



# MAY, 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 May

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at Easts **Bridge for Brains- Red Points**  
 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> is **CANCELLED** (Easts & RSL Unavailable)  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Easts – **Improvers Course** & Supervised Session  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> at Easts - **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS -Red Points**  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> is **CANCELLED** (RSL Unavailable)  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Easts- **Improvers Course** & Supervised Session  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at Easts **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Red Points**  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> is **CANCELLED** (Easts & RSL Unavailable) Tuesday  
 22<sup>nd</sup> at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room) **Improvers Course** &  
 Supervised Session  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Easts - **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS -Red Point**  
 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> is **CANCELLED** (RSL Unavailable)  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> is at Easts.  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> at Easts – **Aust. Wide Novice Pairs -Red Points** &  
 Supervised Session  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

T shirt seen at a bridge congress...

I  transfers

### THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Will be conducted on the Wednesdays of 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. These, unsurprisingly, are **Red Point** events. A **CORNUCOPIA OF FOOD AND WINE** will be served on the last day as a Celebration & there will also be Lucky Draws!



### Most Improved Ratings in April

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Ida FREIMAN	45.24	44.21	1.03
Maurice STEINFELD	46.81	45.87	0.94
Louise ROSENBERG	45.28	44.42	0.86

### TEASER FOR JUNE, 2018 ...

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts **GNOT** (1st session)  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> is at Easts Intermediate & Supervised  
 Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

The Mixed Pairs event was played on Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> in April and we are delighted to be sending two pairs to the NSWBA Final on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September. We wish good luck to **Theo Mangos & Leigh Foran** and also to **Bob Knaggs & Jeannine Devereaux**.

### INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

aka  
 "The Improvers Course"  
 Start at 1:00 pm and will consist of 8 hands to play, illustrating the topics-  
**Week 1.** Strong, shapely hands, Reverses, 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing  
**Week 2.** Notrumps – Stayman & transfers  
**Week 3** Doubles, takeout and negative



**Nick Hughes will be conducting an "Improvers Course" on the Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

This course is designed for players who are keen to learn more. Ideally, they should be playing at least twice a week by now. The cost each day is \$15, payable on the Tuesday or before. *(See bottom left for details)*

### ABF RANK PROMOTIONS

were awarded for the month of March, 2018

Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
<b>Graduate</b>		
Joe Ben Mayor	2.15	Nil
Brenda Cohen	2.10	Nil
Pat Mithieux	2.06	Nil
Aysel Saribatir	2.05	Nil
<b>*Local</b>		
Thomas Karsai	25.19	Local
<b>*Regional</b>		
Jenny Spitzer	100.00	Regional
<b>State</b>		
Ann Bernfield	116.15	*Regional
Helene Friedland	114.45	*Regional

A normal trump fit consists of a combined holding of at least eight trumps in declarer's hand and dummy. But it is well known that lesser holdings sometimes produce an excellent contract. This is especially true of the **four-three trump fit**, known as a "Moysian" fit -



A tribute to the late **Alphonse "Sonny" Moys**



There's **GOLD** in them thar hills! Go prospecting for **GOLD POINTS** by putting a team together and entering in the GNOT event in June. There is a sheet on the notice board where entries can be penciled in.

## THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE LAW 20 – EXPLANATION OF CALLS

During the auction and before the final pass any player may request, at his own turn to call, an explanation of the opponents' auction. He is entitled to know about calls actually made, about relevant alternative calls that were not made, and about inferences from the choice of action where these are matters of partnership understanding. Except on the instructions of the Director replies should be given by the partner of the player who made the call in question.



### Vale - John Stanley

We note with sadness the passing of John, a regular player at our club.  
Our thoughts are with you, Agnes, at this sad time

Yehudi recounts, "I sometimes play with my mom - she is a nice player but a little conservative. We were to play in a sectional, and 5 min before the game starts she asks me how to decide if to bid 7 or just 6. Not to complicate things I told her "Just think about what you know about my hand, what you see in yours and try to count 13 tricks, if you can't we should not be in 7. 6 making will be a good result anyway", and with this we sat down.

My first hand, being dealer, I look at pretty dull ♠xxx, ♥AKxxx, ♦Kx, ♣Qxx and open 1♥. LHO passes, and my mom sinks for at least 2 full minutes coming out with 1♠, RHO passes. I bid 1NT, pass, mom sinks again for 3 minutes, coming out with 6NT, which becomes the final contract. LHO leads, mom proudly puts down:

AKQx  
QJ  
AQJx  
AKx

Unlike the opponents I managed not to comment till the end of the game (very rare for me), thinking that she just miscounted. After the game I asked her

- "Remember that 6NT first hand, how many points you held?"
- "26, it was a VERY nice hand" said mom - now I really wanted to know what happened
- "So, if you hold 26 and i opened, we have 38. Why didn't you bid 7NT?"
- "You said 6 was always a good result"....

That was the only time I scored a 0, on 6NT making 7....and indeed it was my fault :)"

Geoffrey Broomhead has resigned from the Committee.  
We record our appreciation for his input during the time he was in office.

### THE AUSTRALIA-WIDE

**NOVICE PAIRS** .will be held at our Club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. This event features pre-dealt boards scored across the nation, **Red Points** and prizes. Normal table money will apply.

### East's Bridge Club has a Web-Site

Members are encouraged to access this marvel of technology at <http://www.easts.bridge-club.org/> Find the results of recent sessions ..... Many other items of interests, such as news, coming events and a record of past winners are available. Flattering photos of Directors and Executive Committee Members, in the "Who's Who" section, may also be viewed on the site.



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