



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - March 2024

Christmas Party

Our 2023 Christmas function was held on Wednesday 6th of December. After an afternoon of bridge over 60 members enjoyed the festivities. The Club President, Sue Vincent, presented the winners of the various Club events with their trophies.



Winners are grinners – Marleen and Ray with their 2023 trophy successes.

Vale Eve Dethlefsen and Elizabeth Bennett

Sadly, during the last three months the Club has lost two of its stalwarts – Eve Dethlefsen and Elizabeth Bennett. Eve was a long-time member of the Club and a director for 28 years. Elizabeth was an outstanding player – a grand master and state representative - and taught at West Coast for 23 years. The Club is poorer for their passing.



Eve Dethlefsen and Elizabeth Bennett

Congratulations to the Plows

On Thursday 8th February Yvonne & Michael Plows celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Club with club members, family and friends.



Yvonne and Michael Plows with daughter Dee.

2024 Monday Swiss Pairs (Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy)

The 2024 Monday Swiss Pairs held during January was won by Marion Bogue and Deborah Greenway. Joy Jones and Pat Scotford were second with Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat in third place.



Deborah Greenway and Marion Bogue, winners of the Monday Swiss Pairs with Club President Sue Vincent.

2024 Summer Teams

The 2024 Summer Teams held during February was won by a team comprising Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Wence Vahala and Anton Pol. Martin Broome, Peter McCann, Christina Wu and Patrick Garnett were second with Sue Vincent, Robyn Kirke, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith (the only undefeated team in the competition) in third place.



2024 Summer Teams winners Wence Vahala, Marleen Medhat, Anton Pol and Ray Wood.

New members

Stephanie Duncan, Carolyn Jenkins, Ann Milne and Richard Proctor have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

Congratulations to the following members who recently received rank promotions:
Graduate: Julie Feeney, Doreen Jolly, John Malone; Bronze Local: Helen Roatch; Silver Local: Kerry Pusenjak; Bronze State: Betty Anderson; Bronze National: Christina Wu; Silver National: Wence Vahala

Coming competitions

The following competitions are scheduled for the next three months at WCBC:

- Autumn Swiss Pairs (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy) – Wednesdays March 13 & 20.
- Restricted Swiss Pairs (Margaret Rowston Trophy) – Thursdays May 16 & 23.
- GNO Teams (BAWA competition) – Mondays June 10-24.

The Club's Congress this year will be held on Sunday September 8. Entries will open on MyABF early in May.

A couple of interesting hands

Hand 1 - Jacoby 2NT and slam

Dlr: West ♠ Q6
Vul: Nil ♥ KT82
♦ KJ86
♣ 983

♠ AJT85	♠ K432
♥	♥ QJ764
♦ QT5	♦ A
♣ AQJ72	♣ K64

♠ 97
♥ A953
♦ 97432
♣ T5

1S(W); 2NT(E) – 13 HCP; 3H(W) – singleton or void – this changes the value of the east hand from a 6-loser to a 5-loser but it also devalues their heart holding; E can now show slam interest by cue bidding 4C (if they play first or second round controls) or 4D (if they play first round controls); either way west is now interested and can bid either 4H (cue – after showing a singleton with the 3H bid this now shows a void) or 4NT. If west bids 4H then east will bid 4NT. Both 4NT askers will get a “2 without the queen” response after which they bid 6S – not guaranteed but worth the risk.

Hand 2 - 2C and slam – easy one

Dlr: East ♠ QJT63
Vul: E-W ♥ QJ7
♦ 973
♣ 82

♠ 852	♠ 4
♥ 93	♥ KT8654
♦ J82	♦ 64
♣ KQ976	♣ JT53

♠ AK97
♥ A2
♦ AKQT5
♣ A4

2C(S); 2S(N) – 5-7 points and 5 spades; S likes that and bids 4NT; 5D (0 or 3) – no surprise as S has all 5 keycards; 5H (S) – do you have the Q?; 5NT (N) – yes but no outside kings; 6S (S).