



DECEMBER, 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 December

Saturday 2nd - RSL (Auditorium)
Monday 4th is at Easts
Tuesday 5th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 6th is at Easts
Saturday 9th is CANCELLED
Monday 11th - **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Tuesday 12th is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 13th – is at Easts
Saturday 16st is CANCELLED
Monday 18th is at Easts
Tuesday 19st is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 20th -is at Easts
Saturday 23rd is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 25th – NO BRIDGE
Tuesday 26th – NO BRIDGE
Wednesday 27th is at Easts
Saturday 30th is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)

TEASER FOR JANUARY 2018

Monday 1st is at East
Tuesday 2nd is at Easts (Supervised)
Wednesday 3rd is at Easts
Saturday 6th at RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 7th is at Easts

Most Improved Ratings in November

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Elise KAYE	37.01	36.17	0.84
Ella GROJNOWSKI	37.25	36.53	0.72
Kamala VALLIAPPAN	53.04	52.33	0.71

*The President and Committee wish
for a Merry Christmas, Happy
Chanukah and best wishes to all
our members over the festive season
and for the year ahead*

THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Wednesday the 22nd November immediately after the bridge session.

We were gratified to have Mr. Rowen Cole, (The Operations Manager at Easts) in attendance, along with a sizeable gathering of our membership.

Thomas Karsai remained President. Theo Mangos as Vice President, Paul Larby as Secretary and Valerie MacDonald as Treasurer.

A vote of thanks to Wendy Cohen, resigning after some five years on the Committee, a round of applause, was tendered by the members.

The Committee Members re-elected, were Sam Gelber, Ted Popper, Allen Rosenberg and Helen Van Dam. A happy addition to the Committee is Halina Drwecka who has taken on the role of "Welfare Officer". A warm welcome to Halina!

Prior to the election of Officers and the Committee, the President, addressed the meeting and made some salient points.

1. We continued to run our regular sessions, using the RSL at Bondi Junction when necessary. Although the hire of alternative venues increased our costs and caused inconvenience, it was considered in the best interests of our members to have continuity rather than cancel sessions. Alternative venues for Saturdays and for other occasions were exhaustively explored by Roger Trudeau, and the Committee but, for one reason or another, nothing suitable was found.

2. Early in the year, the "fire safety" procedures (with especial reference to members with disabilities) were put into question and subsequently addressed by the management at Easts and the members were so advised.

2. Our beginners' courses have been well attended and we can confidently expect a "flow on" to the supervised Tuesday sessions and, eventually into mainstream duplicate events. New players have joined our club this year. An "Improvers" course of lessons provided by Nick Hughes were well received.

5 On the negative side, we are experiencing diminishing numbers at our playing sessions, particularly on Saturday and Monday, and decreasing membership overall as our older members do not continue as active bridge players. Sadly, we have lost a number of members who have either passed away or become too infirm to continue. As against this, our Tuesday supervised sessions are proving to be popular with more than six tables, sometimes as many as ten.

6. We have had instances of poor behavior that detract from the enjoyment of the game, particularly for visitors and new players. There is unfortunately a lack of respect by some for other players and also for the directors and officers of the club. The challenge for your Committee is to preserve the delicate balance in understanding, and allowing for human frailty, on the one hand, while at the same time protecting the right to peaceful and quiet enjoyment of playing bridge without disturbance, for the majority of the members.

7. Innovations during 2017 included the purchase and introduction of our very own Bridgemates, the up-grading of our web-site and the printing and distribution of our first ever "Programme" booklet.

8. New Club Brochures were designed and printed, new Condolence Cards printed and also, 500 new "Easts Bridge" pens procured for distribution at the Christmas Party and on other suitable occasions. 200 new decks of cards were purchased.

The meeting was followed by a catered repast consisting of savoury items and sweets accompanied by more liquid refreshments from the bar



Allen helps residents of Montefiore Home learn and play bridge and also organises fund raising bridge events. He received an award for his efforts last month. Spot the well-known politician in the photo.



A warm Welcome to the Graduates of the Class of October, 2017

Marion Berry
Geoffrey Broomhead
Noni Carides
Ivor Cohen
Elizabeth Darecka
Georgia Douglas
Debbie Gray
Tracey Masiello
Patricia McIntosh
Bill Moyes
Molly Moyes
Mube Nalbant
Dianne Nassau
Jane Satterford
Cathy Starrett
Adelia Tchelnokova
Gwyn Young

In 1925 **Harold S. Vanderbilt**, American multi-millionaire and three-time America's Cup winner, changed the course of bridge while on a cruise. He suggested that only tricks bid and made count toward game, with extra tricks counted as bonuses. These revised rules turned auction bridge into contract bridge.

Several years later **Mr. Ely Cuthbertson** wrote a book called the Cuthbertson Summary and Cuthbertson's Blue Book was published and instantly became a best seller. He founded the magazine "The Bridge World", developed bridge principles such as Jump Bids and New-Suit Forcing. When the Hall of Fame was inaugurated in 1964 Mr. Ely Culbertson was the first person to be elected. By this time, his tombstone was nine years old.

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

LAW 25

A. Unintended Call

- 1, If a player discovers that he has not made the call he intended to make, he may, until his partner makes a call, substitute the call he intended to make for the unintended call. ...
2. If the player's original intent was to make the call selected or voiced, that call stands. A change of call may be allowed because of a mechanical error or a slip of the tongue, but not because of a loss of concentration regarding the intent of the action.

For example, player has a fistful of high spades but makes a call of 4H, it is obvious that he intended to make his call in Spades.



Harold S. Vanderbilt



Ely Cuthbertson

In the year 1931 Mr. John S. Bennett was playing bridge in Kansas City, Kansas with his wife as partner against Mr. & Mrs. Hoffmann. The couple had some serious communication problems that day and they were uttering some rude remarks in public about the bidding and playing abilities of each other in derogatory words. Then came the fateful hand when Mrs. Bennett bid a Spade, the Left Hand Opponent overcalled with Two Diamonds, and Mrs. Bennett raised to Four Spades. Mr. Bennett did not fulfill the Contract and Mrs. Bennett could not hold her tongue. She became so enraged that she seemed hysterical. Mr. Bennett reached across the table, slapped her several times, as witnesses reported. Mrs. Bennett went into her mother's bedroom, retrieved the family automatic weapon, returned to the game room and pointed the weapon at her husband. Mr. Bennett raced towards the bathroom and slammed the door behind him. But Mrs. Bennett fired two shots which went through the wooden door, and killed Mr. Bennett. It seems that Mr. Bennett could have made the contract of 4 Spades after all, according to Mr. Ely Cuthbertson, who later analyzed the cards

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A Seasonal Story - A woman

drove to the local grocery store to buy a turkey to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner. She was picking through the frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough for her entire family. So, she asked a stock boy, "Excuse me, do these turkeys get any bigger?" "The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."