



# West Coast Bridge Club

## Newsletter

March 2014

### Christmas function

Our annual Christmas function, held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of December, was attended by 88 club members. After an afternoon of bridge, members enjoyed a sumptuous feast organised by Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet. Thanks also to Max Rowan-Robinson and Ivan Pummer for managing the bar. The function was attended by Town of Cambridge Mayor, Simon Withers, who presented the Club's competition winners with their trophies.



*Winners are grinners: Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage, winners of several club competitions in 2013, being presented with their trophies by Town of Cambridge Mayor, Simon Withers*

### Bridge books

The Management Committee recently authorised the purchase of several new books on the playing of bridge. These books have been placed in the library for borrowing (and return!). A list of the new books purchased has been placed on the Club Noticeboard. Thanks to Maureen Phillips for organising the purchases and to Marjorie McKercher who manages our library collection.

### Bridge classes at West Coast Bridge Club

Our Club continues to offer bridge lessons for new players and those wishing to improve their skills.

**Beginner lessons:** Mondays 10 to 12

Cost: \$8 per session

Coordinated by Patsy Davey 93097181

**Supervised play:** (you may come with or without a partner) Mondays 10 to 12

Cost: \$6 per session

Coordinated by Harold McKnight 94474610

**Supervised play:** (you may come with or without a partner) Wednesdays 10 to 12

Cost: \$6 per session

Coordinated by Maureen Phillips 92452138

Please bring these classes to the attention of anyone you think may be interested in playing bridge. The Club is constantly seeking new members and this is one way in which we can increase club membership.

### West Coast Bridge Club Charity Week

Each year the Club holds a "Charity Week" in which members' contributions are donated to a worthwhile national or international charity. In our most recent Charity Week over \$900 was raised. The Management Committee decided to top-up this amount to a total of \$1500 which was forwarded to Oxfam to support victims of Typhoon Haiyan which devastated the Philippines in November.

### New members

New members – Kathy Bell, Lee Carter, Pam Garnett, Helen McGurk, Kath Malcolm, Keith Malcolm, Olga Shepherd, Allen Sweeney and Ray Wood have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

### **Graded teams below National Masters**

The Club's Graded Teams below National Masters competition, held during January and February, was won by a team comprising Graeme Hillier, Max Rowan-Robinson, Michael Smith and Barbara Martin. Scoring 131 VPs they were narrow winners from Judy Dickson, Tom Dickson, Hilary Heptinstall and Terry Heptinstall, with 128 VPs, with Betty Anderson, Karel Vahala, Robin Dawson and Susan Robertson coming third with 119 VPs.



*Graded teams below National Masters winners Graeme Hillier, Max Rowan-Robinson, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith*

### **2013 BAWA Teams of Four (Intermediate)**

A West Coast Bridge Club Team (comprising Peter Garcia-Webb, Peach Partis, Chotoo Bhagat, Baboo Bhagat, Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett) achieved third place in BAWA's 2013 Interclub Teams of Four (Intermediate) competition. The competition included thirteen teams from various clubs.

### **Thanks to our Dealers**

Patsy Davey coordinates a group of 12 dealers who make sure that we have cards prepared in boards and Deep Finesse printouts available after our games. This involves a considerable amount of work. The dealers are Ann and John Malone, Marjorie McKercher, Tom Dickson, Joy Jones, Pat Scotford, Christabel Phillips, Faye Agnello, Max Rowan-Robinson, Bobbie O'Sullivan, Peach Partis and Robin Rose. At the moment Patsy is putting together a new manual for the group as there has been a significant update in the software for the dealing machine. Thank you to our dealers – the Club is grateful for the excellent work that you all do.

### **New rankings**

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

Graduate: Jane Hayes; Club: Ann Milne; Local: Alan McLaughlin, John Pearce, Leith Fenbury; \*Local: Barbara Giles, Glenys Keenan; \*\*Local: Helen McRae, Norma Clarke; Regional: Rosemary Pratt, Lilac Mainstone; \*Regional: Tom Dickson; National: Peter Garcia-Webb, Harold McKnight, Ivan Pummer, Baboo Bhagat; \*National: Peach Partis.

### **Playing the game**

*Leave your bidding cards on the table until the opening lead is made - note from the Directors*

In a recent article David Schokman highlighted the perils of removing your bidding cards before the opening lead is made. Bids must remain on the table until the opening lead has been made so that questions regarding the bidding can be asked and to reduce the chances of a lead out of turn.

### **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 few months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- BAWA G.N.O. Teams  
Mondays April 7-21
- Graded Pairs: State Masters and above (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy)  
Wednesdays May 7-21
- Club Championship Pairs (Anton Brazowski Trophy)  
Mondays June 9-23

Please make every effort to participate in these events.