



# MARCH, 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 March

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - is at the RSL  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **RED POINTS**  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> is at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - is at the RSL [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

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

#### A New Beginning.

The first of our Beginners' Courses commenced on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We are delighted to welcome to our Club, 12 enthusiastic students of the game.

#### Recovering after a Stroke

We will be sharing the Bondi Room every second Wednesday from April with Easts Stroke Recovery Group. This is a self help group for stroke sufferers and their carers. There are about fifty stroke recovery groups in NSW. The group brings together those affected by stroke to share their experiences and to improve their self esteem and well being after a stroke.

They will meet from 10 am to midday in the area adjacent to the bistro. This group, which is part of the Stroke recovery Association, is supported by Easts Leagues Club and by the executive of the Bridge Club. If you know of someone who has had a stroke and would like to participate in the fortnightly activities, or if you would like to know more about the Stroke Recovery Association, please contact Allen Rosenberg.

**Look  
Left**



Bridge is at  
the RSL on  
Tuesday  
26th



**NeuRA**

*Discover. Conquer. Cure.*

**The Bridge for Brains Challenge is played at Easts on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It is a Red Point event and raises funds for research at Neuroscience Research Australia.**

***This is one of the worthiest of causes and, dare I say, the likely recipients of such medical advances are members of our Club. I urge all our members to donate on the day and to be generous within your means.***

We acknowledge Theo and Thomas, our relatively inexperienced directors for filling in for four sessions while Nick and Nicoleta were away

#### Improved Ratings in February

	Rating	Prior	Gain
1. William FEUERMAN	34.57	32.73	1.84
2. Lidia KOVARI	54.33	52.56	1.77
3. Gabor KOVARI	54.40	52.68	1.72

#### Advance Notice for playing dates in April.

We are informed that Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> is CANCELLED but otherwise all weekdays and Saturdays will be played.

#### The MOST IMPROVED in sessions for the month of FEBRUARY

	Ave. of best 3 scores.	Impact	Times played
Mondays: Ann MILCH & Wendy COHEN.	57.80.	+0.61.	3
Tuesdays: NOT PLAYED SUFFICIENT SESSIONS			
Wednesdays: " " " "			
Saturdays: Pamela FISHER & Joan PITT.	59.33.	+0.32.	4

The **Mixed Pairs** event is being played over two Wednesdays in April. Find a partner now for this **Red Points** event at which you can qualify to play in the State Championships

*Welcome back to Nicoleta and Nick and also the "Team Mullins" from competing in the Gold Coast Congress. Although not on the winner's podium, Nick and Nicoleta finished in the top part of the field for both the Pairs and also the Teams events.*

Visitors are always welcome at Easts Bridge Club. It was resolved at the recent Committee Meeting that Table Money will be \$10 for all visitors and non-financial members and that this is to include Tuesdays.



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*Wine for the weary Bridge Players ....*

*A Party will be held at the conclusion of the Beginners' Course, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.*



**UNLIKE MILK**  
IT'S OKAY TO CRY OVER  
**SPILLED WINE**



This is the occasion to get to know many of our members who you only meet across the bidding pad. The cad that doubled your 4 Spades vulnerable is actually quite nice! fellow!

*"It is well known that in third seat, you must have 13 cards to open the bidding."*



Cheese, crackers and good fellowship. We welcome our newest players into the Community that is "Easts Bridge"



Your Committee grabbed the opportunity and we now glory in **24 new Tablecloths**. Do look after them and don't spill your coffee. We request that those sitting N/S please fold them at the end of the game

### NORTH

♠ -----  
♥ 5 4 3 2  
♦ 5 4 3 2  
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

### WEST

♠ J 10  
♥ J 10 9 8 7 6  
♦ 10 9 8 7 6  
♣

### EAST

♠ A K Q  
♥ A K Q  
♦ A J K Q  
♣ K J 9

### SOUTH

♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ -----  
♦ -----  
♣ A Q 10 8 7

### *The Duke of Cumberland is fleeced for 20,000 pounds*

*Final contract: Seven Clubs Redoubled, played by South  
Opening lead: Jack of Hearts*

This is likely the most famous hand in the history of bridge, although it was actually first reported in a game of Whist. The story has it that the Duke of Cumberland (son of King George III) some 200 years ago held the East hand. The wager from the opponents was that in spite of the duke's incredible hand, he would not win a single trick against a contract of Seven Clubs redoubled. The bet was some 20,000 pounds, and, alas, the duke lost his wager for the grand slam cannot be defeated if the declarer plays correctly.

Assuming that West's opening lead is a diamond or a heart, the declarer trumps, ruffs a spade in dummy, and then returns a club for a successful finesse against East. Now declarer ruffs another spade in dummy, takes another successful trump finesse, and ruffs a third round of spades in dummy. His remaining spades are now established, and he return to his hand by trumping a diamond or a heart. After cashing the Ace of trumps, he claims.

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Good players guess well on some days and bad players guess well on some days.  
But good players guess well on more days

