



APRIL, 2023 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 April

Monday 1 - 4 pm
Tuesday 1 -3:40 pm Supervised (Talk at 12:45)
Wednesday 1 - 4:00 pm
CANCELLATION: Tuesday 25th (Anzac Day)
POSSIBLE RE-LOCATION: Wed. 26th to Church in the Marketplace (To be advised)

This is not an 1st April prank.
**Thomas resumes as your
Newsletter Editor.**



**YOU GET TO
BE A LIFE
MEMBER WHEN
YOU REACH
100**

Maurice Steinfeld, just turned 100, and is still playing bridge at Easts as though he were a mere youngster

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR TWO NEW
LIFE MEMBERS**



Theo Mangos has been awarded a **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** at the recent AGM for his long service and in his role as Matchmaker at Easts Bridge Club.



Club Champions for 2022 – **Leigh Foran and Theo Mangos**

Adelia Tchelnokova was awarded the under 5 mp "Novice Trophy"

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It has been wonderful to see the increasing number of people at the Bridge table. Unfortunately, I expect to see a small decrease in April due to Passover, Easter and ANZAC Day holidays.

You will have read the details of the recent AGM in the last newsletter and the new committee is ready to go. Hopefully we will be able to have a few more social get togethers, which we had to curtail over the last couple of years.

Thank you again to Nick Hughes for compiling the Newsletter over the last year and welcome back to Thomas Karsai in this role.

Remember
"A BAD DAY AT THE BRIDGE TABLE IS STILL BETTER THAN CLEANING THE HOUSE"

Terry

**The 38th annual
Australia -Wide
Novice Pairs** on
Tuesday 30th May is a **national event for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints**. It is played by our members at our very own Bridge Club. For the \$5 entry fee, each player receives a **souvenir booklet** of the hands, with the recommended bidding and items of interest from the play.

The top 100 players win prizes, with additional spot prizes for lower-ranked players

**The March
Beginner's
Course has
been very
popular**



**Celebration, drinks and
Certificates will be
awarded on Tuesday 18th
April!**

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table

**Your Committee
extends good
wishes to all our
players for Easter
and Passover**



**State Mixed Pairs Qualifying
Sessions at Easts** - These are **Red Point Events**, held over three Mondays – 17th, 24th April and 1st May. - Best 2 scores of the 3 sessions played to count.

When too much bridge is never enough

Wollstonecraft Swiss Pairs Congress.
Sunday 16 April 10am. \$35 per player, bring your own lunch.

Trumps Easter Festival

Good Friday Pairs Friday 7 April at 10am \$40 per person includes a light lunch
Gourmet Pairs Saturday 8 April at 1.30
Easter Teams Sunday 9 April at 10am \$40 per person includes a light lunch

T shirt seen at a bridge congress...

I  transfers

Chris's Corner. "Be **Gracious** to One Another"

**Advance notice of the Club
Championships for 2023
3 Wednesdays in May (TBA)
– Red Points up for grabs!**



Not an April Fool's play
this is a Coup known as
"Morton's Fork"

S	AJT5	S	6
H	A96	H	T875
D	KJ72	D	9843
C	A8	C	J92
S	KQ3	N	
H	J42	W	E
D	AT6	S	
C	KT65		
		S	98742
		H	KQ
		D	Q5
		C	Q743

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	Dble	No	2S
No	4S	All pass	

The Vital Statistics

Top Scoring Open Players

March 2023 - from average 5 best scores

	Total of best 5	Rounded average	No of Partners
Theo MANGOS	318.2	64	4
Chris HAMAM	311.0	62	5
Helen VAN DAM	297.2	59	2

Wednesday Month winners

(Top 3 after session 4) from average best 3 scores

1 Matthew Lynch & Toni Paramore	58.57 %	4
2 Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill	57.73 %	4
3 Agi Stanley & George Kaponay	57.43 %	3

Monday Month winners

(Top 3 after session 4) from average best 3 scores

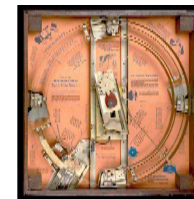
1 Bonnie Rix & Helen van Dam	62.77 %	4
2 Eva Last & Albert Tjahja	59.80 %	4
3 Toni Paramore & Ruy de Menezes	57.20 %	3

West leads the heart two and the trick is won by South's king. Declarer continues by leading the spade seven, three from West, five from dummy, and East follows with the six. **(Cover up the defender's hands and make your plan for the remainder of South's play).**

With the spades neatly under control, it is time to minimise the number of minor suit losers. In view of West's opening bid, the diamond ace is marked and poor West can be subjected to a coup known as Morton's Fork. **(Morton's Fork forces an opponent to choose between; letting declarer establish extra tricks in the suit led; or, losing the opportunity to win any trick in the suit led).**

South cashes the heart queen and then leads the small diamond from hand. If West ducks, South wins the king in dummy, discards the diamond queen on the heart ace, and plays ace and another club. This enables declarer to ruff two clubs in dummy, for eleven tricks.

If West rises with the diamond ace, it does not help the defence. Then the king and jack of diamonds, together with the heart ace will provide discards for three of declarer's clubs, and South again comes to eleven tricks.



Will this make me a great bridge player? (Sorry! It will not).

The Hammond Electric Bridge Table.

Invented by Laurens Hammond, (of Hammond Organ fame), was released somewhere before Christmas in 1932. At first glance, it looks more like a spiritualist gadget that you might have used to fake a séance – but not quite. What it actually does is automatic card shuffling. Players insert a deck of cards, which is fed through to the internal mechanism of the table. There, the cards are distributed to the players at random (instead of shuffling the entire deck). World's greatest boon to tired Bridge players! Apparently, it didn't sell too well at the time, and was largely considered an over-the-top gadget.

Once there was a married couple, they hated each other. They met another couple that also hated each other. One night, they all sat down and invented bridge.

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