



# SEPTEMBER, 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 have just returned from a lovely holiday visiting family in England and then a driving holiday in Ireland. Ireland was beautiful despite it being the "wettest July on record"!

While away I have been checking results and it has been great to see the number of people at the various sessions.

I also welcome many new members from the Community Club, players who are playing at Easts on Monday evenings. We hope to see more of them joining our regular sessions and some of our "older" members joining in on Monday nights.

We have our AGM coming up in November with refreshments afterwards, I hope many of you will attend.

Remember Martina Navratilova once said, "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table."



### **IMPROVERS LESSONS**

on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, 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.

"Doctor, I keep hearing this one song in my head, "The Green, Green Grass of Home".

"I know your problem. You have **Tom Jones Syndrome!**"

"Do many people get this?"

"It's not unusual!"

### **The Next Beginner's Course starts on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

The course includes 4 weeks of lessons followed by 2 weeks of supervised play, all under the watchful eye of your teacher, Nick Hughes. The cost of the course is \$70 (or \$50 for seniors), easily the best value in town. I encourage you to have your friends and family members attend and learn this game that continues to give us all so much enjoyment. Completed enrolment forms can be left at the Club or with the bridge director.

*The Officers and Committee of Easts Bridge Club extend good wishes to all our Jewish members for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

### **Bridge Sessions at Easts**

**Mondays** 1- 4 pm

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

**Wednesdays** 1- 4 pm

### **Membership Renewals**

**Forms will be issued to you during September and must be returned with the \$50 membership fee no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October. More about the benefits of membership in the October Newsletter.**

### **Sydney Spring Nationals**

**18-25<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Level 2, Canterbury Racecourse, 86 King Street, Ashbury.

### **Something for everybody!**

Novice, Restricted and Open events, Pairs, Teams, Ladies, Mixed and Seniors. Entries on ABF Website

### **Here are the Numbers**

#### **Top Scoring Players in August 2023**

	Total of best of 5	Rounded average
1. Brian BEDKOBER	314.5	63
2. Nola NETTHEIM	305.4	61
3. Agi STANLEY	299.1	60

#### **Monday Month winners in August**

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

1 Geoffrey HILL & Kerry HILL	61.57 %
2 Nola NETTHEIM & Shirley ROWAN	60.43 %
3 Brian BEDKOBER & Pat WALKER	60.40 %

#### **Tuesday Month winners in August**

**from average the best 3 scores after session 5**

1 Ross MEWTON & Heather PROUDFOOT	59.67%
2. Lis MOLLER & Thomas KARSAI	59.13%
3. Eliane BEN MAYOR & Louise ROSENBERG	56.87%

#### **Wednesday Winners in August**

**from average of the best 3 scores**

1 Brian BEDKONER & Theo MANGOS	61.67 %
2. Wendy COHEN & Nola NETTHEIM	58.30%
3. Leah RONA & Ruy de MENEZES	57.00%

Having purchased a bridge book, he took it to the author for a signature. "It's to be a surprise for my wife," explained the buyer.

"A surprise?" asked the smiling expert.

"Yes. She's expecting a car."

### **Results for our Team in GNOT Metropolitan Final.**

Theo Mangos, Leigh Foran, Pat Walker and Allen Rosenberg won four, drew one and lost three of their eight matches to finish a passable twelfth in the field. In their last match, Pat and Allen had a rare fourteen positives out of fourteen hands played: they bid and made seven contracts and their opponents bid and went down in the seven contracts that they bid.

### **A big "Thank You"**

I would like to thank East's bridge club members and Nick and Nicoleta for their kindness and understanding during the last months of my husband, Barry's life and for the sympathy and support you have extended to me since his passing. With heartfelt thanks  
Gaby PAROZ



MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

Allen Rosenberg represented Easts Bridge Club in the Metropolitan Finals of the Grand National Open Teams event and, in this and in subsequent Newsletters, shares with us some instructive mistakes.

Vul: NS

Dealer: E

♠ K5

♥ 5

♦ AK852

♣ AKJ52

♠ AQT74

♥ K876

♦ T9

♣ 43

♠ J9863

♥ T9432

♦ QJ4

♣ --

♠ 2

♥ AQJ

♦ 763

♣ QT9876

BD 2

(Sitting East), my left-hand opponent opens one Club, my partner overcalls Spades, my right-hand opponent bids 4 Clubs, showing strong support in Clubs. I think for a moment, then bid 4 Spades, in the knowledge that going down two or three (with favourable vulnerability), would be a good result. When my left-hand opponent then bid 5 Clubs, followed by two passes, I then bid 5 Spades, knowing that -500 would be a better score than -600.

That was a mistake! my left-hand opponent then bid 6 Clubs, which cannot be beaten, and we scored -1370 on that hand.

The mistake – DO NOT BID FIVE OVER FIVE

“Bridge is more than just a card game. It is a cerebral sport. Bridge teaches you logic, reasoning, quick thinking, patience, concentration and partnership skills.”

Martina Navratilova (tennis is not her only racket)

GOOD THINGS IN STORE FOR THOSE WHO WAIT.

State Open Pairs –

qualifying events played at Easts (best 2 out of 3 scores, Mondays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> September) –. Final played at NSWBA, November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (one or two finalists from our club, depending on attendance). (Red Points at State Level)

All Wednesdays in October will be Red Points.

AGM OF EASTS BRIDGE CLUB on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

2023 (Refreshments will be served following the meeting.)

Your editor is mortified!

So many of our players, (some of many years' experience), express surprise that the opening lead should be placed face down and await partner's OK that it is, in fact, the legal lead. Not only does this make sense in preventing "Lead Out of Turn" but it is also the Law.

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Law 41- Commencement of Play Face-down Opening Lead

"After a bid, double or redouble has been followed by three passes in rotation, the defender on presumed declarer's left makes the opening lead face down".

"I thought I had to look incredibly sexy", said the new bride, "But I find out I have to look like a deck of cards."

We extend a very warm Welcome to our new friends, playing at Easts on Monday nights.

Desmond Deery of Ireland recounts of a pairs event in which two LOL's ("little old ladies", for the uninitiated, not "laugh out loud") arrived and on the first hand, one of the LOL's opened a 12-14 point 1NT. This was doubled and went down 1400. On the next hand, Desmond opened 1NT, also 12-14 points, and went down by one trick. 50 points. "Well, boys," smiled one of the opponents, "that's tit for tat." "Yes," said Desmond. "But our tats are bigger than your 50's."

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Stroke Awareness Week starts on the 4<sup>th</sup> September

At 10am Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. the bridge session at the Sydney Bridge Centre in Goulburn Street will be in support of the Stroke Recovery Association. There are prizes that have been donated for the winners. This is a "walk in" session so Easts players are welcome to play.

(Our Treasurer, Allen Rosenberg, is a Life Member of the Stroke Recovery Association and President of Easts Stroke Recovery Club).