



FEBRUARY, 2020 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 February

Saturday 1st is at the RSL
Monday 3rd is at Easts - **RED POINTS**
Tuesday 4th Easts Supervised & Improvers Course
Wednesday 5th is at the RSL - **RED POINTS**
Saturday 8th is at the RSL
Monday 10th is at Easts
Tuesday 11th Easts Supervised & Improvers Course
Wednesday 12th is at Easts
Saturday 15th is at the RSL
Monday 17th is at Easts
Tuesday 18th Easts Supervised & Improvers Course
Wednesday 19th is at Easts
Saturday 22nd is at the RSL
Monday 24th is at Easts
Tuesday 25th is at Easts Supervised
Wednesday 26th is at the RSL
Saturday 29th is at the RSL

AND WHAT ABOUT MARCH? All Saturdays are at RSL and we expect to play all the other days at Easts except for Wednesday 11th (at the RSL)

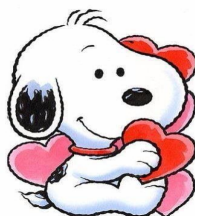


A big "THANK YOU"! Contributions to the bush fire relief fund from our members and Directors amounted to \$2,412.

Tax receipts for those requesting will be forthcoming from the RFS during February

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day. 'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag. "That was very kind of you," Jim added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought. 'Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

During the month of February all our romantics will be bidding in Hearts



The "Learning to Play Better Bridge" issue.

For those who wish to play better Bridge – attend the "Improvers Course" February 4th, 11th & 18th

Teacher is Nick Hughes

When? Three consecutive Tuesdays, commencing on the 4th February.

What Time? Be seated by about 12:30 pm

Where? The Bondi Room, Easts Leagues Club

Do I need a partner? No, you can just turn up.

How much will it cost? Table money of \$15 per lesson, that is all you pay.

The Course Content? Consolidate your Card Play.

Week 1. Setting up a suit in dummy, card combinations.

Week 2. Repeating finesses, trick one

Week 3. Delaying trumps – ducking

Do I need to come to all the lessons? –

Obviously, you will benefit from each of the lessons but there is no compulsion to attend more Tuesdays than you might wish.

Format of the lessons (a) instruction as to the theory, (b) play pre-dealt boards (c) printed record available of the lessons and the boards played.



The Next Beginner's Course starts on Tuesday 3rd March.

The course includes 4 weeks of lessons followed by 2 weeks of supervised play, all under the watchful eye of your teacher, Nick Hughes. The cost of the course is \$70 (or \$40 for seniors), easily the best value in town. As part of the "package" the participants are provided with a "first book of bridge" and, also, 6 months membership of Easts Bridge Club. Brochures are available from the director's table or from Committee Members. I encourage you to have your friends and family members attend and learn this game that continues to give us all so much enjoyment. Completed enrolment forms can be left at the Club or with the bridge director.

What do our graduates Say?

After a 40- year absence from playing friendly bridge the beginners' course at Easts Bridge club caught my eye. What a delight.

The room had in excess of 20 participants, many being absolute beginners and some returners like myself. All were welcoming, and there was no difficulty finding willing partners to play with.

Our instructor was not only wise but patient. We were taken through examples collectively as a class then given boards to play, each having been constructed to capitalise on the lesson. Each week was built on the previous week 'till after 4 weeks we joined the larger weekly bridge games. (With appropriate leniency and support) The tuition, patience and knowledge exhibited by the tutors\masters has been exemplary. The pupils, all accepting of one another, it has been an enjoyable and embracing experience. I now play regularly and am pleased to say the bridge club provides the support and tuition to ensure we all continue to improve. Mick Bell



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The Club Booklet is available now. Pick yours up when next in the club.

Marty Bergen says, "Points, Schmooints".
*Let the point count be your guide but not your master.
Long suits and shape can make up for having fewer points*

The Rule of Twenty

Most of us open the bidding if we have 12 or more high card points in our hand.
The Rule of Twenty is a guideline that you can follow to open a hand with less than twelve high card points.

You can open a hand with the Rule of Twenty if the total of the number of high card points in your hand plus the number of cards in your two longest suits is equal to or greater than twenty.

For example, if you had ten high card points and six hearts and four diamonds you could open one heart.

S 6
H A Q 10 9 6 5
D A 10 9 6
C 4 2

The Rule of Twenty was developed by Marty Bergen, and has been enhanced by Ron Klinger

To use of the Rule of Twenty:

- Have the total of your high card points and the number of cards in your two longest suits equal or greater than twenty to open the bidding
- Have most your high card points in the two longest suits
- Have at least two 'quick tricks' in your hand
- Be in the first or second seat, not the third or fourth seat

This little piece of "Bridge Poetry" was found by one of our members when cleaning out her mother's effects. Goes to show that it is not just hemlines which are subject to changes in fashion!

*"With 13 or more points I'm required to speak
and mention a suit that's not very weak*

With 5 cards or longer I need not be cute

I merely will open with one of that suit

But a four-card major ah, that's the rub

know I must open so I'll just say one club

*With 16 to 18 one no trump will do,
with 22 or more I'll open with two*

The opponents have opened now I have trouble

I've an opening bid and say so by "double"

My partner has opened and I'm in a fix

Because I must pass with less points than six

*But when my count is six points to ten
I'll just respond once, but need not again*

*11 to 12 points that's pretty nice I'll
plan to respond - Not once but twice.*

And with 13 or more points I'd be too lame

If I let the bid end before we reach game"

Member Profile



Terry Anne Maunsell is a graduate of the bridge beginners' class some two years ago.
Terry was attracted to the course via seeing the course outline on the Community College website and she learnt the game through instructions given by Easts Bridge teacher, Nick Hughes.

Terry has played on a regular basis, fitting Bridge in with her other and varied interests.

Terry's enjoyment of the game has extended to her assuming a responsible role in becoming a member of the Easts Bridge Club Committee.

Terry has performed valuable work during the year, including the promotion of our club's participation in the "Bridge for Brains" Challenge competition, an Australian wide bridge competition to raise funds for research into brain injury.

ABF RANK PROMOTIONS DECEMBER, 2019

Graduate (Previous Rank - Nil)

Andrew Bell,
Georgia Douglas,
Miriam Rosenberg,
Leila Selby

Local (Previous Rank- Club)

Sylvia Cohen

Regional (Previous Rank **Local)

Lis Moller,
Kamala Valliappan

A testimonial from yet another happy graduate

"I recently completed the Beginners Bridge course. It was hard at first because I have never played bridge and didn't know what to expect. I love the game already. I have learnt that making mistakes is part of the learning process:
to be humble and open about mistakes but learn from them at the same time. I have already made friends whose company I enjoy immensely".
Sandy Watson

The **OVERALL WINNERS** in January (Free Game vouchers earned thereby)

Ave. of best 3 scores

Mondays: Pat WALKER & Halina DRWECKA 54.30%

Wednesdays: Eddie and Dianne MULLIN 60.00%

Improved Ratings in January.

Prior New Gain

1 Judith Rychter	53.76	54.80	1.04
2 Alasdair Macdonald	45.68	46.69	1.01
3 Valerie Macdonald	45.65	46.66	1.01

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