask for aces.

I knew we had 38 points.
There was no way we
could be missing an ace
or even a king.



Bribery and corruption

For those players in our supervised Tuesday sessions who have not yet played in our other sessions, your 3rd game in any Monday, Wednesday or Saturday game is free.

THE IMPROVER'S COURSE

Nick will be providing tuition to our members for the three weeks, commencing on Tuesday 26th September. Unlike other clubs, your Committee has resolved that you can attend these sessions with only table money as payment.

That President just keeps on requesting

When the newer players come to your table, they will be slow and indecisive. Please be polite and make them welcome.

THE LIST FOR NEW BADGES - IF YOU SHOULD BE ON THE LIST PLEASE LET ME KNOW .. Thomas

ALLAN Carter
ANNA Dbreyzin
BLOSSOM Silver
DAVID Woodsmith
DOROTY Cser
DURAN Acikgos
ELAINE Bogan
GEORGE Szyzskowski
ISOBEL Warden
JENNY Burman
JILL Holmes
KAROLINE Sukiennik
LEILA Selby
LOUISE Rosenberg
MARGIT Short
MARY Hurst
MORRIS Rosenberg

OLEG Julebin
OSCAR Finkelstein
PAMELA Dunsford
PENNY Connor
PETER Cappe
ROBYN Ross
RUTH Finkelstein
RUTH Glezerson
SHANTI Jegasothy
SONIA Den
TONI Paramore
TERRY ANNE Maunsell
WALTER Gottlieb
YVONNE Abadee

Save The Date.

Thursday September 14th is a special bridge game in the City during Stroke Awareness Week, where \$5 from each player's table money will be donated to the Stroke Awareness Association. There will be great prizes for the winners as well as a raffle with good prizes.

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE have been revised, effective 1st August 2017. (They are revised every ten years)

Some of the major changes relate to calls out of rotation (previously lead or call out of turn), comparable calls, lead restrictions and claims.

Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club is having a General Meeting on August 22nd. Our members should support the management and consider casting votes in favour of the Resolutions on the night.

He didn't do it....

The Stayman convention was invented independently by [Jack Marx](#) and by Stayman's regular partner [George Rapée](#). It became associated with his name because it was first published in an article written by Stayman, in [The Bridge World](#) magazine, June 1945. He also gave his name, spelled backward, to the [Namyats](#) convention, which was invented by another regular partner, [Victor Mitchell](#).

Stayman and Rapée, [John Crawford](#) and [Howard Schenken](#), [Charles Goren](#) and [Sidney Silodor](#) won the inaugural [Bermuda Bowl](#) in 1950, representing North America in a 3-way tournament with Great Britain and "Europe". For the next several years the event was a long head-to-head match with a European champion that might be Great Britain; Stayman, Rapée, Crawford, and Schenken won the next two in 1951 and 1953 with different teammates. Stayman also won a score of North American titles.

YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

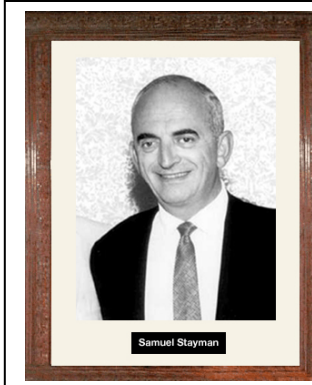
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By the way, "Garbage Stayman" is no reflection on Samuel or on the convention.