



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

June 2014

Upcoming AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday July 29th starting at 1 pm. The meeting will be conducted as expeditiously as possible and will be followed by free bridge for those who wish to stay on.

Visit by David Beauchamp

Outstanding Australian bridge player, National Champion and coach of several Australian teams, David Beauchamp will be visiting Perth in November. Subject to sufficient numbers, the Club is hosting two sessions on Thursday evening November 13th and Saturday afternoon November 15th. The topics of his two sessions are:

- (1) Slam bidding- including a discussion of hand evaluation and how to proceed to minor suit slams.
- (2) Card reading: focussing on how to place missing cards from the bidding and early leads.

Members are invited to attend at a cost of \$10 per person per session; non-members at a cost of \$15 per person per session. Please register your interest in the events book on the stage.

Air-conditioning in the library

The Club's Management Committee has approved the purchase of an air-conditioning unit for our library. This will be installed in the near future.

West Coast Bridge Bridge for Brains

On Monday 5th May Club members participated in the annual Bridge for Brains competition which raises funds for Neuroscience Research. As a result of members' generosity, the Club was able to forward a cheque for \$500 to Neuroscience Research Australia.

Monday pairs – Joyce Moody Trophy

The Monday Pairs competition, held during February and March, was won by Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis. Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage were placed second with Joy Jones and Pat Scotford a very close third.



Monday Pairs winners Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis

Club Championship Pairs (Anton Brazowski Trophy)

The Club Championship Pairs was held over three Mondays in June. The winning pair was Chotoo Bhagat and Baboo Bhagat (171.9 VPs) with Richard Pianta and Leone Lorian the closest possible runners-up (171.8 VPs), followed by Hilary and Terry Heptinstall in third place.



Club Championship Pairs winners Chotoo Bhagat and Baboo Bhagat

GNO Teams (BAWA event)

The GNO Teams competition was conducted over three Mondays in April. The winning team comprised Ross Duberal, Terry Newton, Don Whooley and Marleen Medhat followed by Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Barbara Martin and Mike Smith, with Michael Plows, Yvonne Plows, Yola Krebs and Christine Shawcross in third place.



GNO Teams winners Terry Newton, Marleen Medhat, Ross Duberal and Don Whooley

Graded Pairs: State Masters and above (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy)

The Graded Pairs: State Masters and above was held over three Wednesdays in May. The winning pair was Maurice Herman and Shirley Drage (with a little help from Shirley Bloch in week 1), closely followed by Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack with Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett in third place.



Graded Pairs: State Masters and above winners Shirley Drage and Maurice Herman (with Shirley Bloch in week 1)

Thanks to our Directors

Harold McKnight coordinates a group of eight directors comprising Eve Dethlefsen, Pater Garcia-Webb, Andrea Hopkins, Silvia Mata, Ann Patrick, Maureen Phillips, Mike Smith and, of course, Harold. The Directors fulfil a critically important role at the Club, ensuring that our bridge competitions run smoothly, dealing with player errors in bidding and play, programming our occasionally temperamental Bridgemates, scoring, trying to keep noise down to reasonable levels and cajoling members to fill in tea rosters. It is, in many ways, a thankless task, and on behalf of all Club members I thank the Directors for the excellent job that they do.

New rankings

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

Graduate: Laurel Low, Wendy Rappeport, Christina Wu; Local: Sara Westergren, Chris Westergren; *Local: Margaret Robinson; **Local: Norma Wise; Regional: Joan Pummer; *Regional: David Malkin, Helen Mullin; State: Marjorie McKercher; *State: Barbara Martin; National: Yola Krebs; Bronze Life: Robin Rose.

New members

New members – John Steele, Jocelyn Steele, Terry Newton, Rosemary Dwyer and Zen Rowan, have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

Coming competitions

Competitions enable members to enjoy good competitive bridge and provide the opportunity to win red and gold points. The following competitions are scheduled for the next few months at West Coast Bridge Club:

- Graded Pairs below State Masters
Mondays July 7-21
- Club Championship Teams
Mondays August 4-18
- Wednesday Pairs
Wednesdays September 10-24
- Club Congress
Sunday September 14

Please make every effort to participate in these events.