



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - June 2023

Upcoming AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday July 30th starting at 1 p.m. The meeting will be followed by free bridge.

GNO Teams (BAWA event)

The West Coast heat of the 2023 BAWA GNO Teams competition was conducted during March. Peter McCann, Martin Broome, Nerilyn Mack and Joanna Tennyson were members of the winning team which was unbeaten during the competition. Second place went to a team comprising Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Peach Partis and Sally Brittliffe with Valerie Keevil, Kate Nadebaum, Marion Bogue and Deborah Greenway in third place.



GNO Teams winners Peter McCann, Martin Broome, Joanna Tennyson and Nerilyn Mack.

West Coast at Albany Congress

Colleen Stone and Christina Wu excelled at this year's Albany Congress winning the final. Sally Brittliffe and Peach Partis also qualified for the final.



Christina Wu and Colleen Stone – winners of the 2023 Albany Congress

Autumn Swiss Pairs (*Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy*)

The 2023 Autumn Pairs was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat who were undefeated during the three week competition. Anton Pol and Wence Vahala were second with Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose in third place.



2023 Autumn Swiss Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat.

New members

The following new members have recently joined the Club - Jennifer Barber, Jane Campbell, Janice Baker, Barbara Van Reek, Norman Wilhelm and Margaret Willhelm. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

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

Local: Chio Hodge and Linda Moore

Bronze Local: Max Purdy

Silver Local: Daniel Cronin

Bronze Regional: Sid Roatch

National: Colleen Stone and Christina Wu.

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 12-26.
- Club Championship Teams – Mondays August 14-28.
- Club Congress – Sunday September 10.

Club matters

- The Club held a very successful 'social drinks after bridge' event following Monday afternoon bridge on May 1st. The next event is scheduled for Wednesday June 7th.
- The carpet in the main hall has been replaced by carpet tiles.
- The Club will be sponsoring a two-hour first aid demonstration session sometime in June – details to be advised soon.

How would you bid this hand?

Dlr: North	♠ 3	
Vul: NS	♥ JT	
	♦ Q732	
	♣ 986543	
♠ J9764		♠ AKQ2
♥ 42		♥ AKQ7
♦ AJT		♦ K64
♣ AKT		♣ J2
	♠ T85	
	♥ 98653	
	♦ 985	
	♣ Q7	

Using multi 2Ds..

2D (east); 2H (west)

2NT (east); 3H (west – transfer)

4S (east – super-accept); 4NT (west)

5NT (east – 3 + Q); 6C (west – outside kings?)

6S (east – 2); 6NT if you are a pessimist or

7NT if you are an optimist (west)

Who blinks first?

Dlr: East	♠ A754	
Vul: EW	♥ 32	
	♦ AT42	
	♣ KJ2	
♠ Void		♠ 963
♥ AQJT865		♥ K974
♦ 6		♦ KJ973
♣ T6543		♣ Q
	♠ KQJT82	
	♥ Void	
	♦ Q85	
	♣ A987	

In this fascinating hand DF says that N-S with 24 points can make 6S and E-W with 16 points can make 5H.

Listen to the bidding to inform play

Dlr: South	♠ A2	
Vul: Nil	♥ A864	
	♦ AQ72	
	♣ A43	
♠ QJT85		♠ 97
♥ QJ972		♥ T3
♦ 4		♦ T986
♣ J5		♣ QT972
	♠ K643	
	♥ K5	
	♦ KJ53	
	♣ K86	

After south opens 1D N-S end up in a challenging 6D contract.

Play of the hand:

South has the following winners: 4 diamonds, 2 spades, 2 hearts, 2 clubs – declarer needs to create two more tricks by ruffing. They must carry out the ruffs before pulling trumps. Fortunately, with the top four diamonds, this will work as long as the diamonds don't break 5:0. Should south attempt to ruff two hearts in their hand or two spades in north's hand? Why?