



JANUARY, 2019 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 January

Tuesday 1st – (being New Year's Day) is CANCELLED
Wednesday 2nd – is at Easts
Saturday 5th – is at the RSL
Monday 7th is at Easts
Tuesday 8th is at Easts Supervised
Wednesday 9th is at Easts
Saturday 12th is at the RSL
Monday 14th is at Easts
Tuesday 15th is at Easts Supervised
Wednesday 16th is at Easts
Saturday 19th is at the RSL
Monday 21st is at Easts
Tuesday 22nd is at Easts Supervised
Wednesday 23rd is at Easts
Saturday 26th is at the RSL
Monday 28th is at Easts
Tuesday 29th – Easts Improvers' Course
Wednesday 30th is at Easts

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



**Party to celebrate
Australia Day on
Monday 21st January,
after bridge**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE IS NOT JUST A CARD GAME



IT'S AN ENDLESS INTELLECTUAL ADVENTURE

**An "Improvers"
course of lessons,
suitable for all who wish to
improve their bridge,** (whether
members or non-members of
Easts Bridge Club), will be
available in the 3 weeks
commencing 29th January, starting
at 1:00 pm each day. The cost is
\$15 in lieu of the normal \$8 table
money. **The course will include
practice hands and notes on
the topics covered.** Topics are
yet to be announced by Nick.

THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR

*Bridge at our club is a great example of
diversity.*

*We have players who are elderly and
some that are not.*

*Our players range from those fresh from
beginner's classes to those with many
decades of experience.*

*It follows that the standard of play
extends from very basic to our more
senior players who are competitive at
the National level.*

We play bridge for different reasons.

*There are the very competitive players,
some of whom are highly ranked and
others who simply aspire to become
better.*

*Some of us play just for the enjoyment
of spending time with friends and
having a pleasant social afternoon.*

*Some of our players wish to learn new
conventions and card-play techniques
to improve their game while others wish
to continue playing exactly how they
played thirty years ago.*

*At Easts we cater for everyone,
wherever they fit into the fabric of our
Bridge club.*

There is something here for everybody.

*I look forward to meeting with our
players, across the bridge table, during
this coming year and enjoying the
pleasure that comes from good will and
friendship and all of the little courtesies
which we seek to foster.*

*Your President,
Thomas*



Nick Hughes will be
conducting the next
Beginners' Course of 6
weeks duration, commencing
Tuesday 26th 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.
(Spread the word to friends &
rels.) At \$30 it is the best
value in town.
Flyers promoting the course,
are available at each bridge
session, or from a Committee
Member. Enrolments can be
left with the Bridge Director
or sent by mail.

**Bridge Lessons can be a
great Birthday gift or New
Year gift for a friend or a
family member.**

Top scoring Open players in December

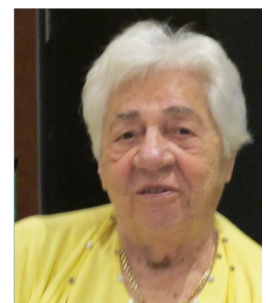
(Average of 6 best scores)

	Total of Best 6.	Average (rounded)	partners
Halina DRWECKA	379.1.	63	2
Pat WALKER.	375.7.	63	3
Walter GOTTLIEB	362.8	60	1
Kitty GOTTLIEB	362.8	60	1

*The Club Booklet, including members'
details, and the program for the year, will
be available in a few weeks time.*

Vale

It is with great sadness we
note the passing of
Karolyne Sukienik. She
will be missed by all at our
Bridge Club





Omar Sharif recounts one of his first experiences at the bridge table. "I was a defender and the declarer led the ace of clubs and I ruffed." "No clubs?" my partner enquired, with a note of surprise in his voice. "Oh yes", I answered cheerfully, "but I'm ruffing to take the trick". Omar has come a long way since!

There is still time for players at all levels, to enter 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.

For those in need of New Name Badges.

The following have requested that badges be struck.

ANNA Konecny
BELLA Katz
GARY Jenner
JUDITH Rychter
HANNA Asseraf
HAROLD Creighton
KARIN Hiller
MARGARET Cohen
MIRIAM Stein

If your name does not appear, contact Thomas with your details.

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♠ 9 4 2
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ AK 8 3
 ♣ A 9 8 6
 ♠ Q 10.
 ♥ J 10 7 4 3.
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ K Q 3 2.
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ A 9 8 6 5 2
 ♦ J 6 5
 ♣ 10 5
 ♠ K J 8 7 5 3
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 ♦ Q 10 7 2
 ♣ J 7 4

In 1972 **The Omar Sharif Circus** was sponsored by Lancia. All the expenses were paid and Omar continued to play with Belladonna and Forquet, luminaries of the famous Italian Blue team. The arrangement was that four matches were to be played and that if the Americans won a match, each of their 6 member team would be presented with a Lancia motor car. The team of **Belladonna-Garozzo; Forquet-Sharif** looked unbeatable.

As it turned out, however, there are 18 American bridge players driving around in Lancias!

The above hand showcases the brilliance of Belladonna who, sitting South was playing in 4 Hearts. On the surface, there are five losers – one in Spades, two in Hearts, one in Diamonds and one in Clubs.

West led the King of Clubs and declarer won with the Ace and led the King of Hearts, discovering the 5-0 break. He exited from dummy with a low club, won by East's Jack. East exited with a Spade. Belladonna went up with the Ace, crossed to the Queen of Hearts, then ran the 8 of Clubs, discarding his second Spade.

West led a Spade; South ruffed, cashed two diamonds, then discarded a diamond on the 9 of Clubs. Down to A 9 8 of Hearts, Giorgio had no trouble in making two of the last three tricks. And there was nothing the defence could have done about it!

The **Winners for the month of December**, from the average of best 3 scores:-

	Ave. of best 3 scores.	Impact	Times played
Mondays: Walter Gottlieb & Kitty Gottlieb.	62.40.	+0.50.	4
Wednesdays: Emma Kemeny & William Feuermann	42.63	+0.65.	3
Saturdays: Lidia Kovari & Gabor Kovari.	56.47	+0.56.	4

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Since 1st August, 2013 the Alerting Rules have been changed by the ABF to include "Announcements". When you open 1Club or a natural 1NT the opener's partner must automatically announce, without waiting to be asked, the essential meaning of the bid. For a 1NT opening the announcement is the strength of the range. So, partner says, "15 to 17" or "16 to 18" or whatever the range is. For a 1 Club opening, it depends on the system. Partner announces the minimum club length guaranteed, saying, "4 plus Clubs" or "3 plus Clubs" etc.

