



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

December 2013

Vale Rudy Woss

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our 'elder statesman', Rudy Woss, on November 1st at the age of 103. Rudy had been a member of West Coast Bridge Club for many years and was a very fine bridge player, winning the Wilma Pillar & Jim O'Brien Trophy as the player who earned most Green Points in the year on several occasions. He was also very pleased to gain his Silver Life Certificate earlier this year. We send our condolences to all Rudy's family and friends.



Rudy Woss (1910 – 2013)

Thank you to Elizabeth Bennett

One of the Club's 'living treasures', Elizabeth Bennett has signalled her intention to finish teaching at the Club this year. Elizabeth has taught at West Coast for 23 years and many current club players have benefitted from her knowledge and expertise. As well as being an outstanding bridge teacher, Elizabeth is a formidable player and in the 1980s represented the state in the Women's Seniors and Women's Butler events. The Club is grateful to have had the benefit of Elizabeth's expertise for many years and we will all continue to benefit from playing with and against her well into the future. Thanks Elizabeth.



Elizabeth with Monday's class

New members

New members – Desmond de Largie, Susanne Moss and Deidre Twaddle have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

Club Congress

The Club's Congress was held on Sunday September 15. Unfortunately, no pairs from West Coast qualified for the final. The best performing Club pair in the Plate event was Mark Siford and Richard Collister, who therefore become the inaugural winners of the Elizabeth Constable Trophy. Helen Baker and Iris Dick were winners of the Consolation. Thanks to all those who helped organise the event, particularly Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet for organising the food and Max Rowan-Robinson and Ivan Pummer who managed the bar.



Richard Collister and Mark Siford

Wednesday Pairs (Phil Appleyard Trophy)

Club stalwarts Elizabeth Bennett and Maureen Phillips won the 2013 Wednesday Pairs. Second place went to Marleen Medhat and Wilhelmina Piller, with Ann Patrick and Silvia Mata in third place.



*Maureen Phillips and Elizabeth Bennett
(Sandra Gray substituted on one occasion)*

Swiss Pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy)

The 2013 Swiss Pairs held during October was a very close affair. The event was won by Verna Holman and Nerilyn Mack (108 points) from Leone Lorian and Richard Pianta (also 108 points) with Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis finishing third (106 points).



Verna Holman and Nerilyn Mack

Saturday Pairs (John Utting Trophy)

Helen Baker and Jean Calder won this year's Saturday Pairs. Janet Fisher and Annette Newton were second with Chootoo Bhagat and Naidoo Rama third.



Helen Baker and Jean Calder

Melbourne Cup lunch

Our Melbourne Cup lunch was once again a successful and enjoyable occasion. As usual there were a few winners and lots of losers!



Betty Anderson at the Cup lunch!

New rankings

Congratulations to the following members who received rank promotions during the last three months:

Graduate: Jean Read, Judith Gibson; Club master: John Nicholls; Local master: Sally Brittliffe, Afsaneh McLaughlin, Joan Trethowan; *Local master: Helen Godden, Jill Lane, John O'Sullivan, Helen Scott; **Local master: Wendy Simkovic, Cynthia Taylor, Sid Roatch; Regional master: Raie Bradshaw, Vanna Pike, Margaret Tierney, Kevin Quin; *Regional master: Mervyn Marrs; **National master: Beryl Farrell; Grand master: Elizabeth Bennett.

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 three months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- Graded teams below national masters –
Mondays January 20 – February 3
- Monday pairs (Joyce Moody Trophy)
Mondays February 24 – March 10

Please make every effort to participate in these events.