



JULY, 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 July Schedule

Saturday 1st – Cancelled
Monday 3rd – is at Easts
Tuesday 4th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 5th is at Easts
Saturday 8th – is at the RSL
Monday 10th – is at Easts
Tuesday 11th – is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 12th – is at Easts
Saturday 15th – is at the RSL
Monday 17th – is at Easts
Tuesday 18th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 19th at Easts **RED POINTS**
Saturday 22nd – is at the RSL
Monday 24th is at Easts **RED POINTS**
Tuesday 25th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 26th is at Easts
Saturday 29th is at the RSL
Monday 31st is at Easts

Most Improved Ratings in June

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Donald Baldry	50.08	49.05	1.03
Sonia Den	49.53	48.64	0.92
Halina Drwecka	58.71	57.83	0.88

Resolved at the recent Committee Meeting that aggressive behavior and other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and several players have been counselled by the Committee because of poor behavior in recent weeks. For those to whom this applies, be on notice that disciplinary action is the next step!

Vale Emery Reed

It is with sadness that we note the passing of one of our Foundation Members, "Imre". Our thoughts are with Emery's family at this time

Vale Tom Baumann

We join with Elly in her grief on the passing of her husband, Tom.

THE BRIDGE CLUB IS HIGHLY REGARDED AND VALUED BY OUR "PARENT" LEAGUES CLUB

Many of our members have expressed dismay and confusion at the erosion in recent times of the availability of venue facilities, (particularly on Saturdays), at our home club, Easts. Occasionally, week-day sessions have had to be cancelled. The word had gotten around our members that we were "no longer wanted" at Easts and that there was some sort of agenda at management level to get rid of the Bridge Club.

As your President, I can assure you that nothing is further from the truth. I have had in-depth discussions with Mr. Rowen Cole the Operations Manager of Easts who assures me that he regrets each and every occasion the Bondi Room becomes unavailable for the playing of bridge. There are occasions when private bookings are accepted and catered for by the Leagues Club at rates which are commercially viable. This has become increasingly important for the financial viability of the Leagues Club. As Rowen put it, "If our doors can't open then this would put an end to the venue for the Bridge Club as well". On some occasions, the room is required for "in house" functions such as "Roosters Dinners" and on these occasions a day is also required for the set up for the function. In the past, alternative rooms were available such as, for example, the Harbour Room. These are now used in conjunction with the functions when the Bondi Room is booked externally.

Saturdays are often required for external functions and are unavailable for that reason. Members have seen the room unused on some Saturdays and, rightly, question why we have not been afforded the use of the room. The reason has to do with staff being not employed by Easts on that day and consequently none available for set up of the room. Our members are not permitted to set the room up due to the risks associated with injury and litigation. The bulk of our members are elderly, infirm and particularly vulnerable. The insurance cover available from the ABF is not accepted as sufficiently mitigating these risks to the Leagues Club.

As against this, we continue to enjoy without charge the use of the Bondi Room (with associated set up by staff), three times a week and the support of Easts in their providing us with the continuous supply of biscuits, tea, coffee, milk and sugar, Styrofoam drinking cups and so forth.

As your representative, I attend the quarterly meetings of the Sports Council of the Easts Group of Clubs, where the affiliated sub-clubs meet with Mr Brien Samphier (Easts Sports Director). I can assure you that vigorous representations are continuously made by me on your behalf and the Bridge Club is given a good hearing and afforded great value and respect.

For your information, the other constituent clubs are the Men's and Women's Hockey clubs, Mixed Indoor Bowls Club, Rostrum Club and the Photographic Club.

Thomas.



"Rules are there for a reason. Don't mastermind or attempt to place the contract early in the auction. Start by trying to follow the rules and describe your hand." Robert S. Todd



THE BEGINNER'S COURSE

This course, which will be conducted by Nick Hughes, will begin on the 17th October. Be sure to tell friends and family.

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.

NSW STATE WIDE PAIRS will be run on August 2nd at our club. It is a **Red Point** event which is scored across the state. Hands are provided on each deal for perusal at the completion of the session. 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 30th June, 2017)

I have recently picked up a book entitled "Death by Contract" by Shirley Presberg I know how she feels!

Manicure Fad for Bridge Players

AND now comes the bridge manicure — the latest bright idea which adds to the fun of the game for bridge addicts! In this fad, to have your nails properly manicured for a bridge game you must have a heart, a diamond, a spade and a club enameled on each finger nail, and a question mark on the thumbnail for no-trumps. The photo at the right shows Miss Martha Zamm of Los Angeles, originator of the fad, with fingers properly decorated for a game. Symbols are repainted in black on the nails.



Miss Martha Zamm, with her finger nails painted with card symbols for bridge.

A cleaning woman was applying for a new position. When asked why she left her last employment, she replied, "Yes, sir, they paid good wages, but it was the most ridiculously undignified place I ever worked. They played a game called Bridge.

Last night a lot of folks were there. As I was about to bring in the refreshments, I heard a man say, "Lay down and let's see what you've got." Another man said, "I've got strength, but no length." Another man says to the lady, "Take your hand off my trick!"

I pretty near dropped dead just then, when the lady answered, "You jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one raise."

Another lady was talking about protecting her honor and two other ladies were talking and one said, "Now it's time for me to play with your husband and you can play with mine."

Well I just got my hat and coat and as I was leaving, I hope to die if one of them didn't say, "Well, I guess we'll go home now. This is the last rubber." 😊

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"2 NT is a convention, not a contract!" Robert S. Todd



Edwin Kantar. A winner of two World Championships and a member of the Bridge Hall of Fame