



# JULY, 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 July

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> at Easts – Supervised  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> is at Easts – Supervised  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at Easts  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - Supervised  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> is at Easts. **RED POINTS**  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at Easts – Supervised  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Xmas in July at Easts  
 Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> is **CANCELLED**  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> is at Easts.  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> is at Easts - Supervised

### "Tuesday" News ..

Last Tuesday saw 10 ½ tables. Top scores were achieved by **Gaby and Barry Paroz** with 67.5%.

As indicated in the box below, more Tuesday players should play on Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays.

### "Easts Bridge" Party Time CHRISTMAS IN JULY



A **sumptuous repast** will be served following our normal bridge session on Wednesday the **25<sup>th</sup> July**. Helen will surprise with prizes during the afternoon, at specified hands and contracts.

### Goulash Hands



*As part of the Party Extravaganza, Nicoleta will have the boards for this event dealt in Goulash Format. More about this fun filled event on the day.*

### What about August, you ask....

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> are at Easts, as is Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, Saturdays at the RSL (**NOT the 4<sup>th</sup>**) but YES on 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

### Most Improved Ratings in June

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Tracey MASIELLO	38.16	35.02	3.14
Toni PARAMORE	46.29	44.85	1.44
Keith REICHMAN	51.02	49.89	1.13

### Tuesdays are becoming the "Star Event" of the week.

These "stars" should shine more often... playing twice a week at Easts will result in a rapid improvement in bidding, card play and a general understanding of the game.



Vale Nelly Pentland

### Grand National Open Teams Results

This **"Gold Point"** event was contested at our Club over three Wednesdays during June.

1<sup>st</sup>. **Team Mangos** with Leigh Foran, Dianne and Eddie Mullin

2<sup>nd</sup> place to **Team Knaggs** with Paul Larby, Pat Walker and Helen Drwecka.

Coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> was **Team Abrams** with Robert Vadas, Jennine Devereaux and Eva Last

### Infractions at the table

(When asked to acknowledge that his partner had broken tempo before taking an action):  
 "There was a hesitation, but I'm not sure there was thinking involved!"

After a successful defense was missed, this was the dialogue between the defenders:-  
**East Player:** "It was a pity you did not find the winning continuation"  
**West:** "Indeed"

**East:** "I knew it might be difficult, so I hesitated to make it easier for you to see the problem".

**West:** "I know. That was the reason why I had to go for the losing option"

### Short Eulogy penned by Nicoleta, who knew Nelly well.

*"I met Nelly and George about 30 years ago and maybe the 90's were their happiest times. They were playing bridge together and they both were quite competitive. There were many arguments as you expect when couples play together, but they were so much suited to each other and quarrels never lasted. Nelly started directing at Rose bay bridge Club and later at Easts. I was always impressed by her way of keeping both sides happy when she gave a ruling. The players simply loved her. She was very proud of her grandchildren. Zachary (10) and Jake (8) from daughter Suzy; Arwyn (11) and Noah (9) from daughter Kathy. Stacey (George's daughter) was also embraced by Nelly in the happy family where jokes and laughter were present at all times. We'll miss you, Nelly."*

### Vale

It is with sadness we note the passing of **Otto Slazenger**. He will be missed by his regular partners and all in our Club. Our sympathies extend to his family at this time.

### Vale

#### Anna Kalfus.

Although we have not seen Anna for some little time, she was a regular fixture at our tables. Anna will be missed by all who knew her.



## THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

### LAW 45 – CARD PLAYED

#### A. Play of Card from a Hand

Each player except dummy plays a card by detaching it from his hand and facing\* it on the table immediately before him.

\*The opening lead is first made face down unless the Regulating Authority directs otherwise

### LAW 54 – FACED OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

The declarer has five options which include:-

#### D. Declarer refuses Opening Lead

Declarer may require the defender to retract his faced lead out of turn. The withdrawn card becomes a major penalty card and Law 50D applies

### LAW 56 DEFENDER'S LEAD OUT OF TURN

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

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

## Being nice to your partner

A good player, in his sixties, was partnering an old champion (probably about 80), for a weekend tournament. When the tournament was over, the following dialogue took place:-

Champion: "You played very well"

Good player: "Oh, thank you"

Champion: "But it's a long time ago"

The Director to a table that is running late: "Please pull trumps and claim"

Declarer: "But I'm in Notrump"

Director: "Excellent! Just skip to step two".

## "I fought the Law ... And the Law won!"

"What is all the fuss about side lines in the game of tennis? I don't care if my ball goes out!"

The game of Bridge, (the same as tennis), is circumscribed by what you can and what you can't do.

Hence "The Laws of Duplicate Bridge".

I hear (and observe) that many players do not bother to follow the rules and the etiquette which are prescribed by the said Laws.

Should this apply to you then please be aware that the normal procedure in the event of an infraction is for the Director to be called and that this is not "being nasty" but rather, an integral part of the game.

## 2018 AUSTRALIA-WIDE NOVICE PAIRS

### Final Results are in!

A number of pairs from Easts have featured in the top 100 from a field that exceeded 1,300 players from across the Nation (with less than 50 masterpoints),

Thomas Karsai & Lis Moller, 12<sup>th</sup> (67.4%)

Toni Paramore & Roman Naiman 22<sup>nd</sup> (65.8%)

Barry Paroz & Gabby Paroz at 69<sup>th</sup> (60.9%)

## Bridge on Saturdays just may be possible when the RSL closes for renovations.

Should a venue present itself then it is likely to be more expensive and 10-12 tables will not be viable. In the event that such an opportunity should arise, we have two alternatives

- Our members (we have some 230 at present) show their support by playing on Saturdays and in this way making it worthwhile financially. (If there be an increase to 16-18 tables over the coming weeks, this would demonstrate members enthusiasm). OR
- Passing such an opportunity, (which we shall have to do), due to lack of members' interest.

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A tennis pro, who's name I can't recall, was going to cut into a high stakes rubber game in New York and Ozzy Jacoby advised him not to.

Him: "The worst I can do is lose"

Ozzy: "That's the best you can do"

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."