



# JANUARY, 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 January

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> **No Play** (New Year's Day)  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> is **at the RSL**  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (**Bushfire Relief**)  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Easts **Supervised** (**Bushfire Relief**)  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (**Bushfire Relief**)  
 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> is **at the RSL** (**Bushfire Relief**)  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> is at Easts **Supervised**  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> is **at the RSL**  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (**Australia Day !**)  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> is at Easts **Supervised**  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> is **at the RSL**  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> is at Easts **Supervised**  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> is at Easts

The **OVERALL WINNERS** in sessions during December (Free Game vouchers earned thereby)

**Ave. of best 3 scores**

Mondays: David Woodsmith & Theo Mangos	63.43%
Tuesdays: Brenda Cohen & David Nathan	60.67%
Wednesdays: Judith Rychter & Dawne Cox	57.90%

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wish you a pleasant new year and a year filled with the enjoyment of bridge. One of our bridge sessions in December was not enjoyable because of the noise from club patrons sharing the Bondi Room with our players. Those club patrons have every right to be in the Bondi Room.

Whenever there is an issue that disturbs you, be it noise, poor air conditioning, or anything else please do not take it into your own hands. Leave it to the elected bridge club executive and committee members to address the issue.

This is a sad time of the year as many in New South Wales are suffering from the bushfires raging across the state. Consequently, I urge you to make a small contribution to bushfire relief when you play in the second week of January.

January is also the time when the Summer Festival of Bridge is played in Canberra, and I wish good luck to those from Easts who will be playing this year.  
*Allen Rosenberg*

### Member Profile



### Ruy de Menezes

*Our Bridge Club hides many talented and fascinating personalities. This is a short expose of one such of our bridge players.*

Ruy is a sprightly 95 year old who recently joined Easts Bridge Club after spending much of his life overseas. He was born in Portugal, spent much of his life in Macau where he learnt bridge during the Second World War when he was 17 years old, and also spent time living in Australia and Hong Kong.

Ruy was instrumental in running bridge games at the Estoril Tennis Club in Portugal and, in Australia, at the Seals Club in Maroubra.

When working in Australia, he worked for Qantas in their computer department.

He enjoys bridge as well as other card games, including canasta and rummy.

Ruy is a skilled and pleasant player and mentors less experienced players at our bridge club.

### AND WHAT ABOUT FEBRUARY?

all Saturdays are at RSL and we expect to play all other days at Easts

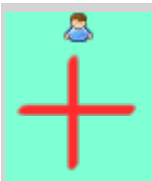
### Improved Ratings in Dec.

	Prior	New	Gain
1. Georgia Douglas	41.86	42.80	0.94
2. Andrew Bell	42.44	43.34	0.90
3. David Taitz	44.30	45.20	0.90

Board 4  
Dir: W  
Vul: All

♠ K9765  
♥ 8  
♦ 3  
♣ A87652

♠ AT82  
♥ Q9764  
♦ Q6  
♣ QJ



♠ QJ4  
♥ T  
♦ KJT75  
♣ KT94

7  
11 10  
12

♠ 3  
♥ AKJ532  
♦ A9842  
♣ 3

N: 1♣ 1♥  
S: 1♣ 1♥  
E: 1♦ 2NT  
W: 1♦ 2NT

### Hand of the Month

This hand was played on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

It was quite easy to get excited about the shape of South's hand, and many players overbid.

NS can only make one ♣ or one ♥. After South opens 1♥, North bids 1♠, South then bids 2♦ showing a second suit. What should North then bid? The safest bid is 2♥.

North does not have enough points to bid 3♣ at the next level, to show his six card suit



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There are two **Improvers' Courses** this year. The first of these will be run on the Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February. Nick Hughes, our Bridge Teacher extraordinaire, will present a program (yet to be announced) which will lift your game to a new level. Table money is \$15 (instead of \$8) and you do not need a partner to participate. Be there or be square!

## Please Explain ...

During the auction and before the final pass **any player may request at his own turn to call, an explanation of the opponents' auction.**

The explanation is given by the partner of the player who made the call in question.

## I got it wrong ...

If a player realizes during the auction that his own explanation was erroneous or incomplete, he must summon the Director, before the end of the Clarification Period\* and correct the mis-explanation.

**A player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error during the auction,** nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. He must call the director and inform his opponents that, in his opinion, his partner's explanation was erroneous, but only at his first legal opportunity, which is:

- (a) For a defender, at the end of play
- (b) For declarer or dummy, after the final pass of the auction.

\*The Clarification Period extends from the final pass to the facing of the lead card

From **THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE, Law 20** (Review and Explanation of Calls) Further on this subject in **Law 40** (Partnership Understandings)

**Success!** The pairing of our Directors, **Nicoleta** and **Nick**, achieved a "First Place" as part of the winning team in the Manly Teams Congress on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## New Beginnings

Our next Beginner's Course starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020. Tell your friends!

If you observe 3 polish students talking together at the university campus, they are probably going to start some kind of revolution.

If there are 4 of them, you can be sure a rubber bridge session will start soon

## From the desk of your Editor

The New Year is traditionally the time when people "take stock" and make resolutions for the year to come.

It is a truism that "Old Money" (those who did not come into their fortune recently, as distinct from the "Nouveau Riche", if you will), are typically far more gracious towards their fellow men.

It is the same with bridge. Good players make their partners feel comfortable and confident, passing over their mistakes without comment. It is always the poorer player who berates the partner and displays poor behavior at the table.

Resolve to exhibit grace and forbearance when partner makes a mistake. Apart from elevating the comity of the partnership, the overall performance is bound to improve. Not only will bridge become more pleasant, you will become a sought-after partner.



## Vale

### Walter Gottlieb

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Walter, husband of Kitty and long-time member of our Club. We have all played against this formidable bridge couple who, most recently, were the winners of the 2019 Club Championships. Our sympathies extend to Kitty and members of Walter's family

**Ethics at the table...** Alvin Roth a very ethical player is defending 7NT, vulnerable, in a money rubber bridge game where the declarer reduces to a three-card ending. Dummy has the Axx of spades and declarer the KJ10. The lead is in declarer's hand and he leads the SJ. Second hand has xxx and Roth Qxx. Second hand goes into an act trying to make declarer think he has the queen and finally plays low. Declarer, taken in by the hesitation, also plays low. Roth, holding the queen, also plays low allowing the jack to take the trick and the declarer to make 7NT. When Roth's partner asks him why he didn't take the SQ, Roth says: "Because I thought you had it!"



"By the way, we're playing cards with the Millers tonight, and Edna says if you promise not to use your X-ray vision, Warren promises not to bring his Kryptonite."

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