



## West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - December 2022

### Vale Geoff Friebe

Sadly, as Club members are aware, we recently lost our President, Geoff Friebe, to cancer. Geoff was universally liked and respected and served as Club President for the last two and a half years. As Sue Vincent wrote in her email to Club members: "We fondly remember him as a friendly, energetic and committed member of the Club." We send our condolences to all Geoff's family and friends.



*Geoff Friebe*

### Club Congress

58 pairs participated in the Club's Congress on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Well known players Mimi Packer and Jonathan Free won the event. Two West Coast pairs qualified for the final – Ann Patrick and Adele Philpot and Colleen Stone and Patrick Garnett. Ann and Adele were winners of the 2022 Elizabeth Constable Trophy as the highest achieving Club pair in the Congress. Club members David Cowell and Ann Hopfmueller won third place in the Plate. Thanks to Sara Westergren for her usual outstanding effort organising the food, Sally Brittliffe for organising the bar and Linda Martin and Faye Agnello who provided great assistance.



*Winners of the 2022 Elizabeth Constable Trophy Adele Philpot and Ann Patrick with Club Vice-President Sue Vincent.*

### Club Championship Teams (*Silver Plate Trophy*)

The 2022 Club Championship Teams held in September was won by Pat Scotford, Joy Jones, Chieh Goodlet, Colleen Stone and Robin Rose. Shirley Bloch, Wence Vahala, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat were second, with Max Havercroft, Brian Kaye, Nerilyn Mack and Joanna Tennyson in third place.



*Club Championship Teams winners Joy Jones, Chieh Goodlet, Colleen Stone, Robin Rose and Pat Scotford.*

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

The 2022 Spring Teams competition was won by a team comprising Marleen and Jay Medhat, Ray Wood, Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala who went through the competition undefeated. Robin Rose, Jean Calder, Michael Smith and Barbara Martin were second with Max Havercroft, Brian Kaye, Nerilyn Mack and Joanna Tennyson third.



*Winners of the 2022 Spring Teams – Marleen and Jay Medhat, Ray Wood, Shirley Bloch and Wence Vahala.*

### **2022 Swiss Pairs (*Eileen and Ernest Nickel trophy*)**

In a close competition (the top six pairs were separated by less than 6 VPs) the 2022 Swiss Pairs was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Patrick Garnett and Christina Wu/George Barrett were second followed by Max Havercroft and Brian Kaye in third place.



*2020 Swiss Pairs winners Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood.*

### **New members**

In the last three months the following people have joined our Club: Jessie Duffill, Jane Gostelow, Yulia Koh, Jamie Luxton and Lorraine Rea. Please make them welcome.

### **Melbourne Cup lunch**

This year the Club again held a Melbourne Cup lunch in association with Tuesday bridge on Melbourne Cup Day. The 38 members who attended had a very enjoyable time. Thanks are due particularly to Betty Anderson Geoff Friebe, Sue Vincent, Mike Smith, Adele Philpot and Sara Westergren.

### **BAWA Teams of Four competition**

West Coast fielded one team in the Novice Category and two teams in the Intermediate category. The Club acquitted itself well in both competitions finishing a close second in the Novice Category and third and fifth in the Intermediate Category.

### **New rankings**

Congratulations to the following members who received recent rank promotions:

Graduate: John Pitman

Local: Anne Andrews

Bronze Local: Shirley Toohey, Peiying Xu

Silver Local: Adele Philpot

Bronze Regional: Jennifer Smith

State: Hugh Forbes

National: Karel Vahala

### **Coming competitions (Jan – Mar 2023)**

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

- Monday pairs - Mondays Jan 9 – 23.
- Summer Teams – Mondays Feb 13 - 27.
- G.N.O. Teams (BAWA event) – Mondays March 13 – 27.

