



## West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - December 2021

### Club Congress

58 pairs participated in the Club's Congress on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Four pairs with West Coast players qualified for the final – Sally Brittliffe and Peach Partis, Shirley Drage and Graeme Hillier, Christina Wu and Fay Shelton (Fay from Maylands) and Anton Pol and Chris Bagley (Chris from WABC). Christina and Fay were also the highest E-W pair in the morning qualifying event. Anton and Chris went on to finish second in the final. Sally Brittliffe and Peach Partis finished fifth in the final and were winners of the 2021 Elizabeth Constable Trophy as the highest achieving Club pair in the Congress. Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat were second in the Plate and Sue Vincent and Robin Kirke were third in the Consolation. Thanks to Sara Westergren for her usual outstanding effort organising the food and Linda Martin and Faye Agnello who provided great assistance.



*Winners of the 2021 Elizabeth Constable Trophy Sally Brittliffe and Peach Partis, with Club President Geoff Friebe.*

### New members

Please make welcome the following new members – Susan Aldous, Maree Elphick, Anne Hocking and Joanna Tennyson.

### Thursday Pairs (*John Utting Trophy*)

The 2021 Thursday Pairs was won by Rick and Maura Rhodes. Nerilyn Mack and Joanna Tennyson were second with Geoff Friebe and Ann Patrick in third place.



*2021 Thursday Pairs winners Rick and Maura Rhodes.*

### Spring Teams (*Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy*)

The 2021 Spring Teams competition was won by a team comprising Graeme Hillier, Shirley Drage, Nerilyn Mack and Joanna Tennyson. Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Michael Smith, Barbara Martin and Annette Newton were second, with Pat Scotford, Joy Jones, Chieh Goodlet and Colleen Stone in third place.



*Winners of the 2021 Spring Teams – Nerilyn Mack, Joanna Tennyson, Graeme Hillier and Shirley Drage.*

### 2021 Swiss Pairs

Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala won this year's Swiss Pairs competition. Rick and Maura Rhodes were second followed by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat in third place.



2020 Swiss Pairs winners Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala.

### Melbourne Cup lunch

This year the Club again held a Melbourne Cup lunch in association with Tuesday bridge on Melbourne Cup Day. The 42 members who attended had a very enjoyable time. Thanks are due particularly to Patsy Davey, Betty Anderson Geoff Friebe, Sue Bahr, Ann Patrick, Sally Brittliffe, Noel Jordon and Mike Smith.

### Preparation for COVID-19 restrictions in 2021

Following the recent announcement that Western Australia is expecting to open its borders to interstate and international travel early next year, the Club must prepare for a possible increase in health risk at that time. In order to address this, it is likely that the club will introduce a policy requiring all who attend the club from the date of border opening to be fully vaccinated or to have a valid exemption. Other measures such as frequent use of hand sanitizer and the Mandatory Attendance Register are likely to remain in place. Further announcements will be made in due course however your committee encourages all who have not yet done so to complete the vaccination process as soon as possible.

### New rankings

Congratulations to the following members who received recent rank promotions:

Local: Daniel Cronin

Bronze Local: Maria Ehmke, Adele Philpot

Silver Local: Geoff Friebe Judith Gibson

Bronze Life: Peach Partis

### Coming competitions (January – March 2021)

The following competitions are scheduled for the next few months at West Coast Bridge Club:

- Monday pairs - Mondays Jan 10 – 24.
- Summer Teams (Swiss) – Mondays Feb 14 & 21.
- G.N.O. Teams (BAWA event) – Mondays March 14 – 28.

### Bidding challenge

You should (must!) reach slam here.

Dlr: South

♠ 62

Vul: EW

♥ T965

♦ T8762

♣ 86

♠ K94

♥ Q873

♦ K

♣ AKQT3

♠ QT5

♥ AKJ4

♦ AJ5

♣ J75

♠ AJ873

♥ 2

♦ Q943

♣ 942

One possible bidding system approach is set out below:

West opens 1C, 1H by east, 3H by west, 4S (keycard for hearts) by east, 4NT by west (one keycard), 5C (do you have the QH?) by east, 6C (yes plus three outside kings) by west, 6NT by east.

### Farewell to Sally Swan

The Tuesday night group recently farewelled Sally Swan who returns to the UK after two years in WA.



Sally Swan with Tuesday night bridge group.