



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - June 2021

Upcoming AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday August 15th starting at 1 p.m. The meeting will be followed by free bridge.

Thank you for 28 years as Director

The Club recently acknowledged the long-standing service of Eve Dethlefsen as a Director at West Coast. In making the presentation, Helen Baker pointed out that Eve undertook her Director training in 1993 and has been directing at the Club since that time. Eve was presented with an inscribed vase acknowledging her contribution and a lovely bouquet of flowers.



Eve Dethlefsen's contribution to WCBC acknowledged by the presentation of an inscribed vase and bouquet of flowers.

GNO Teams (BAWA event)

The GNO Teams competition was conducted over three Mondays in March. Maura and Rick Rhodes and Phil and Kathy Power were members of the winning team. Second place went to a team comprising Chotoo and Baboo Bhagat and Nilesh and Bhavna Patel, with Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala in third place.



GNO Teams winners Maura and Rick Rhodes and Phil and Kathy Power.

Autumn Pairs (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy)

The Autumn Pairs was conducted over three Wednesdays in May. The event was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett were second, followed by Derry Houston and Elizabeth Milne in third place.



2021 Autumn Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat.

New members

New members Cilla Butler, Tessa Hughes, Valerie Keevil, Kate Naudebaum, Carol Pocock, Maura Rhodes, Rick Rhodes and Mei Zhao have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

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

Local: Max Purdy; Peiying Xu

Bronze Local: Hari Shah

Silver Local: John Pearce

Bronze State: Gwen Gardiner

National: Pat Scotford

Bronze National: Sally Brittliffe

Coming competitions

The following competitions are scheduled for the next three months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- Club Championship Pairs (Anton Brazowski Trophy) – Mondays June 14-28.
- Winter Pairs (Margaret Rowston Trophy) - Mondays July 12-26.
- Club Championship Teams – Mondays August 9-23.

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

1957 bikie

A well-respected past-President of the West Coast Bridge Club achieved fame in 1957 as the first female scooter driver licence holder in Western Australia. In the interests of propriety her name has been suppressed.



*First WA female scooter driver licence holder
– 3 April 1957 – guess who?*

1000 Masterpoints Club

The ABF have introduced a recognition category for bridge players who have achieved more than 1000 masterpoints. Prior to the introduction of this category the only recognition beyond Gold Life was Grand Master which requires 1000 masterpoints (including 200 gold points and 700 red or gold points). Helen Baker, Shirley Bloch and Marleen Medhat have all been recognised as members of the One thousand club. Elizabeth Bennett is recognised as a Grand Master.

Play of the hand challenge

How would you play this hand?

Dlr: East	♠ T842	
Vul: NS	♥ J42	
	♦ J7	
	♣ JT74	
♠ KQ76		♠ A953
♥ KQ		♥ A86
♦ K96		♦ AT52
♣ AK85		♣ 32
	♠ J	
	♥ T9753	
	♦ Q843	
	♣ Q96	

E-W end up in 6NT by East and the 10H is led.....

To make 12 tricks we need 4 spade tricks, 3 heart tricks, 2 club tricks, and therefore 3 diamonds.

After taking the first trick in dummy I should explore the spades and play to the K to guard against a 4:1 split – S drops the J – is this a ruse (from the JT) or is it a singleton?

Assuming it's a singleton I can still make four spade tricks by leading the 6S and finessing the 9! That works – it was a singleton. Take the next two spade tricks. Now for the diamonds – 2D to the K; 6D towards declarer's hand and the J pops from N – take the trick with the A. We now know that S has the QD and 8D (or they are split which is fine). Play the 5D – if south doesn't go up with the QD, play the 9D; if south does go up with the QD the TD comes good in declarer's hand. Contract made!

Did I make it – NO! I carelessly assumed a 3:2 split in spades and played the A first up – now I'm dead and can't trap the TS.