



JULY, 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

Dear Fellow Members,
It is hard to believe that we are now halfway through 2023. Time certainly does fly!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our "Christmas in July" event on July 5. The Committee apologises for any inconvenience caused by the moving of a number of the June sessions to Church in the Marketplace but this was unavoidable due to the unavailability of The Bondi Room. We considered it better to change the location rather than cancel sessions.

Bridge Sessions at Easts

Mondays 1- 4 pm

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

Wednesdays 1- 4 pm

Wednesday, 26th

July – Bridge will be played at the **CHURCH in the MARKET PLACE** on that day

The Important Numbers

Top Scoring Open Players in JUNE

Total of best 5 sessions	Rounded average
1. Pat WALKER 314.0	63
2. Allen ROSENBERG 310.1	62
3. Toni PARAMORE 305.0	61

Monday Month winners in JUNE

(Top 3 after session 4) **Ave. of best 3 scores**

1 Eva LAST & Albert TJAHA	63.03 %
2 Bonnie RIX & Helen VAN DAM	59.90 %
3 Agi VARGA & Nola NETTHEIM	55.77 %

Tuesday Month winners in JUNE

Average of the best scores **after session 3**

1 Jack STEIN & Hanna ASSERAF	64.87 %
2. David & Marea DONOVAN	60.43%
3. David TAITZ & Riva TAITZ	59.23%

Wednesday Month winners in JUNE

Average of the best 3 scores **after session 4**

1 Mathew LYNCH & Toni PARAMORE	60.90 %
2 Shirley ROWAN & Kamala VALIAPPAN	58.70%
3 Brenda BROUN & Ann BERNFIELD	58.33%

Bridge Statistics

Did you know 43.6 percent of all slam contracts fail. 62.7 percent of all bridge players are women. 97.8 percent of all bridge statistics, including these, are made up.

Success for Easts players at "Teams of Three"

Sunday 4th June.

Overall: 3rd Place

Team Captain- Dagmar Neumann, Paul Larby, Agi Stanley and Jeannine Devereaux
Novice: 1st Place.

Captain-Anita Curtis, Toni Paramore, Ted Popper and Tamara Pollak

Easts Bridge Club Members are Invited to

Christmas in July

4.00pm Wednesday 5th July 2023
The Bondi Room
* Easts Leagues Club
on conclusion of GNOT Qualifying event.
Finger food and one drink of wine, beer or soft drink.

RSVP by June 28th 2023
Booking List [including drink orders] available at Director's table.
* Members Free
* Non Members \$20

IMPROVERS LESSONS

on Tuesday 25th July, 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 - \$15.



Written One hundred and twenty years ago ... not much has changed.

"The man, too old to dance and yet too young to admit that his best days are over, now finds himself sought after by the most exclusive sets because he plays bridge: the old maid who had contentedly settled into the only life she conceived remained for her, is hurried from one place to another and has an engagement list weeks ahead, because she has mastered the mysteries of the great game. In fact, there is no man or woman too poor, too friendless, too unknown who cannot at one bound achieve all that the wildest dreams of the mind of man can conjure up, if they can only play bridge with decent success".

The Social Tyranny of Bridge Lady Mary Jeune, (1901-1903)

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

AUSTRALIA WIDE OPEN PAIRS WILL BE PLAYED AT EASTS ON 28th AUGUST



“It is to be regretted that bridge has found its way also to America, and that many of our whist-players have yielded to its temptations” ... William Mill Butler, 1899



The Meeting of the Ladies Bridge Club – 1943

Topic for discussion – “Our latest knitting project”- We had to wear them tonight.

Bridge at the turn of the 19th Century

The Lady’s Realm, a journal concerned with women’s issues, was the *Cosmopolitan* of its time. The November 1904 issue featured an article titled, “Is Bridge Immoral?”

Three authors gave their opinion, and the vote was two to one that it was immoral. Mrs. Robert Tennant, who was actually the bridge author Eleanor Tennant, was the sole defender.

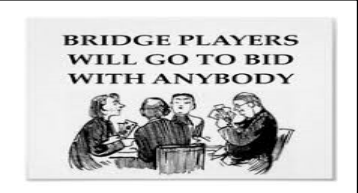
She wrote: “Just think of the change it brought into the lives of certain middle-aged women, perhaps not very attractive in appearance, or amusing in conversation. Formerly their only diversion took the form of dreary teas enlivened by “a little music” (generally amateur) where they sat around the wall in a dismal circle, nobody taking much notice of them; but now, if they are fair bridge players, how different is their lot! They are eagerly welcomed when they appear with a joyous, “How good of you to be so punctual!”

Mrs. Eric Pritchard, however, wrote the strongest article against bridge, reflecting a very different attitude to women: “Many girls have obviously spoilt their chances of matrimony through bridge playing. This extreme foolishness is more likely to occur in the case of the club girl, who spends her afternoons as well as her evenings in the card-room. Unfortunately, girls are such excitable creatures that they can not take to gambling even in a mild form, without sacrificing most of their other duties.”

The Bridge Fiend: A Cheerful Book for Bridge-Whisters (1909) by Arthur Loring Bruce was a tell-all book about the world of bridge gambling.

The *Bridge Fiend* contains a tale about one bridge player who, upon asking another whether he cheats, received the following response: “**With my family, always, but at the club or in a friend’s house, never – unless of course, the cards are running very badly against me.**”

Another well-known story is that Lord Hertford was asked what he would do if he saw a man cheating at cards. His Lordship immediately responded, “**Bet on him of course**”



YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

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A guy goes into a video game arcade in Times Square and sees a new computer game. He asks the attendant how it works and is told that you just enter your IQ and it will have a conversation with you. So the guy puts his quarter in the slot, enters his IQ as 150 and the computer starts conversing with him about physics for 5 minutes. The guy thinks this is great! He puts in another quarter, enters his IQ as 100, and has a 5-minute conversation about sports and the weather. He decides to try it once more. He puts in a quarter, enters his IQ as 50, and the computer says "you hold AKxxx, Qxx....."

A man was playing bridge with his father, who had not played bridge in years. On the first hand the father was the dealer and said: Pass. His son said: Dad, you have to use the bidding box. His father picked up the box and whispered into the box: Pass.