



JUNE, 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 June

Saturday 2nd is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 4th at Easts **GNOT - GOLD POINTS EVENT**
Tuesday 5th at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room) Supervised
Wednesday 6th at Easts
Saturday the 9th is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 11th is **CANCELLED** (Easts & RSL Unavailable)
Tuesday 12th is **CANCELLED** (Easts & RSL Unavailable)
Wednesday 13th at Easts
Saturday 16th is **CANCELLED** (RSL Unavailable)
Monday 18th is at Easts **GNOT - GOLD POINTS EVENT**
Tuesday 19th is at Easts - Supervised Session
Wednesday 20th at Easts
Saturday 23rd is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)
Monday 25th is at Easts.
Tuesday 26th at Easts - Supervised Session
Wednesday 27th is at Easts
Saturday the 30th is at the RSL (Bill Johnson Room)



Club Champions for 2018, Dianne and Eddie Mullin (with 61.2) followed in official placings by **Theo Mangos & Michael Schmaedicke** in second place (58.6) and **Donald Knaggs & Albert Tjahja** third (58.5)



On Wednesday the 2nd May, **EASTS BRIDGE CLUB** participated in the "**BRIDGE FOR BRAINS**" challenge. Our members' contribution to future medical breakthroughs, by way of **donations made that day, totaled \$797.40**

This could never happen at Easts ...

Four dear old ladies, all hard of hearing, sat down to play bridge one afternoon.
Dealer started off with one Spade. The next woman bid a Heart and the third LOL said one Club.
The fourth lady looked at her hand for a few seconds and then declared, "Well, since you all passed, I will too."

Vale

It is with sadness we note the passing of Kitty Lowe. She will be missed by all and our sympathies extend to her family at this time.

Most Improved Ratings in May

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Agnes Stanley	55.15	54.13	1.02
Nellie Puterflam	50.21	49.24	0.97
Fay Adler	51.16	50.25	0.91

There is only one thing worse than playing bridge – and that is not playing bridge

Yes, Virginia, there is Bridge in July

Monday 2nd is at Easts, as is Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday the 4th. Also, Saturdays at the RSL on the 7th 14th and 21st **BUT NOT** the 28th



The wine went down a treat!

What an "After" Party

The bridged-out players let their hair down to sample the wine and to enjoy the pizza, kebab and fish n' chips at the end of the Club Championships. Those with a sweet tooth were very happy!!

There was an extraordinarily handsome man playing at the St. Louis Regional a year or two ago. All my friends were agog over his looks. Naturally, we wondered who he was and where he was from, as we had never seen him before and finding such an attractive man in the bridge world is particularly unusual.

Mystified as to his identity, I found Janet, a player from Cincinnati who frequents all the tournaments and knows virtually everyone. I pulled her aside, and said, "Janet, do you know who that man is sitting at table ten?"

"No, why?" she answered

"Why?" I exclaimed. "Just look at him. He's gorgeous!"

"But Luci", she said, visibly appalled., "He's playing in Flight B!"



1903-1992

The inventor of the most popular bridge convention in history

EASLEY BLACKWOOD.

His name became a household word because of one of his early inventions, an ace-asking bid that became known as the **Blackwood convention**

In an Interview with Charles Goren he explained, "About 30 years ago I went down in a 7S contract, missing the Ace of trumps. The general Idea is that I want to keep that from happening again!"

A superstar bridge player and his wife, whom he often left at home with the kids, were walking towards the playing area at a national tournament. She was overheard saying, "I don't care if you **DO** sleep with her, you are **NOT** playing bridge with her."

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

LAW 7 – CONTROL OF BOARD AND CARDS

B. Removal of Cards from Board

2. Each player counts his cards face down to be sure he has exactly thirteen; after that, and before making a call, he must inspect the faces of his cards

The biggest problem with buying a pack of bridge cards is that brains are not included



Winners of the Easts Bridge Club Session of the 2018 Australia-Wide Novice Pairs Competition.
East/West – Pamela Dunsford & Marcel Stein (63.8) and North/South – Margit Short & Karl Serwuschok with 67

"It is important to understand why we learn conventions. They are tools to help us better communicate with partner. But we must become a craftsman and learn to use our tools effectively. Until we do, we will not be able to get the most out of them. The process of learning to use a new convention can be a difficult one. We will often take one step back (make mistakes or have bidding mix-ups) in an effort to move forward. It is important for us to recognize this and realize that adopting a new convention and learning to use it effectively is a long-term investment in improving our game."

Robert S. Todd

"I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member"

Groucho Marx's celebrated quip.

How do you feel about being a member at Easts Bridge?

It is with dismay that I share with you that many people do not play at Easts because they find the players to be rude and aggressive.

I urge all players, and especially the more experienced and established club members, to lift our game and make our Club a destination of choice in the Eastern Suburbs and from beyond

How can we do better?

1. **Greet** the other players at the beginning and **SMILE!**
2. **Be friendly** and make the **experience pleasant for all.**
3. Do not shout or argue.... **simply call the director.**
4. **Play politely** and **without delaying** the game.
5. Do not make a mess, **clean up** at end of session.

Traveller's Tales

I received this little vignette from Allen Rosenberg, during his holidaying overseas. "This week in Jerusalem, I visited two members of Jacqui's extended family who had been married sixty years and were in good health. I found out that they lived in Benoni, outside Johannesburg, before they came to Jerusalem. I asked them if they knew my bridge partner, Lester Abrams, also from Benoni, and they did! So, from their home I made a video call to Lester, and they saw and talked together for the first time for many years". "Six degrees of Separation holds true, even across the globe"

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Fifties models, Jean Patchett and Suzy Parker play cards (Stylishly)