



# MARCH, 2018 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 March*

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Easts - **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **Red Points**  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Easts - **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **Red Points**  
 Saturday 17<sup>st</sup> at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Easts- **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> is at the RSL  
 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Easts - **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)

### Most Improved Ratings in February

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Agnes STANLEY	53.81	52.32	1.49
Max KROMP	52.53	51.37	1.16
Hilda HARRIS	46.46	45.32	1.14

### TEASER FOR APRIL, 2018 ...

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is at East  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> is at Easts (Supervised)  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - to be advised

### Vale Oleg Julebin.

It is with great sadness we note the passing of Oleg. He was a true gentleman at the bridge table, always impeccably attired. He will be fondly remembered and missed by our community.

**Name Badges** will presently be prepared for those who do not have them.... Please email Thomas with your name so that you might be included in the next batch.

*Congratulations to all our players who took part in the 57<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Congress, 2018, at the Gold Coast. Pictured are the smiling Winners of the Monday Butler Swiss Pairs 0-500 Championship, Eddie and Dianne Mullin*



### Talk Like a Frog

A 5 year- old girl goes to the hospital with her mother to visit her grandfather. When they get to the hospital, she runs ahead of her mother and bursts into her Grandpa's room. "Grandpa, Grandpa!" she says excitedly, "as soon as my mother comes into the room, talk like a frog!" "Well okay dear, but why?" replied her Grandpa. "Talk like a frog because mommy said that as soon as you croak, we're all going to Disney World!"

### IT IS NOT TOO LATE .....THE NEXT BEGINNERS COURSE

will commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1:00 pm. The Course is run in conjunction with City East Community College and information can be obtained from the Community College or the Bridge Club. Please encourage your family and friends interested in learning bridge to come along to this excellent value course.

*The 2018 "Programme Booklet" has been printed and is available for collection by members at the bridge sessions.*

**The Easts Bridge "Dating Site"**... yes, you are reading it right! We encourage you to find your own partner before calling the matchmaker. "Contact details" of members (with very few exceptions) are to be found in the "Programme Booklet"



## Talking Dog for Sale — A guy sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog for Sale".

He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black mutt just sitting there. "You talk?", he asks. "Sure do", the dog replies. "Sooo, what's your story?"

The dog looks up and says, "well, I discovered my gift of talking pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valued spies eight years running." ... "The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So, I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals.

"Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired"

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. The owner says, "Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Cause he's a liar. He didn't do any of that stuff!"

## THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

### LAW 56

#### DEFENDER'S LEAD OUT OF TURN

When a lead out of turn is faced, declarer may:

- A. Accept the irregular lead as provided in Law 53, or
- B. Require the defender to retract the faced lead out of turn. The withdrawn card becomes a major penalty card and Law 50D applies.

**(Law 50 relates to the Disposition of Major Penalty Card.)**

**Alligator Shoes** — A young blonde was on vacation in the swamps of Louisiana. She really wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes to bring back for her boyfriend but didn't want to pay the high prices the local stores were charging.

After becoming very frustrated with the local shopkeepers, the blonde shouted, "I'll just go out and catch my own alligator, so I can get a pair of shoes at a reasonable price!"

The shopkeeper replied, "Good luck! Maybe you'll luck out and catch yourself a big one!"

Determined, the blonde turned and headed for the swamps, set on catching herself an alligator. Later in the day, the shopkeeper is driving home, and he spots the young woman standing waist deep in the water, rope in hand. Just then, he sees a huge 9 foot alligator swimming quickly towards her. She lunges, wraps herself around the beast and with a great deal of effort hauls it on to the swamp bank. Laying nearby were several more alligators, all tied up.

Completely amazed, the shopkeeper got out of his car and walked towards the young lady.

Just then the blonde flips the alligator on it's back, and frustrated, shouts to the shopkeeper, "Ugh! This one isn't wearing shoes either!"

*We thank Valerie MacDonald for many years of faithful service in her role as the Honorary Treasurer of our Club. She has now retired from that position and it is my great pleasure to welcome Allen Rosenberg, as our next Treasurer. Thank you, Valerie and welcome, Allen!*

## Vacancy on the Committee

If you would like to be part of a team to help improve our Club and are prepared to take on responsibilities, then please apply.

**The Game of Bridge is truly uplifting.** Last Saturday the lifts were not working at the RSL. Allen was on hand to lift seven players, with walking frames, up to the first floor where they enjoyed the afternoon's bridge. (The RSL Staff also helped)

## A Directive from our Committee!

The Director must be informed, should any issues regarding play occur. This includes a player wishing to depart the room before the end of the day's play.

**Think not of what the Bridge Club can do for you but, rather, what you can do for the Bridge Club. This is an opportunity for the giving of service and to experience the satisfaction that comes with voluntary work, being a member of our Committee**

## YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

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**Mixed Pairs** event is being played over two Wednesdays in April. Find a partner now for this **Red Points** event at which you can qualify to play in the State Championship.