



# OCTOBER, 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 October*

Monday 1st – is **CANCELLED**  
Tuesday 2nd – at the RSL (Supervised)  
Wednesday 3rd is at the RSL  
Saturday 6th - is at the RSL  
Monday 8th is at Easts  
Tuesday 9th is at Easts (Supervised)  
Wednesday 10th is at Easts  
Saturday 13th is at the RSL  
Monday 15th is at Easts  
Tuesday 16th at Easts **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
Wednesday 17th is at Easts  
Saturday 20th is **CANCELLED**  
Monday 22nd is at Easts **RED POINTS**  
Tuesday 23rd - Easts **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
Wednesday the 24th - Easts **RED POINTS**  
Saturday 27th is **CANCELLED**  
Monday 29th is at Easts  
Tuesday 30th - Easts **Beginner Class** & Supervised  
Wednesday 31st is at Easts

### *The forecast for games to be played in November:-*

ALL **SATURDAYS** are OK and are booked to be played at the RSL  
**WEEKDAYS** IN NOVEMBER are all PLAYED at Easts (unless advised to the contrary in the meantime.)

### Most Improved Ratings in August

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Candice REID-LATIMER	35.21	34.19	1.02
Eva LAST	58.34	57.37	0.97
Theo MANGOS	64.22	63.29	0.93

### **Our Brainy Bridge Players**

Somewhat belated, the results for the "Bridge for Brains" National competition were received last month.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jerzy Szyszkowski and Halina Drwecka who came in at 6th (both NSW and also Nationally) with a massive 70.8 percent.

**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
BID 7NT**

*A Warm  
Welcome to  
Pamela  
Dunsford who  
has joined the  
Committee*

### **Renew your Bridge Club Membership for 2019, now!**

The membership renewal forms are available from Helen, Thomas or the Director's table and must be returned with the \$40.00 membership fee by the **31st October**. (Earlier is better)

**Members must be financial** to gain the membership benefits of Easts Bridge Club and the NSWBA. (Easts Bridge Club members must also be member of Easts Leagues Club)

- We encourage you to enter Easts' as your HOME club if that is where you play most of your games.
- Although the option exists for your name to be not published, it is urged that you do not tick this box but permit entry in the "Club Booklet" (which is for internal circulation only)

Hesitation during the play of a hand is perfectly ethical so long as you don't overdo it. On the other hand, hesitation during the bidding is considered extremely bad form. It obviously reveals that the question has some tricky value or that there is some problem in it. This problem can be readily and accurately guessed by an expert partner. There is a classic bridge story involving Charlie Goren, one of America's top players. In a local tournament, several years ago Goren drew as his partner a somewhat inexperienced lady. Charlie dealt and bid one club. The opponent on his left overcalled with one spade. The old lady hesitated and finally passed. Goren bid two clubs – which was promptly overcalled by two spades. This time the old lady paused even longer before passing. Goren finally got the contract for three clubs. When the old lady's hand went down, it contained little trick value. "My," remarked Goren. "That second hesitation certainly was an overbid"

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Annual General Meeting of Easts Bridge Club** to be held on Wednesday **21st November 2018**, at 3:45 pm, immediately after our bridge session. Please come along, even if you are not playing bridge that day, learn more about how your bridge club operates

**NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS** must be received by the **14th November....** **Nomination forms** are available from the director's table. The Nomination form needs to be signed by two financial members and returned to the Director who will hold them for our Secretary.

**Proxy forms** are available from **Committee Members** for members unable to attend the AGM due to ill health, unavoidable absence or other good reason.

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**, which is expected to finish by 5:00 pm

1. Record of attendance
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of officers and committee members
7. Questions
8. Any other business: **(You must provide one week's written notice of any "matter of business" that you wish to raise at the meeting).**

**Cheese, Biscuits and a welcome glass of wine will be available at the conclusion of the AGM.**



**THE BEGINNER'S COURSE** conducted by Nick Hughes, will begin on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. The course comprises four sessions of tuition followed by two supervised practice sessions, all under the watchful eye of Nick Hughes. A "First Bridge" book is included at no extra charge. **Tell all your friends and family**

## I JUST LOVE YOUR "ATTITUDE". PARTNER . . . .

Decl: West  
Vul: E-W

The Auction

**West North East South**  
Pass Pass Pass **1Spade**  
Pass **2 Spade** All Pass  
Opening lead: **Ace of Hearts**

Neither East nor West has enough to stick their nose into the auction at this vulnerability ... or any vulnerability for that matter. Let us suppose that you are sitting East and that West (partner) leads Ace of Hearts (Ace generally promises the King). What card would you play?

In this situation – (it is usual for third hand to **give attitude**) – Do you like partner's lead? If so, how do you encourage partner to continue Hearts? How do you discourage partner?

<b>S</b> 10 9 8	
<b>H</b> 7 6 3	
<b>D</b> K J 9	
<b>C</b> K Q 10 9	
<b>S</b> J 7 2	<b>S</b> 4 3
<b>H</b> A K J 4	<b>H</b> Q 9 2
<b>D</b> 7 6 5	<b>D</b> A Q 10 2
<b>C</b> J 5 4	<b>C</b> 8 7 6 3
<b>S</b> A K Q 6 5	
<b>H</b> 10 8 5	
<b>D</b> 8 4 3	
<b>C</b> A 2	

Some players play a high card (**H9**) is encouraging and a low card (**H2**) is discouraging. Many play the more modern style where a low card (**H2**) is encouraging and the high card (**H9**) is discouraging. Whatever your style – do you want to encourage partner to continue hearts and if so, why?

If you encourage partner to continue hearts, partner will win the **HK** and a third round with you winning the **HQ**. That is three tricks for the defence! You are on lead. Not a pleasant position to be in. You certainly do not want to lead a diamond from your hand. A club looks yucky. A spade shift is safest, but now declarer is in control. He can draw trumps and then throw away two baby diamonds on dummy's good clubs. Making 3 and minus 140 to your side.

Let's go back to trick one. After the **HA** lead – look at the whole picture. Yes, you do like partner's lead – because you have the **HQ**. But this hand is not just about the heart suit – it is about the whole hand. Wouldn't you rather partner shift to diamonds at trick two?

You are holding **D A Q 10 2** over dummy's **D K J 9**. On the **HA** play a discouraging heart. Partner will heed your signal and shift. Why should partner shift to diamonds rather than clubs? Well, quite frankly, diamonds offers better prospects to the defence than the clubs. After a few moments thought, partner shifts to the **D6** (MUD). Whatever declarer plays from dummy, you can win it and then play a second heart back to partner's known **HK**. Partner can play a second diamond through dummy and you can cash two more diamond tricks. Down one and +50 to your side. Nicely done!

### 2017 LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

#### LAW 45 – CARD PLAYED

##### C. Card Deemed to be Played

1. A defender's card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face is deemed played to the current trick.

##### G. Turning the Trick

No player should turn his card face down until all four players have played to the trick.

#### Why do we play 2 board rounds?

18 full tables are needed to play 2 sections and we can play 3 board rounds. In one section, we have to have all the players play 75% of the boards, otherwise we are not allowed to award master points. That is the reason we often play only two boards if there is one section.

#### Vale

It is with sadness we note the passing of **Rodney Cohen**. He enjoyed a morning round of golf before bridge and he loved his boat. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our sympathies extend to his family.

### The ABF 2018 Spring Nationals

**Where?** – Canterbury Racecourse, Canterbury  
**When?** – 17-25<sup>th</sup> October  
**Who can enter?** – There are open events for the "Big Boys (and Girls) and also Restricted Events for those with less than 300 masterpoints as well as Novice Events for those players with less than 100 masterpoints.  
**How to enter?** – On line at <http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/spnot/2018/> or by downloading an entry form from the website and posting same.

*We wish for good luck to our members who have already arranged to play in the Spring Nationals*



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