



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

September 2022

Annual General Meeting

The Club held its AGM on Sunday 31st July.

The meeting:

- appointed the Management Committee for 2022-23 comprising:
President: Geoff Friebe
Vice President: Sue Vincent
Treasurer: Patsy Davey
Secretary: Ann Patrick
Committee: Sara Westergren
Sally Brittliffe
Linda Martin
Adele Philpot
Gary Wood
- approved that the annual subscription fee remain unchanged at \$50 for the 2023-24 financial year
- appointed Graham Cushion as the Club Auditor for 2022-23.

Club Championship Pairs (*Anton Brazowski Trophy*)

The Club Championship Pairs, conducted in June, was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Christina Wu and Patrick Garnett and Rick and Maura Rhodes and tied for second place.



Club Championship Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat.

New members

New members Malcolm Jolly, Doreen Jolly, Jane Gostelow, Aldra Geoghegan, Jo

Armstrong and Colleen Hohlt 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:

Graduate: Patricia Black
Bronze Local: David St. George
Silver Local: Maria Ehmke
Regional: Irene Berry, Geoff Friebe
Bronze State: Terry Heptinstall, Hilary Heptinstall.

Coming competitions

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

- Spring teams (Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy) – Mondays October 10-24.
- Swiss pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy) – Mondays November 7-21.

Director's corner

- Dummy has specific and limited duties during the play of the hand:
 - Dummy plays the cards as directed by the declarer.
 - Dummy must not touch the cards until directed by declarer.
 - Dummy may prevent his partner from playing from the wrong hand, however once declarer has called for a card, dummy must follow his instruction.
 - If declarer does not follow suit dummy can ask if he has no cards in the led suit.
 - Otherwise dummy must not take part in the play of the hand. If he sees an irregularity he must wait till the end of play.
 - Dummy may not call for the director during play unless another player has drawn attention to an irregularity.
- Any concerns at the table please call the director.

Cancelled Club red-point events

The Club has had to cancel the last two scheduled red point events because of a lack of entries. This is a matter of considerable concern – please make every effort to play in these events – it's just like playing normal afternoon bridge other than the commitment to play on three Mondays (usually) in a row.

Gardeners wanted!

Someone to take over the good work that Sid Roatch and Ken Perry have done over the last couple of years. Thanks to Sid and Ken for sprucing the place up! Please see Geoff Friebe for advice.

Interesting hands

Dlr: South	♠ A9	
Vul: All	♥ Void	
	♦ AKQT97	
	♣ AT975	
♠ Q876		♠ T532
♥ 9762		♥ T543
♦ J84		♦ 652
♣ Q3		♣ J4
	♠ KJ4	
	♥ AKQJ8	
	♦ 3	
	♣ K862	

South opens 1H followed by 2D by north. Now south could bid 3C which shows the distribution nicely (or 2NT – 15-18 points). Assuming it's 3C then north has to decide how best to investigate slam. 4NT (keycard in hearts) gets a response of 5H – two keycards plus the Q). This is now looking very good so north decides to investigate whether a grand slam is on and bids 5NT. South bids 6H (two outside kings) and north now confidently bids 6NT (wimpish) or 7NT (surely one suit will split well).

Dlr: South	♠ AKT9752	
Vul: NS	♥ Void	
	♦ 98542	
	♣ 3	
♠ QJ		♠ 864
♥ AK7543		♥ QJ8
♦ Void		♦ JT63
♣ KJ876		♣ A54
	♠ 3	
	♥ T962	
	♦ AKQ7	
	♣ QT92	

An interesting hand from the recent GNOT final. It's fascinating because N-S can make 4S or 6D; E-W can make 5H. A lot depends on whether S opens their hand. The field was split very evenly with four pairs in hearts, eight pairs in spades and four pairs in diamonds.

Dlr: East	♠ A8753	
Vul: Nil	♥ A843	
	♦ JT	
	♣ T9	
♠ J6		♠ KT4
♥ KQ965		♥ JT7
♦ 97		♦ 8654
♣ A873		♣ 654
	♠ Q92	
	♥ 2	
	♦ AKQ32	
	♣ KQJ2	

Another GNOT final hand. N-S win the contract in 4S (N) after heart interference. A heart lead is taken by North's ace. North then leads a small spade to the Q (which east ducks). Then the 2S back to the A. What happens next is critical to the success or otherwise of the contract. Work it out.