



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

September 2013

Annual General Meeting

The Club held its AGM on Sunday 28 July.

Motions passed at the AGM included:

- Approval of the Club Management Committee membership for 2013-14;
- Agreement to discontinue the use of travellers at club bridge sessions; and
- Approval to establish the Elizabeth Constable Trophy.

Committee

The Club Management Committee for 2013-14 comprises Patrick Garnett (President), Maureen Phillips (Vice-President), Lyall Page (Treasurer), Ann Patrick (Secretary), Patsy Davey, Harold McKnight, Joy Jones, Max Rowan, Pat Scotford and Peter Garcia-Webb.



Establishment of the Elizabeth Constable Trophy

Dr Elizabeth Constable has been the Club's Patron and a strong supporter of the Club for many years. She was instrumental in the Club gaining access to its current premises at a time when changes in local government may have left the Club without a home.

Dr Constable has also consistently donated the Patron's Trophy to the Club pair that scores the highest aggregate in the Club Congress. Given her long-standing support of the Club over many years as the MLA Member for Churchlands the Club has decided to honour her support by replacing the Patron's Trophy with the Elizabeth Constable Trophy. The rules governing this trophy will be the same as those that governed the award of the Patron's Trophy.

Club championship teams

The Club Championship Teams event was held on Mondays from August 5-19 and resulted in a well-earned victory to Iris Dick, Lee Fordham, Ivan Pummer and Max Rowan-Robinson. Second place went to Verna Holman, Nerilyn Mack, Richard Pianta and Leone Lorian, with Peter Garcia-Webb, Peach Partis, Joy Jones and Pat Scotford running third. Thanks to Harold McKnight for organising and directing the event.



Max Rowan-Robinson, Iris Dick, Lee Fordham and Ivan Pummer.

New members

The following new members have joined West Coast Bridge Club in the last couple of months - Jennifer Smith, Jane Hayes, Anne Gelavis, Michael Marsh, and Joy Emmeluth. Please make them welcome.

New ABF rankings

Congratulations to Mark Siford who was upgraded in July from local master* to local master**. Well done, Mark.

Visit by PEAC students

On Monday August 19 West Coast was delighted to host a visit from 16 PEAC students and their teacher, Wendy Hawkes. They were introduced to the basics of duplicate bridge bidding and play, including the use of bidding boxes and bridgemates. The students proved to be quick learners and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We hope that they will continue with their bridging in the future.



Students Stephen Vlatko (West Morley Primary), Joshua Klem (Mosman Park Primary), Finn Pulsford (Subiaco Primary), and Olivia Williams (Mosman Park Primary) and teacher Wendy Hawkes from the Mt Claremont PEAC Centre.

Coming competitions

Competitions enable members to enjoy good competitive bridge and provide the opportunity to win red and gold points. The following competitions are scheduled for the next two months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- Club Wednesday pairs (Phil Appleyard Trophy) – Wednesdays September 11-25
- Club Congress – Sunday September 15
- Swiss pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy) – Mondays October 7-21
- Saturday pairs (John Utting Trophy) – Saturdays November 2-16

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

Thank you to Peter Garcia-Webb

The recent AGM marked the completion of Peter Garcia-Webb's three year term as President of the West Coast Bridge Club. The Committee is very grateful for his contribution over this period. As a 'reward' the Committee has co-opted Peter back on to the Committee with the dual roles of Club Webmaster and as our representative on the Bridge Association of WA Council.

Playing the game

Hesitation - note from the Directors

Bidding in tempo all the time can be challenging as some hands are more difficult to bid than others. However, the longer you take to decide, the clearer it becomes to everyone, especially your partner, that you have something of interest in your hand. If, on your turn to bid, you pause for thought and then pass your hesitation has conveyed information to partner. Partner is then placed in a difficult situation and should only bid if they would have bid anyway, regardless of your hesitation. If either of your opponents has any reason for concern they should seek agreement that a hesitation has occurred and reserve their rights until the conclusion of the hand. If, after playing the hand and checking the score, an opponent believes that they were disadvantaged by the hesitation they should call the Director for a ruling.