



# MARCH, 2021 Newsletter

## Easts Bridge Club

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

BRIDGE PLAYERS DO IT  
WITH FINESSE

### Bridge in March:

**Monday 1st, at the Church**

**Tuesday 2nd, at COA. Supervised**

**Wednesday 3rd - Bridge Base Online**

**Monday 8th - at the Church**

**Tuesday 9th - at COA. Supervised**

**Wednesday 10th - Bridge Base Online**

**Monday 15th - at the Church**

**Tuesday 16th - at COA. Supervised**

**Wednesday 17th - Bridge Base Online**

**Monday 22nd - at the Church**

**Tuesday 23rd - at COA. Supervised**

**Wednesday 24th - Bridge Base Online**

**Monday 29th - at the Church**

**Tuesday 30th - at COA. Supervised**

**Wednesday 31st - Bridge Base Online**

Easts is undergoing renovations and we are playing at alternative venues.

Monday sessions have commenced at the Church in the Marketplace. (At the beginning of the Mall, Corner of Oxford and Newland Streets, Bondi Junction). As it is a larger venue, it is possible to cater for 12 tables but, as always in this time of Covid, bookings are necessary to ensure that you and your partner will be included in the game. Bottled water is available at the sessions so the players can "keep their cool" Tuesdays continue being conducted at the COA Sydney, 25 Rowe Street, Woollahra, and will do so until further notice.



**The Beginners' Course** is scheduled for **13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021** (subject always to not having intervention by Covid). This is your chance to introduce this great game to your friends and family members. Brochures and application forms containing further information can be obtained at the bridge sessions or by contacting Nicoleta or the Bridge Director.

### **Easts Beginners' Course is the best value in town.**

The course is conducted by our highly experienced and qualified teacher, Nick Hughes and there are 4 easy lessons. These are followed by two supervised practice sessions. For the \$40 entry fee, membership of the Bridge Club until October is also included.

**Please check that renewal payments due at the end of February, have been completed.** Benefits of membership include membership of the Australian Bridge Federation and the NSW Bridge Association, which provides many benefits including insurance, newsletters, earning of masterpoints, participation in events such as Bridge Congresses. Easts Bridge Club also provides participation in functions and special bridge sessions at Easts where prizes may be awarded, training events and a monthly newsletter. Financial members may vote at the Annual General Meeting, which was delayed by the pandemic and will occur in May 2021

**Watch this space:** Because of the pandemic, our **Annual General Meeting** will be held **in May**, instead of November last year

**2020 WAS LIKE LOOKING BOTH  
WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE  
STREET AND THEN GETTING HIT BY  
AN AEROPLANE!!!**



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## Hand of the month

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Board 6  
Dir: E  
Vul: E-W

♠AJ  
♥T74  
♦Q62  
♣QJ854

♠T8642      ♠95  
♥6            ♥8  
♦J94        ♦KT8753  
♣AK32     ♣T976

♠KQ73  
♥AKQJ9532  
♦A  
Void

W	N	E	S
	Ruy		Toni
		Pass	2C*
Pass	2S**	Pass	7H
All pass			

Toni learnt from Ruy the "Albarran Convention" and she was pleased to put it into practice. 2C\* opening is 24+hcp or a 3-loser hand. 2S\*\* response shows sA.

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Here are the most improved players:

		Old %	New %	Gain%
1	Theo Mangos	65.82	66.45	0.63
2	Bonnie Rix	59.79	60.32	0.53
3	Margit Short	53.08	53.6	0.52

Back at a Easts in a few weeks

The renovations are proceeding well at Easts, and we are hopeful that the Bondi Room will be available for our use by the end of March. Please check the calendar on our web site for the location of sessions.

Note that Easts Leagues Club have changed their rules, so you will need to be a financial member to be able to play at our Bridge club. It only costs \$7.00 to join the Leagues Club.

In the meantime, our sessions are continuing at alternative venues. We are having nine or ten tables at our Monday Open duplicate sessions and five or more tables at our Tuesday supervised sessions.

In the meantime, our Wednesday online session is continuing in the immediate future.

While we play in a Covid-safe environment, we welcome the start of the vaccination program which dramatically reduces the risks, particularly for the vulnerable members of our bridge community.

## Our new editor for the newsletter

We have a new editor for our monthly newsletter. Gaby Paroz has agreed to take on this challenging role after Thomas relinquished the role that he has performed so well for a number of years. Gaby, with the support of the committee and bridge directors hopes the quality of the newsletter will be retained.