



MAY, 2023 NEWSLETTER

EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

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



From your President

I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the recent holiday period. Personally, I was able to have the first “normal”

Easter with my family for a few years.

Our club membership is slowly increasing after the decline owing to the pandemic. Similarly, the number of tables at each session is increasing but we would still like to see more. Please encourage any former members to rejoin.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen one of the largest beginners’ classes complete their course. The club hosted a special celebration on April 18th. I hope many of this cohort will continue playing in the Tuesday supervised classes and, when they feel comfortable, moving on to Monday or Wednesday sessions.

Lastly for a bit of trivia. Did you know that 635,013,559,600 is the total number of possible bridge hands?

Terry Maunsell

Bridge Sessions at Easts

Mondays 1- 4 pm

Tuesdays 1- 3:40

(talk at 12:45 pm)

Wednesdays 1- 4 pm

No cancellations to date, (but, Monday 15th finish at 3:15)



Which twin brothers, both regular players at Easts Bridge Club, have their 80th birthday on 13th May?

We salute Nick Hughes, our long-time teacher.

This time round, he has conducted our most successful beginners, course ever. (6-7 tables)



Would you like to play better bridge?

IMPROVERS LESSONS on Tuesday 16th May, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, are offered in lieu of the regular supervised session. This will be for all members. (You do not need a partner, just turn up) table money is \$15. Further such sessions will be offered every few months... watch this space!

The **AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS CHALLENGE** (on Tuesday 30th May) is for newer players as well as experienced players who have accumulated less than 100 masterpoints. This event features pre-dealt boards scored across the nation. **Red Points** are available. There are prizes awarded for the top scores across Australia as well as a number of “spot prizes”. The entry fee of \$5 per player is subsidised by Easts Bridge Club to the tune of \$3 per player.



GO FOR GOLD

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS event will be played on **Wednesdays 28th June and 5th July**. Make up a team for this prestigious event as this is an opportunity to earn “Gold Points” while playing at our home Club. Entries can be made on the notice board from the middle of May.



It is “Party Time” at Easts after the final session of the “**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**” on Wednesday the 17th May.



The Club Championships are hotly contested this month (**Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th**). To be in the running, you need to play at least twice with the same partner. We take your best two of three scores to decide the placings, so playing three times gives you an extra chance. Prizes will be awarded to each member of the first, second and third place-getting pairs and presented at a social event towards the end of the year. **First Prize** is a small trophy plus a \$50 gift card, second placegetters receive a \$30 gift card and a \$20 gift card is awarded for third.

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

LAW 45 – CARD PLAYED.

A. Play of Card from a Hand

Each player except dummy plays a card by detaching it from his hand and facing* it on the table immediately before him.

The opening lead is first made face down unless the Regulating Authority directs otherwise.

A bridge teacher explaining duplicate bridge protocol tells this lady to make her opening lead face down. She promptly puts her head on the table and leads a card face up.



Chris Hamam makes 6H at the Gold Coast

Chris (S), received the C8 lead against his 6H

THE IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Top Scoring Open Players in April

Total of best 4 sessions	Rounded average	
1. Theo MANGOS	266.9	67
2. Eva LAST	253.2	63
3. Toni PARAMORE	236.4	59

Monday Month winners in April

(Top 3 after session 2) Ave. of the 2 scores

1 Pat WALKER & Theo MANGOS	62.77 %
2 Bonnie RIX & Helen VAN DAM	58.30 %
3 Agi STANLEY & George KAPONAY	52.55 %

Wednesday Month winners in April

from average the best 2 scores after session 3

1 Leigh FORAN & Theo MANGOS	63.60 %
2. Agi STANLEY & George KAPONAY	62.80 %
3. Roman NAIMAN & Nick MATIN	56.85 %

Count your winners and count your losers. If the total doesn't come to 13, count your cards.

NORTH

S K
H T984
D A7
C AKQ932

WEST

S QJ6
H Q7532
D 432
C 84

EAST

S 973
H ---
D QJ986
C JT765

SOUTH

S AT8542
H AKJ6
D KT5
C ---

Ron Klinger wrote this hand up in his column in the Sydney Morning Herald. The only Restricted Team to make the slam, as against 22 other declarers failing to make.

Lead was won in dummy and Chris played HT, letting it run to HQ. (A heart return would have defeated the slam, but West switched to a diamond). South took DK, SK, DA, SA and ruffed the DT with the H4. After cashing the CK, declarer cross-ruffed the remaining tricks for a +1430

The two experts finished their drinks and went up to the card room and started to play. About two hours later they were each about \$80 in front so they decided to call it a day and went back to the bar for a celebration drink.

While sipping his double whisky Jones remarked, "We should do this again; it's like shooting fish in a barrel."

Smith replied, "Fine, let us make a firm date," and Jones said, "What about a week today?"

Smith consulted his diary but shaking his head replied, "Sorry old man, not that night, Sikorski is playing."

Jones said, "I see," and suggested a day two weeks later.

Smith again shook his head saying, "Sorry, not that night either, Sikorski is also playing on that occasion."

Jones' curiosity now got the better of him for he said, "I don't wish to pry into your affairs but this Sikorski, I don't think I know him. Where does he play?"

Smith replied, "It's a funny thing but I don't know where he plays, or how he plays or for that matter what he plays. But when he plays, I sleep with his wife."

Free Game Vouchers are now awarded for the best scoring pairs (Either NS or EW) provided that there are 10+ tables

The Leagues Club is sponsoring the monthly winners (best 3 scores in the month) to the tune of \$10 on the players' Easts card. Thank you, Cain!



Nick enjoyed the bridge, the Pizza and an Ashai

"When learning Bridge hits your eye, like a big Pizza Pie". Beginners played 8 boards, enjoyed the camaraderie and a beverage with a slice of Pizza!

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HAVE WITH YOUR
CLOTHES ON



In case you haven't twigged, the 4-year-old cuties on p.1 are Morris and Allen Rosenberg

Chris' Corner:-
Forgive One Another
"To err is human
To forgive is divine"