



OCTOBER, 2017 NEWSLETTER

EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

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

Bridge in October

Monday 2nd is at Easts

Tuesday 3rd at Easts (**Improvers Course**)

Wednesday 4th is at Easts

Saturday 7th - is at the RSL (B. J. Room)

Monday 9th is at Easts

Tuesday 10th at Easts (**Improvers Course**)

Wednesday 11th is at Easts

Saturday 14th is at the RSL (Auditorium)

Monday 16th is at Easts

Tuesday 17th is at Easts (**Beginners Course & Supervised session**)

Wednesday 18th - is at Easts

Saturday 21st at RSL (Aud.) **RED POINTS**

Monday 23rd is at Easts **RED POINTS**

Tuesday 24th is at the RSL (**Beginners Course & Supervised session**)

Wednesday the 25th at Easts **RED POINTS**

Saturday 28th is at the RSL (Auditorium)

Monday 30th is at Easts

Tuesday 31st is at Easts (**Beginners Course & Supervised session**)

Most Improved Ratings in September

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Kamala Valliapan	51.87	50.48	1.39
Irena Feiner	53.01	51.65	1.36
Allan Carter	43.85	42.74	1.11

It couldn't happen at our club...

The director who was called to the table asked, "Did you really call your opponent an ass?"

Reply: "Yes, but on reflection, it was an insufficient call."

BRIDGEMATE "ETIQUETTE"

Why in such bold type? Because it is an essential part of the game!

It is North/South duty to score the results in the machine and then tender to East/West for checking and acceptance. It is then then East/West's responsibility to show the percentage results to all the players at the table before obliterating the percentages in order to see how the hand was played at other tables.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd November.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 3:50 pm, immediately after our bridge session. Please come along, even if you are not playing bridge that day, to learn more about how your bridge club operates

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS must be received by the **8th November....** **Nomination forms** will be available from the director's table from 18th October. The Nomination form needs to be signed by two financial members and returned to the Director who will hold them for Paul Larby, our Secretary. If you wish to nominate someone but will not be attending at a bridge session, please contact the secretary who will send you a nomination form. Refreshments will be available after the meeting as well as vouchers for a drink from the bar. A full **Agenda** for the Annual General Meeting will be distributed with the November Newsletter

Do not be L84AD8

Membership renewals due by 31st October.

Our membership renewal forms are being made available to you and must be returned with the \$40.00 membership fee by the **31st October**. (It is a requirement that you be an Easts Leagues Club member)

Members must be financial to gain the membership benefits of the Easts Bridge Club and the NSWBA

We encourage you to enter Easts' as your HOME club if that is where you play most of your games.

End of Year Xmas Party in early December

This fun-filled afternoon will commence with a celebratory lunch at 12:30 pm, instead of our usual bridge session, on **Monday 11th December**. Lunch and drinks are free for financial members who have played at least six times in the preceding three months.

Application forms for you and your friends **to sit at a table for ten** will be available at the AGM and should be **completed no later than the 4th December**.

You will be asked to nominate your **choice of main course and dessert** on this form.

The Director is the Bridge Player's best friend!

Please call the director, in the event of an infraction having been committed at the table. (Do not be shy or embarrassed, it is part of the game).

You might be surprised as to the remedial provisions applied by the director, in the process of "Rectification"

Typical infractions are: - a call out of rotation, a card faced out of rotation, an insufficient bid or a revoke.

What you should not do is to "make your own arrangements", no matter what you might think the correct next step to be.

"Rectification" as applied by the director is an attempt to restore equity, to prevent an unfair disadvantage and to restore the players to where they would have been, but for the infraction



BUMPER STICKER: Nobody knows the doubles I've seen.

Sydney Spring Nationals



18 - 26 OCTOBER 2017

SPRING NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS
TWO MEN & A TRUCK RESTRICTED TEAMS

DICK CUMMINGS OPEN PAIRS
TED CHADWICK RESTRICTED PAIRS
SPRING NATIONAL NOVICE PAIRS

LINDA STERN WOMEN'S TEAMS
BOBBY EVANS SENIORS' TEAMS

Gold Masterpoints & Playoff Qualifying Points

Venue: Level 2, Canterbury Park Racecourse
96 King St, Ashbury

Chief Tournament Director: Matthew McManus
Tournament Organiser: Mike Prescott (0435 528 872)

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/spono/2017/>

email: sn@abf.com.au

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The "Eating Schedule".

The good (culinary) news is that the Supervised and Beginners contingents will be fed Cheese Platters with Crackers and Fruit following the session on Tuesday 31st October.

For those civic minded members attending the AGM, there will be a sumptuous repast afterwards, both savory and sweet, along the lines of that provided last May. Then, of course, we have our fabled Christmas Lunch on Monday 11th December

A big "Thank You" from the Stroke Recovery Association for those Easts players who played in the fund raising event during Stroke Awareness Week last month, which raised over \$1,000

IT IS THE LAW Law 45 G

"Turning the Trick" – "No Player should turn his card face down until all four players have played to the trick".

Do not give Helen a hard time Free games are only awarded when table numbers are more than 20 and these vouchers are awarded to one pair only



Melbourne Cup

Every year a group of players from Easts join Nicoleta at Wollstonecraft Club for this event. Meet at Bondi Junction. train station at 9:00 am.... There is bridge at 10:00 am till about 1:00 pm, then lunch (\$25/\$30 including a drink), hat parade, sweeps and watching the race. A Fun day

"The Law of Total tricks is your best friend.

In competitive auctions it serves as your "fall guy" – if you follow it and you are wrong you can blame The Law. So, vary from The Law sparingly – do so only when you feel strongly and otherwise let it guide you."

Robert S. Todd

From a Woman's perspective...

Life with Men is like Bridge
You need a heart to love them
A Diamond to marry them;
A Club to beat them
And a Spade to bury them

COMParable calls (Accent on the FIRST syllable, please!)

Comparable calls are introduced in the 2017 reincarnation of the "Laws of Duplicate Bridge" and usually apply when you have made an insufficient bid or a call out of turn. If condoned, nothing changes, play on as usual. If not condoned, you will still be okay and partner will be allowed to bid, if you replace that call with a *comparable* call.

A call is "comparable" if:- (1) it has a similar meaning as the withdrawn call. Or (2) defines a subset of the hands that would make the withdrawn call. Or (3) has the same purpose (like Stayman).

West North East South

(1D) 1H (opened out of turn, dealer being East)

1H – This 1H overcall is NOT a *comparable*

bid. It is not a subset of 1H openings. You can still bid 1H if you wish, but partner will have to pass once.

YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

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Giving a man his physical, a doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey, soccer, or any physical sport?"

"No, I play bridge with my wife

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table