



# SEPTEMBER, 2020 NEWSLETTER

## EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

*We encourage the game of bridge in an environment where players compete and develop with enjoyment and mutual respect*



These bridge players wish to be safe.

**Hot off the Press!** Players new to our online BBO sessions do not have to provide their credit card details to BBO when buying the BB dollars. Nicoleta has negotiated a scheme whereby she has these dollars on hand and players can purchase these, paying the Bridge Club by cash, cheque or by direct deposit to our Bridge Club account. Further details can be obtained from Nicoleta or from Allen

### Calculate your next travel destination

1. Choose a number between 1 and 9

2. Multiply it by 3

3. Add 3

4. Multiply by 3 again

5. Add the 2 digits together

6. The number you're left with is where you're travelling to!

1. Japan

2. Hawaii

3. Paris

4. Bali

5. Australia

6. Barbados

7. Italy

8. Kenya

9. Stay home

10. Cuba

11. New York

12. Jamaica

13. Greece

14. Thailand

15. The Maldives



### CANCELLATION OF GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2021

"It is with great sadness that we have to announce that after much consideration we have decided to cancel the 2021 Gold Coast Congress. Due to the Covid-19 Restrictions currently in place and likely to be in place at the Convention Centre and elsewhere in 2021, an early decision had to be made. We will hopefully be celebrating the 60th event in 2022 - dates are 19th February to 26th February".

Tim Runting Gold Coast Convenor and Kim Ellaway Manager GOLD COAST CONGRESS

### New Sessions for Easts bridge players

Four Sydney clubs have joined together to run online sessions during the pandemic. Through the efforts of Nicoleta and Theo, the Easts, Kiama, Randwick and Wollstonecraft bridge clubs now run open sessions on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons as well as a Supervised session on Tuesdays. As face to Face bridge will not be starting any time soon, **we are hopeful of starting a Monday afternoon session during September** which is to be hosted by Wollstonecraft bridge club. **Stop Press!** Kiama bridge club will be starting **sessions on Thursdays** afternoons. This means that Easts players will have sessions every day, Monday through Saturday.

The dumbest thing I ever purchased was a 2020 Planner

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert

For our enthusiastic competitors, there are Sunday Nationwide Events at 2:30 pm available online at all levels, open, restricted and novice. This is now extended to a new game on Friday nights, 7:30 pm

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are.

*This issue acknowledges that the Elephant has not left the room. The "Devil" aka Covid-19, is still with us.*

### Hope springs

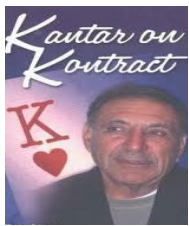
**eternal** ... there is talk of a medical breakthrough (vaccine) in the offing and that we may have F2F bridge back in early 2021. In the meantime, Ted Popper has been working tirelessly towards our Covid-19 Safety Plan and we are awaiting East's input.

**A number of mentors** have stepped up to partner less experienced players during **Supervised Tuesdays**. We acknowledge: Dianne Mullin, Eddie Mullin, Lester Abrams, Ted Popper, Thomas Karsai, Theo Mangos, Allen Rosenberg

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool

Buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other

**We have missed the pre-game lessons on Tuesdays. They are back!** Our teacher, **Nick Hughes**, will be **"talking bridge"** at 12:30, before the Tuesday games, from 8<sup>th</sup> September. Selected hands will be discussed, both bidding and play, with declarer's hand being visible. To access these lessons, **Players need to log in and then join Pilun's table.**



**Edwin Bruce Kantar** was born in [Minneapolis](#). He learned the game at 11 and started teaching it at the age of 17, first to his friends and later at the [University of Minnesota](#), which he attended. Beside the 1977 and 1979 Bermuda Bowls, Kantar has won 15 [North American Bridge Championships](#) (NABCs) and is [World Bridge Federation](#) (WBF) and [American Contract Bridge League](#) (ACBL) Grand Life Master. Kantar started writing about bridge with an article on notrump bidding in the December 1954 of [The Bridge World](#). He has written more than 35 bridge books and he is a regular contributor to the ACBL *Bridge Bulletin* (with two monthly columns), *The Bridge World*, and *Bridge Today*. Kantar writes at home in California and lectures on bridge cruises. When not writing about bridge, Eddie can be found at Venice Beach playing [paddle tennis](#), a sport in which he has also garnered several trophies. Eddie is the only person ever to have played in a World Bridge Championship and a [World Table Tennis Championship](#).

West Dealer: S 7 2  
N/S Vul. H K 8 5 4  
D A 7 6  
C Q 5 4 2

S Q J 5 4 3 S A K 10 8  
H 9 7 H 2  
D 10 8 4 D K Q J 9 2  
C A J 6 C 9 7 3

S 9 6  
H A J 10 9 6 3  
D 5 3  
C K 10 8

Opening Lead H 4



### Tips from the "Master"

*When partner bids two suits and you have an equal number of cards in each suit, take partner back to the first suit, even if it means increasing the level. Just do it*

*With two five-card suits: open with the higher ranking suit, respond in the higher ranking suit, and overcall in the higher ranking suit. Do not worry about which is the stronger suit.*

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
PASS PASS 1D 2H  
2S 3H 4S PASS  
PASS PASS

### The bidding:

As South, your 2H jump overcall is equivalent to an opening "weak two" bid.

As North, you have enough to give partner a single raise.

East is too strong to raise 3S. You have a side-suit singleton, phenomenal trump support plus a strong side suit. Please ....

### The "Surrounding Play" by Eddie Kantar -

As South you should recognise this dummy type – one with a powerful side suit plus strong trump support. Defensive tricks must be taken or established quickly. Clearly, clubs is the suit to attack. The Question is: which club to lead? When the dummy to the right has the 9-x-x-(x) and you have the Q-10-8-(x) or the K-10-8-(x), you have the 9 surrounded with the 10-8 plus a higher unequal honor, the ingredients for a "surrounding" play.

Attack with the 10, the higher of the two surrounding cards (and the only card in your hand that defeats the contract). Your lead establishes two club tricks before the AD can be driven out.

Assuming that West covers with JC (best), North wins and returns a club. You remain with the K-8 Over dummy's 9-7 of Clubs. By covering the 7 with the 9 or the 9 with the K, you drive out the declarer's ace while retaining a club winner. When partner gets in with the AD a club return defeats the contract. If you lead the 8, declarer plays low, partner wins the Queen but declarer remains with the K-J hovering over your king. Leading the king doesn't work either. Declarer wins the Ace, draws trumps and drives out the AD, all the while retaining a club stopper.

Other surrounding plays to be on the lookout for are: (1) leading the J from the AJ9(x) or the KJ9(x) when dummy to the right has the 10-x-(x); (2) leading the Q from A-Q-10-(x) when dummy to the right has the J-x-(x).

They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store. – They lied, everybody else had clothes on.

**Bridge players should not use the word "Cheating".**

**It is far worse to do it!**

Funbridge and BBO have put out a Press Release, emphasising their policy regarding zero tolerance of bad behaviour and cheating by participants playing bridge online at their sites. Both organisations strive daily to prevent and detect cheating. Considerable human and IT resources have been deployed to this end. Both organisations are also working with the World Bridge Federation and all National Bridge Organisations to stamp out any form of cheating, any behaviour contrary to normal, accepted standards or anything that may affect the running of the game.

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