



OCTOBER, 2023 NEWSLETTER

EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

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

Hot off the press

Monday 2nd October – Bridge as usual

Tuesday 3rd October – Supervised Bridge at Church in the Marketplace (No Beginners Class)

Wednesday 4th October – Bridge is **Cancelled**.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General meeting of Easts Bridge Club to be held on **Monday 27th November 2023** at 4:00 pm, immediately after our bridge session.

Please come along, even if you are not playing that day and learn more about how your bridge club operates.

(Refreshments will be served following the meeting.)

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

MEMBERS must be received by the **20th November**...

Nomination forms will be available from the Director's table from October. The Nomination form is required to be signed by two financial members (and the nominee) and returned to the Director who will hold them for our secretary. If you wish to nominate someone but will not be attending at a bridge session, please obtain a Nomination form for that purpose.

Proxy forms are available from Committee Members for members unable to attend the AGM due to ill health, unavoidable absence or other good reason.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, (which is expected to finish by 5:00 pm)

- *Record of attendance
- *Apologies
- *Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM
- *President's Report
- *Treasurer's Report
- *Election of officers and committee
- *Questions

Any other business

(You must provide one week's written notice of any "matter of business" that you wish to raise at the meeting).

Come up and see me some time!

It may not be generally known that Mae West – the sex symbol of the forties – was a keen bridge player. Perhaps that inspired her to quip the following when someone, noticing her jewelry, said "Goodness, what wonderful Diamonds you have."

"My dear, Goodness had nothing to do with it!"

Bridge Sessions at Easts

Mondays 1- 4 pm

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

Wednesdays 1- 4 pm

TENTATIVE

CANCELLATION/EARLY

FINISH of bridge on

Wednesday 11th October..

email notification to follow

Also in November

There is the annual horsey business, a.k.a. "The Melbourne Cup" which takes place on Tuesday 7th Nov. No bridge that day but parties to celebrate this event are hosted at Wollstonecraft, Sydney Bridge Centre and Grand Slam at Double Bay and also at Kings and Queens.

Membership Renewals Forms

are available from the Director and must be returned with the \$50 membership fee no later than 31st October.

It is good to be a member.

- Members' table money is \$10 not \$12.
- Affiliation with both State and ABF
- ABF number & Masterpoints
- The services of our Matchmaker
- Receive monthly Newsletters.
- Up-dates via emails
- Wine and refreshments at all social functions for our members

Here are the Numbers

Top Scoring Players in September

	Total of best of 5	Rounded average
1. Theo MANGOS	327.7	66
2. Brian BEDKOBER	325.9	65
3. Ruy DE MENEZES	309.2	62

Wednesday winners in September

from average the best 3 scores after session 4

1 Brian BEDKONER & Theo MANGOS	66.73 %
2 Geoffrey HILL & Kerry HILL	60.47%
3 Shirley ROWAN & Kamala VALLIAPPAN	57.63



Leigh Foran & Theo Mangos – the winners of the qualifying event for **State Open Pairs** (63.8%) played during September at Easts.

2nd, **Toni Paramore & Ruy De Menezes** (60.55%) with **Leah Rona & Beverley Luland** in 3rd place, (59.35%)

We wish good luck to Leigh & Theo who will represent Easts in the Final, to be played at NSWBA on 18-19th November.

The Director is the Bridge Player's best friend!

Please call the director, in the event of an infraction having been committed at the table. **(Do not be shy or embarrassed, it is part of the game).**

You might be surprised as to the measures applied by the director, in the process of "Rectification" (You have more rights than you might think!)

Typical infractions are: - a call out of rotation, a card faced out of rotation, an insufficient bid or a revoke.

What you should not do is to "make your own arrangements", no matter what you might think the correct next step to be.

"Some people bid three notrump over their partner's three-level suit bids on the theory that it is more dignified to go down in game"



MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

Allen Rosenberg represented Easts Bridge Club in the Metropolitan Finals of the Grand National Open Teams event and he shares with us some mistakes which were costly to his team.

Vul: NS

Dealer: N

- ♠ JT52
♥ Q742
♦ J632
♣ 9

- ♠ K
♥ AK65
♦ A985
♣ K873
♠ AQ9874
BD 5
♥ T
♦ T4
♣ QT52

- ♠ 63
♥ J983
♦ KQ7
♣ AJ64

After North passed, with six spades and less points for an opening hand I opened a weak two spades. My left-hand opponents passed and my partner bid 2NT. My right hand opponent passed, and without much thought I bid 3 spades, which my partner passed. My 3 spade bid was a mistake, as we made eleven tricks. If your partner responds 2NT to your weak 2 bid, then this is invitational, promising the potential to reach game. On this hand, I should have bid 3 clubs rather than 3 spades, as I have 9 HCP, and my partner would then bid 4 spades.

The mistake: RESPOND CORRECTLY TO YOUR PARTNER'S INVITATIONAL 2NT BID AFTER YOU HAVE OPENED A WEAK 2 BID.

When to Give up Bridge - First you forgot how to finesse, then you forgot what picture cards have been played. After that you forgot what the contract was and finally you forgot to pull up your zipper.

The ABF 2023 Spring Nationals

Where? - Canterbury Racecourse, Canterbury When? - 18-25th October Who can enter? - There are open events for the "Big Boys" (and Girls) and also Restricted Events for those with less than 300 masterpoints as well as Novice Events for those players with less than 100 masterpoints. How to enter? - On line at http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/spnot/2019/ or by downloading an entry form from the website

If you come across a fork in the road... Pick it up!

'Would you care for a friendly game of cards?' ... 'No, let's play bridge.'

People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.

The Australia-Wide RESTRICTED PAIRS will be run at Easts on Tuesday 31st October. This is a national event for players with fewer than 300 masterpoints (as at end of September). Novice players are, of course, also welcome to take part and a separate leaderboard will be published (as well as some additional prizes) for the highest-placed Under-100 MP pairs. Many prizes and a souvenir booklet of the hands played will be available to the contestants.

"It is well known that in third seat, you must have 13 cards to open the bidding."



In Your Dreams

Helen Sobel, probably the greatest woman player of all time, was a chorus girl before taking up bridge. Not forgetting her roots, she used this little play when she was missing an important queen in a slam or grand slam contract playing against two men: she raised her skirt a little above her knees before playing. It never failed that the fellow without the queen would look and the one with the queen was so intent on taking a trick with that card that he didn't. Helen always found the queen.

I should caution the ladies that if they are playing against me in a tournament not to pull that one on me. Whether I have the queen or not, I always look.

YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

- President: Terry Maunsell 0419 266 641
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Honorary Secretary: Tamara Pollack 0419 360 666
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Bidding Infractions

Tonight, we continue our discussion of bidding infractions, and our first speaker will be Emily Litella: "Thank you, Thomas. I have always felt that with a borderline opening, I should be able to bid one-half club, or with an extremely weak opener, one-third heart. If I want to try for slam without getting too high, I should be able to bid four and one-half spades; then if partner rejects, he can just take away the half... "Whoa, Emily. "Infractions" is one word. "Oh. Never mind."