



JUNE 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

The last month has certainly been a busy one for our club. We have had the State

Mixed Pairs Qualifying and The Club Championship Sessions and Nick ran a well-attended workshop on declarer play in suit contracts. I only hope I can ruff as well next time I play as I did at the workshop!

Most of those who played in the final session of the Club Championship stayed on for pizza and drinks. These informal functions are proving popular and are certainly a good way of getting to know your fellow players.

The numbers at the sessions are slowly increasing with a few new members and also many of the participants in the last Beginner's Course now playing at the Tuesday Supervised Session.

"No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table."

Martina Navratilova

Bridge Sessions at Easts

Mondays 1- 4 pm

Tuesdays 1- 3:40 (talk at 12:45 pm)

Wednesdays 1- 4 pm

Cancellations of play in Bondi Room: -

Tuesday & Wednesday, 20th & 21st

Tuesday & Wednesday, 27th & 28th

Notification, play switched to "The Church in the Marketplace", 95% sure, to be confirmed

Advance Notice!

Paint July RED!

All Mondays in July will be **RED POINT** sessions.

Christmas in July (Finger Food) – **Wed. 5th**
July from 4:00 pm

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

were hotly contested over **three successive Wednesdays in May**. The Winners, **Leigh Foran & Theo Mangos** averaged 70.75% over their two best sessions, coming ahead of Chris Hamam & Brian Bedkober (63.45%) and Mathew Lynch & Toni Paramore (59.55%)

CLUB CHAMPIONS for 2023 **LEIGH FORAN** and **THEO MANGOS**



Simply the best! Better than all the rest!

The Mixed Pairs Qualifying (best 2 of 3) winners were **Pat Walker & Theo Mangos** (66.3%) from Eva Last & Albert Tjahja coming second (62.25%) and Agi Stanley & George Kaponay, third (58.8%).

Our **Nicoleta and Nick** achieved a creditable 2nd place in a final which bristled with Australian representative players.



MORRIS & ALLEN ROSENBERG

Two remarkable new octogenarians celebrated their 80th birthday on 13th May 2023.

Congratulations and all good wishes.

Five pairs from our Club reached the top 100 in the 2023 Australia Wide Novice Pairs

Over 600 tables submitted for each board, and over 18000 boards were played overall.

Congratulations to our STAR Novices!

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| 1 Kerrie Stokes & Sandy Watson | (22 nd) 65.5% |
| 2 Bliss Ryan & Judy Bahar | (32 nd) 64.8% |
| 3 Jane Satterford & Steve Mitchell | (36 th) 64.2% |
| 4 Geoffrey Hill & Kerry Hill | (45 th) 63.3% |
| 5 Riva Taitz & David Taitz | (89 th) 61.1% |

The local (Club) results look somewhat different, full details will be available on the corkboard.

Monday Month winners

(After session 4) from average best 3 scores

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| 1 Lalitha Gupta & Kamala Valliappan | 62.73 % |
| 2 Bonnie Rix & Helen van Dam | 62.13 % |
| 3 Pat Walker & Theo Mangos | 61.37 % |

They were at a concert. Said she, a bridge addict, "What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?" "That's the score," answered her escort. "Oh. Who's vulnerable?"

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS played on **Wednesdays 28th June and 5th July**. (Finals at NSWBA on Aug. 5 & 6). Make up a team for this prestigious event as this is an opportunity to earn **"Gold Points"** while playing at our home Club. (See Theo and/or Chris

A superstar bridge player and his wife, whom he often left at home with the kids, were walking towards the playing area at a national tournament. She was overheard saying, "I don't care if you **DO** sleep with her, you are **NOT** playing bridge with her."



Staying focused - Terence Reese from London, was the best bridge writer in the world and the winner of many international championships. Reese learned the game when he was six years old and was competing in tournaments when he was fourteen. Terence Reese had an awesome concentration at the bridge table. A countryman of his once bet that a nude model could parade around the table where Reese was playing, and he wouldn't notice. The countryman had a good bet. Reese never even glanced up."

The Club will purchase 8 more bidding boxes, an orange sticker will be placed on these, and they will be for general use.

HOLD THAT 'PHONE... The use of telephones during bridge sessions is a gross discourtesy and a grave breach of Bridge Etiquette. Excepting rare instances, where pre-arrangements have been made with the director for medical reasons or such, the mobile phone should be turned to silent or, perhaps, completely off. At the recent Committee Meeting, the issue was raised by the Directors and penalties for persistent offenders are being considered. \$2 fine per ringing phone and \$5 if picked up and answered. Watch this space ...

Entering data on Bridgemates – Normal procedure is for **South to score and East to check**. It is best that **contract and lead be entered before the game commences**. However, if South is the opening lead or dummy, play takes precedence. It is also preferable that the bridgemate is not handed around the whole table for result to be seen, as this is time consuming.

The doctor was checking up on three elderly bridge players who had head injuries from a car accident. Serene inquired, "Doctor, will I still be able to play bridge?" The doctor asked, "How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "60" the lady replied. Worried, the doctor turned to Wayne "How about you? How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "Uh, Wednesday!" he shouted. Even more concerned, the doctor motioned to the other lady, "Well, what do you say, madam?? How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "Forty!" Sheryl replied. "Excellent!" the doctor exclaimed. "How did you get that?" "Oh, it's simple", she explained. "You just subtract the 60 from Wednesday!"

PROTOCOLS – (1) Please **do not tap previous pass cards**. It is correct to place a new one. (2) **Final contract on display** – the contract is visible from other tables.. not good. Better to leave the contract out but face down. (There is then no discussion as to what the contract actually was!) (3) **Chopping Boards** – If the buzzer/timer sounds, the director can announce "**No new boards in play**" and award "No Play" for any board not started. However, if the dummy is down, play can commence.

YOUR COMMITTEE- OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

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Wine gets better with age, but age gets better with wine.



Bouquet for the ABF

David Nathan and Brenda were obliged to cancel a

cruise due to Brenda becoming ill. They were insured by ABF Travel Insurance, but when the claim was submitted to that organization it was assessed by Corporate Services Network rather harshly. A complaint was made to ABF Travel. The travel office intervened on their behalf and a substantial part of the claim, exceeding the amount originally assessed, was approved.

Nick's fabulous Improvers' Lesson on 25th July. Be there or be square!

