



# DECEMBER, 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 December

Saturday 1st – is at the RSL

Monday 3rd – is at Easts

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – is at Easts

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – is **CANCELLED**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> is at Easts Supervised

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> is at the RSL

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> **CLOSED – NO BRIDGE**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> **CLOSED – NO BRIDGE**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> is at Easts

*There may be last minute changes to some week-day events due the Venue being booked for external functions*

**JANUARY TEASER** ..... At the time of printing, we expect all Saturdays to be played at the RSL and we have no notice of cancellations at Easts for January during the week.

**NAME BADGES** – Please email or provide your request in person to Thomas if you need a badge

**Something for everyone ...An “Improvers” course of lessons, suitable for all members, will be available in the 3 weeks commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 1:00 pm each day. The cost is \$15 in lieu of the normal \$8 table money and the topics are yet to be announced by Nick.**



**Dianne and Eddie Mullin  
Winners of the 2018 Club  
Pairs Championship**

### THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thomas Karsai, Theo Mangos and Allen Rosenberg** were returned unopposed to their respective positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer,.

**Andrew Bell** was nominated for the position of Secretary and was elected unopposed.

**Helen Van Dam, Ted Popper and Halina Drwecka** were returned unopposed as Committee Members and were joined by **Terry Anne Maunsell**. Following the conclusion of the meeting we were delighted to accept the offer from **Anita Wall** to serve on the Committee.

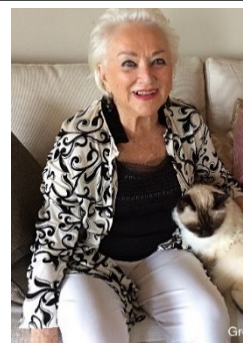
A **WARM WELCOME** to all new Committee members.

A **BIG “Thank You”** to “Life Member” **Sam Gelber** for his many years of service to the Club as a Committee Member and his unstinting efforts in early morning room set-up. We also extend a vote of thanks to **Paul Larby** for his two years’ service in the role of Club Secretary.

A reminder that **Membership Fees** (and signed forms) were due by the 30<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not renewed, please do so now. Late renewals cause significant and additional work-load for the Committee. This includes the printing of the Club Fixtures Booklet, the adjustment of the “group email” and the preparation of the budget for the coming year. As already mentioned, un-financial members will be treated as “Visitors” and **required to pay \$10 table money starting from the first games in December**

### Vale

It is with great sadness we note the passing of Greta Silvers. She will be missed by all who knew her and our sympathies extend to her sons Andrew and Michael as well as to her long-time partner, George.



### Most Improved Ratings in November

	Rating	Prior	Gain
Louise ROSENBERG	47.74	46.90	0.84
Rebecca KATZ	53.98	53.14	0.84
Eliane BEN MAYOR	48.18	47.38	0.80
Georgia DOUGLAS	40.68	39.98	0.80



**Nick Hughes will be conducting the next Beginners’ Course of 6 weeks, commencing Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, with lessons starting at 1:00 pm. The course includes 4 actual lessons, 2 additional supervised sessions. and also, a “First Book” of bridge. At \$30 it is the best value in town.**



**Congratulations on completing the Beginners’ Course.** Seated, from the left, Lina Pavlova, Audrey McDonald, Michael Steinfeld, Lois Robinson and William Leung. We also congratulate graduates Steve Mitchell, Paula Mohaschi and Anna Konecky. **WELCOME TO BRIDGE!**

**For Players at all levels**, there is the **Summer Festival of Bridge** in Canberra in January and, also, the **Gold Coast Congress** in February.

At the Canberra event (9-18 Jan) steps have been taken to protect the Novices from those players more experienced than their recorded masterpoints would suggest.

A number of Celebrity Speakers will speak on topics such as “stopping to think in defence” and “improving your competitive bidding.” Log onto the ABF website for further information and how to enter.



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The **BLUE TEAM** (Italian "*Squadra Azzura*") represented Italy in international contract bridge tournaments, winning sixteen world titles from 1957 through 1975.

From 1964 to 1969 and during a 1972 comeback, the team comprised three regular pairs: **Walter Avarelli - Giorgio Belladonna**, **Pietro Forquet - Benito Garozzo**, and **Massimo D'Aleio - Camillo Pablis Ticci**. **Eugenio Chiaradia** and **Guglielmo Siniscalco** played in the early years; **Dano De Falco**, **Arturo Franco** and **Vito Pittala** in late years. The spiritual father, long time coach and non-playing captain, through 1966 was **Carl'Alberto Perroux**



Pietro Forquet



Giorgio Belladonna



Benito Garozzo

A large part of the Blue Team's success lay in new and innovative bidding systems, which were often deemed quite strange, especially by conservative US circles. Losing teams sometimes even complained that the Italians had an unfair advantage using bids that were partly incomprehensible to Americans

**Take heart!** Even the fabled Blue Team "**made a blue**" sometimes. This is hand 37 on the final day of the European Championships in Stockholm, 1956.

North Deals  
N-S Vulnerable

N		♠ -
		♥ K Q J 7 3 2
		♣ 8 6 5 4
		♦ Q J 10
W		♠ A 9
		♥ 8 5 4
		♣ A K Q J 10 3
		♦ A 2
S		♠ J 8 5 2
		♥ A 10 9 6
		♣ 9 7 2
		♦ 9 4
E		♠ K Q 10 7 6 4 3
		♥ -
		♣ -
		♦ K 8 7 6 5 3

A tragic thing happened to poor Siniscalco: he ran from seven spades doubled which Forquet could have made, ending up in seven no-trump, going down six. When South doubled seven spades it gave Forquet a chance to guess the trump position and land the contract. However, Siniscalco thought it correct to bid seven no-trump. The French reeled off 6 Heart tricks for a penalty of 1100 pts

West	North	East	South
Siniscalco	Jais	Forquet	Trezel
-	1♥	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	Double
7NT	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			



**Did they Cheat?**  
**"Under the Table"**  
**The Case Against**  
**The Blue Team**  
by [Avon Wilsmore](#)

This book looks at the actions of the Italian Blue Team, whose incredible run of victories include the World Championships of 1957-1959, 1961-1969 and 1972-1975. Throughout that time, there were suspicions as to how these victories were achieved. To what extent were these suspicions justified? The actions of administrators, in response to the problem of cheating over the last 60 years, is discussed in detail. Is it the case that an unofficial policy of "minimize the scandal" in the 1950's and 1960's led to the horrific facts uncovered by Boye Brogeland and others in 2015?

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