



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - December 2023

Club Congress

54 pairs participated in the Club's Congress on September 10th. West Coast pairs Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat and Peach Partis and Sally Brittliffe both qualified for the final with Ray and Marleen finishing a very very close second to the winners Viv Wood and Tom Lemann 62.18 v 61.22! In the consolation Ann Patrick and Adele Philpot were the winners with Linda Martin and Susan Bahr in third place.

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 2023 Elizabeth Constable Trophy Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat.

Trivia night

On October 27, West Coast held a highly successful trivia night, with 14 tables vying for the title of "trivia brainiacs". Quiz master Paul Marsh worked his way through 10 categories of questions ranging from Australian to Science and everything in between. There were cheers, jeers and groans as the answers were read out, but overall it was a night of fun and laughter. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, there were door, seat and numerous raffle prizes. Table 13, headed by club member Linda Moore, reigned supreme on the night with a decisive win.



Trivia night brainiacs.

2023 Thursday Pairs (*John Utting trophy*)

In a close competition the Thursday Pairs was won narrowly by Peach Partis and Sally Brittliffe from a composite pair comprising Christina Wu, Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett. Joanna Tennyson and Nerilyn Mack were third.



2023 Thursday Pairs winners Peach Partis and Sally Brittliffe.

Spring Teams (*Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy*)

The 2023 Spring Teams competition was won by Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Wence Vahala and Anton Pol. A team comprising Peter McCann, Martin Broome, Christina Wu, Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett was second followed by Pat Scotford, Joy Jones, Ying Goodlet and Colleen Stone.



Winners of the 2023 Spring Teams – Wence Vahala, Marleen Medhat, Anton Pol and Ray Wood.

2023 Swiss Pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel trophy)

In a tight competition the 2023 Swiss Pairs was won by Martin Broome and Peter McCann. Graeme Hillier and Shirley Drage were second followed by Rick and Maura Rhodes in third place.



2023 Swiss Pairs winners Martin Broome and Peter McCann.

Coming competitions (Jan – Mar 2024)

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

- Monday Swiss Pairs - Jan 15 & 22.
- Summer Teams – Mondays Feb 5 & 12.
- Wednesday Swiss Pairs – March 13 & 20.

National restricted pairs

Winners of the National Restricted Pairs event held at West Coast on Monday 6th November were Sid Roatch and Judith Gibson and Chris Ruffle and Andy Fairweather.



Winners of the West Coast National Restricted Pairs Sid Roatch, Judith Gibson, Chris Ruffle and Andy Fairweather with Club President Sue Vincent.

Plan the play on this hand.

West is playing this hand in 3NT and north leads the 5S (fourth highest) – the contract is guaranteed PROVIDED west plans the play of the hand carefully.

BOARD 19					
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		♥ Q753			
		♦ 8			
		♣ 973			
♠ K98		♠ A2			
♥ KJ942		♥ AT			
♦ 94		♦ KJT62			
♣ AJT		♣ K864			
		♠ Q64			
		♥ 86			
		♦ AQ753			
		♣ Q52			

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W	5	4	4	2	4

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