



# MARCH, 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 March

Monday 2nd is at Easts  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL**  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> is at Easts - **RED POINTS**  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> is at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> is at the RSL  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> is at Easts  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - at the RSL** [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> is at Easts  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> is at Easts [Supervised & Beginners Course](#)

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

### The "Ides of March" issue

However, we expect no "back-stabbing" at the tables

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

The RSL is closing at the end of March 2020

### But not for our Bridge Club!

We shall be able to book that venue for our bridge games well towards the end of the year, October, perhaps beyond. Watch this space!

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 Shirley, (our hard working Welfare Officer), reports feedback from very many members that bridge at our Club is the highlight of their week and that they eagerly look forward to each and every session.

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

**Ave. of best 3 scores**

Mondays: Margit Short & Ruy de Menezes	62.33%
Wednesdays: Jerzy Szyszkowski & Halina Drwecka	67.77%
Saturdays: Geoffrey Hill and Kerry Hill	60.57%

### Improved Ratings in February.

	Prior	New	Gain
1. Nellie Puterflam	49.23	50.09	0.86
2. Margit Short	52.46	53.04	0.58
3. Agnes Stanley	57.90	58.47	0.57

**AND WHAT ABOUT APRIL?** all Saturdays (Excepting cancellation of the 25<sup>th</sup>, which is Anzac Day) are at RSL and we expect to play all other days at Easts

### Wine Not?



### Wine for the weary bridge players.

*A Party will be held at the conclusion of the Beginners' Course on the 7<sup>th</sup> April*

*Do not play "Brutal" bridge in March*



UNLIKE MILK  
IT'S OKAY TO CRY OVER  
SPILLED WINE



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

**BEWARE!**

The Ides of March!



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 a nice fellow!



***It's a little-known fact that Julius Caesar did not die from stab wounds by Brutus, but, rather, was poisoned.***

During a sumptuous banquet which they both attended on that fateful Ides of March, Brutus slipped some poisonous hemlock leaves onto Julius' salad. (making the world's first Caesar's salad - no, that's not the joke, wait for it....). When Julius slumped over into his salad, Brutus feigned concern and asked, "My dear friend Julius, how many hemlock leaves have you eaten?" To which Julius gasped in reply: "Ate two, Brute."



**The Bridge for Brains Challenge is played at Easts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</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.**

**Nicoleta provides feedback from the 59<sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Congress**, which is the largest bridge event in the Southern Hemisphere and second largest in the world.

In total there were over 9,000 tables for the week and there was a great attendance from overseas players.

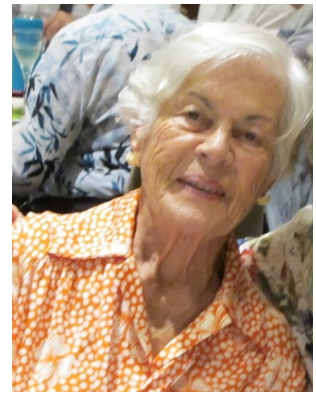
**The event caters for old and young, for beginners, improvers, intermediates, restricted and experienced players.**

**Nick and Nicoleta played in the Open Pairs (matchpoints) and qualified 16<sup>th</sup> of their field of 114. That got them to the Plate, where they scored average.**

They next played in the **Open Teams**, where after battling heroically for three days, their team came 20<sup>th</sup> from 236 teams. (**Theo and Leigh** also came in the top 50) Tired, but still keen, they played in the **Butler Swiss Pairs**, a field of 109 tables. Team Nicoleta and Nick came 22<sup>nd</sup>, sitting EW and Theo with Leigh came 23<sup>rd</sup> (sitting NS). Also spotted, were a few other Easts players, the **Mullins** and **Judith Rychter**.

Dinner was at a different restaurant each night in company with different sets of friends from interstate and overseas.

A strongly recommended event for all!



## Vale

### Irene Friedman

We join in mourning the passing of Irene, a long time member of our Club. Irene was a pleasure to partner or to play against and she was not only a competent player but also of pleasant disposition. We all remember her and our sympathies extend to members of Irene's family

♠6  
♥Q8654  
♦Q7  
♣J10854

♠Q9532  
♥3  
♦KT932  
♣Q7



♠AK74  
♥KJ97  
♦AJ65  
♣3

5  
7 16  
12

♠JT8  
♥AT2  
♦84  
♣AK962

N: 3C, 2H  
S: 3C, 2H  
E: 5D, 5S 1N  
W: 5D, 5S 1N

## HAND OF THE MONTH

This was Board 23 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. With South as dealer, how do you find your four ♠ Contract?

1. If South opens one ♣, then North may bid 2♣ or 3♣ or even pass. East should then Double, showing a strong hand and a shortage in ♣. Whatever South bids, West should overcall ♠s showing the 5-card suit, and voila, you will find your 4♠ contract.
2. If South passes, (if your system includes multi-2s), then West would bid 2♠ showing a weak hand with 5♠ and 5 of a minor, and East would then bid to 4♠.
3. However, if you do not play multi-2s, and if there were 3 passes, East would open 1♦. What should West then do? If West bids 2♦ he would be denying his major (in this case 5). If West responds 1♠ then East should jump to 3♠ as an invitation to game and West should bid 4♠. By the way, if you use "Losing Trick Count" then West has only a 7-loser hand, despite only having 7 high card points.
4. Incidentally, less than a third of the field found their 4♠ contract!

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The **Mixed Pairs** event is being played over two Wednesdays in April. (the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Find a partner** now for this **Red Points** event at which you can qualify to play in the State Championships

