



DECEMBER, 2023 NEWSLETTER

EASTS BRIDGE CLUB

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

The AGM was held at 4:10 pm on Monday the 27th November immediately following the conclusion of the bridge session.

Ted Popper was elected President. Theo Mangos was elected Vice President, Tamara Pollak as Secretary and Terry Maunsell as Treasurer. The Committee members re-elected were Allen Rosenberg and Gaby Paroz with Mathew Lynch, Paul Larby and Katherine Clarkson being welcome new addition to the Committee.



Bridge-players enjoying the “after-party” at the conclusion of the AGM.

A husband should never try to teach his wife to play golf or drive a car. A wife should never try to teach her husband to play bridge,



VALE
Pamela Pearson
Pamela was a foundation member of the Club, a Life Member and, sadly, passed in August of this year.



Bridge Sessions at Easts

Mondays 1- 4 pm
Tuesdays 1- 3:40
(talk at 12:45 pm)
Wednesdays 1- 4 pm

2024 “Fixtures Booklet”

Your Editor is in the process of compiling a booklet for Easts Bridge Club Members. This will follow the format of those presented to the membership for the years 2019 and 2020. Dates of important events, Club information and a list of office bearers and of financial members for the current year are clearly set out.

An email was recently sent, requesting permission for the inclusion of members’ contact details.

Please do not have “privacy concerns” as these booklets are for internal circulation, for members only. I strongly urge members to **not respond in a negative** to the emailed request.... It all worked out without any issues in the previous years.

VALE
David Woodsmith
David was a talented bridge player, playing over a long period at Easts. David passed on 23rd Nov. Our deep condolences to Margaret.

Here are the Numbers

Top Scoring Players in November

	Total of best 4	Rounded average
1. Brian BEDKOBER	271.5	68
2. Theo MANGOS	257.9	64
3. Agi STANLEY	246.7	62

Wednesday Winners in November

from average best 3 scores after session 5

1 Brian BEDKOBER & Theo MANGOS	67.63 %
2 Agi STANLEY & Paul LARBY	62.20%
3 Margit SHORT & Katherine CLARKSON	59.73

There will be no bridge on Christmas Day Boxing Day or New Years Day. We wish all members a Merry Xmas, Happy Chanukah and a healthy New Year

Partnerships should get their signaling right.

A husband and wife (we’ll refer to them as Mr. and Mrs. Bridge) were losing heavily at rubber bridge, Finally, they decided that the only way to recoup their losses was to cheat.

“Darling”, Mr. Bridge counselled, if you want me to bid diamonds, just point to your ring finger. You get the idea.”

The very next time they sat down to play, Mrs. Bridge’s RHO preempted with a **3 Spade** bid. Mrs. Bridge casually put her hand on her chest and passed. LHO also passed, and Mr. Bridge confidently bid **4 Hearts**. He was doubled and went down 1100 points.

When they got in the car for the ride home, Mr. Bridge exclaimed to his spouse, “What were you thinking? You had no points and only one Heart. How could you tell me to bid them?”

Taken aback, Mrs. Bridge exclaimed: “Oh my, is that what you were thinking? I was trying to tell you I had a bust.”



THE MISSISSIPPI HEART HAND

It is known as the **Mississippi Heart Hand** because it was widely used by 19th century cardsharps on Mississippi River Steamboats.

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
-	-	-	7 H
Dbl	P	P	Rdbl
All Pass			

Vul: NS

Dealer: W ♠ T5432

DA Lead ♥ -

♦ 5432

♣ 5432

♠ - ♠ J9876

♥ 8765432 ♥ -

♦ AKQT9 ♦ 876

♣ - ♣ T9876

♠ AKQ

♥ AKQT9

♦ -

♣ AKQJ

Believe it or not, **South can only take his six trump tricks**. Every time West ruffs, he plays another diamond, forcing declarer to trump. Having lost control, South is down seven, a score of minus 4000.

In fact, with repeated diamond leads, North-South cannot make any game contract!

This infamous hand is obviously rigged. South is the pigeon to be plucked, preferably in a high-stakes rubber bridge game. Rigged or not, this deal illustrates that length is more important than strength.

Did you hear about the Elvis Presley coup? It's when your left-hand opponent leads from A-Q around to your K-x: the King is no longer dead!

Arties Bar will now open from 4:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Those wishing to purchase a coffee can still do so before 4:30pm, from the 'Olive & Oak' service area.

Rostered bar staff have previously offered delivery of coffees at the tables in the Bondi Room. This will no longer be possible due to the requirement to service patrons in 'Olive & Oak'.

Spread your wings... Play in a Congress

The Summer Festival of Bridge-Canberra, January 9-21

Gold Coast Congress at Broadbeach in February 17-24

All levels are catered for, a great opportunity to play bridge, earn **Gold Points** and have a holiday.

Your Editor speaks out ...

I would have hoped that our members had improved in attitude and behavior. I am ashamed to receive this message from Easts Management: -

"There has been some feedback from floor staff as well as the Duty Manager team, that some bridge players are becoming very impatient and agitated already when the bar staff in the sports bar are unable to both make coffee and serve the next customer at the same time. We see the decision made as a solution to this issue occurring by servicing the one bar located where coffee's are prepared.

It is important that the club make it very clear to all members that there may be a wait to be served at peak trading times such as lunch time (Particularly 12pm-1pm) when an influx of coffee orders are taken, and anger directed toward staff is not something that will be favoured or tolerated by club management".

You know who you are... Please, lift your game. Exercise civility, decorum and be kind to others, be they members or staff.

YOUR COMMITTEE... OFFICERS AND KEY CONTACTS

- President: Ted Popper 0410 162 503
- Vice President: Theo Mangos 0411 337 539
- Honorary Secretary: Tamara Pollack 0419 360 666
- Honorary Treasurer: Terry Maunsell 0419 266 641

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:-

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- Paul Larby 0402 780 994
- Katherine Clarkson 0429 389 570
- Matthew Lynch 0449 261 314
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Zia Mahmood admits to being "Officially Old"

Zia recounts how he used to have a statuesque Scandinavian girlfriend whose long legs and laughing eyes would be contenders for the eighth wonder of the world. She would always send me the same message before the final of a major event: "Play as well as you make love!"

Quite a challenge, but over the years, this message has changed to simply, "Good luck."