



# JANUARY, 2021 NEWSLETTER

## EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

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

### The Annus Horribilis issue (or) We are all glad to be in 2021

### Bridge in January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is at Easts (as normal)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – at COA Supervised  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Bridge Base Online  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> is Cancelled (No Venue)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – at COA Supervised  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Bridge Base Online  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> is Cancelled (No Venue)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – at COA Supervised  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Bridge Base Online  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Church in the Marketplace  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – at COA Supervised  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Bridge Base Online

East's Leagues Club is undergoing major renovations and the Bondi Room will be unavailable for bridge games until late March, 2021. The "Good News" is that we have found alternative venues for this period.

Monday sessions will be at the Church in the Marketplace (Except for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of January ... 4<sup>th</sup> being at Easts and the other two dates being cancelled ... see the schedule on the left).  
Tuesdays will all be conducted at the COA Sydney, 25 Rowe Street, Woollahra, until further notice. This is a five-minute walk from The Church in the Marketplace. We are all familiar with the Church in the Marketplace, being at the beginning of the Mall, Corner of Oxford and Newland Streets, Bondi Junction.  
Maps for these two venues appear on page 2 of this Newsletter. Wednesdays will continue, as before, to be played online with our Club at BBO

Congratulations to our members and our Directors in the successful running of Face to Face sessions in November and December, notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by Covid. We acknowledge and thank the management of East's Leagues Club for all their support and encouragement and support.

**THOMAS IS NO LONGER VICE PRESIDENT BUT CONTINUES AS YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR.** It is with sadness that I step back from the responsibilities associated with the governance of the Bridge Club. I must do so, however, on medical advice. My cardiologist, in concert with my nephrologist, have advised that I reduce the incidence of stress in my life.

**WELCOME TO TERRY MAUNSELL - OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT.** Terry has served on the Committee in a number of roles over the past two years and brings to the executive of the Bridge Club her experience of leadership roles in other organisations, including the pharmacy industry association and Soroptimist International.



Terry has been a member of our Club for four years, having graduated from Nick Hughes' Beginners' Class in April 2017. We congratulate her on her elevation to the high office of Vice President.

edreg's Favourite Bridge Quotes: No. 21



It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you  
Try also for some that belong to the opponents.

Alfred Sheinwald

**Membership  
Renewal deferred  
from October until  
March.** Further details  
will follow in the  
February Newsletter.



Maurice Steinfeld, just turned 98 and still playing bridge at Easts as though he were a mere youngster

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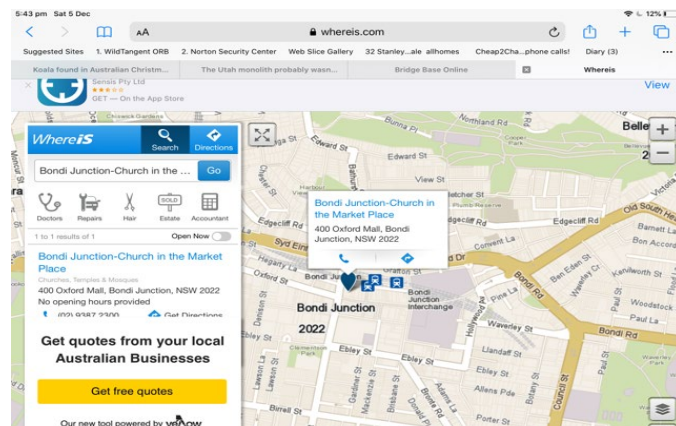
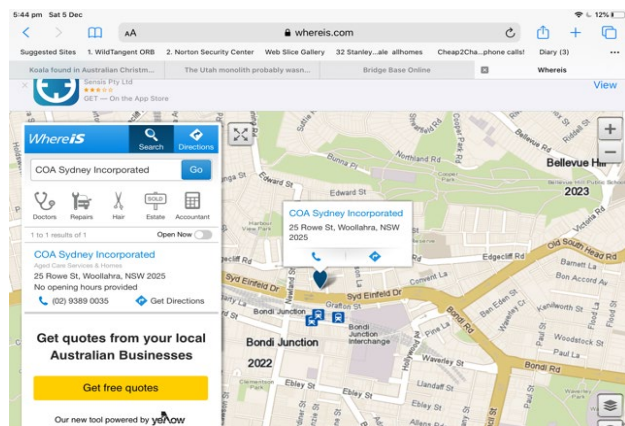


TOTAL NUMBER OF POSSIBLE  
BRIDGE HANDS



The map for COA, 25 Rowe Street, Woollahra

The map for Church in the Marketplace (Corner of Oxford and Newland Streets), Bondi Junction



**Ely Culbertson** (July 22, 1891 – December 27, 1955), was an American [contract bridge](#) entrepreneur and personality dominant during the 1930s. He played a major role in the popularization of the new game and was widely regarded as "the man who made contract bridge". He was a great showman who became rich, was highly extravagant, and lost and gained fortunes several times over.

The famous **Culbertson-Lenz match** took place during December 1931 and January 1932 at two New York City hotels, and was called the "[Bridge Battle of the Century](#)". [Sidney Lenz](#) was the leader of a group of players opposed to Culbertson's domination of the game, and who called their bidding system the Official System. Culbertson challenged Lenz to a match, wagering \$5,000 against his opponent's \$1,000, with the money to go to charity regardless of the outcome.

The match was played as [rubber bridge](#), with 150 rubbers being played. Culbertson played 88 of these with his wife, [Josephine](#), partnering one of [Theodore Lightner](#), [Waldemar von Zedtwitz](#), [Howard Schenken](#) and [Michael T. Gottlieb](#) in the remainder. Lenz played with [Oswald Jacoby](#) for the first 103 rubbers, but Jacoby then resigned following a heated difference of opinion over a defensive play.

According to the match referee, Lt. [Alfred Gruenther](#) (later 4-star General and Supreme Allied Commander Europe 1953-56), Jacoby said following that deal, "I made a play that only twelve players in the country would understand, and unfortunately Mr Lenz did not seem, at that particular moment, to be among that twelve." Cmdr. Winfield Liggett, Jr., was Lenz's partner for the rest of the match, which Culbertson won by 8,980 points.

[Terence Reese](#) said "The Official System (Lenz) ... was discredited ... That the Culbertsons did not win more easily (for their constructive bidding was much better than that of their opponents) was due to the fact that Jacoby was a player of quite different class from any of the others." Jacoby's [psychic bids](#) and his competitive bidding generally kept the Lenz team in the match; but Lenz himself could not tolerate Jacoby's style.

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**Ruth Finkelstein** We all remember Ruth, playing at our tables with her husband Oscar until a few years ago. Our sincere sympathy and condolences to her family.