



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

September 2014

Annual General Meeting

The Club held its AGM on Sunday 27 July. The Club Management Committee for 2013-14 comprises Patrick Garnett (President), Maureen Phillips (Vice-President), Lyall Page (Treasurer), Ann Patrick (Secretary), Patsy Davey, Harold McKnight, Joy Jones, Max Rowan-Robinson, Pat Scotford and Peter Garcia-Webb (co-opted).



Club Committee 2014-15

Graded pairs: below state masters (Margaret Rowston Trophy)

This year, as an experiment, the Club ran this event as a single afternoon competition. The event was won by Hilary and Terry Heptinstall (64.8%) from Margaret Tierney and Ron Dalton (60.9%) with Patricia Best and June Delmenico (56.7%) in third place.



*Graded pairs (below state masters) winners
Terry and Hilary Heptinstall*

Club championship teams

The Club Championship Teams event was held on Mondays from August 4-18 and resulted in a well-earned victory to Shirley Drage, Shirley Bloch, Baboo Bhagat and Chotoo Bhagat. Second place went to Elizabeth Bennett, Maureen Phillips, Peach Partis and Peter Garcia-Webb, with Ron Dalton, Margaret Tierney, Richard Collister and Mark Siford running third.



*Team winners Chotoo Bhagat, Shirley Bloch,
Shirley Drage and Baboo Bhagat.*

New members

The following new members have joined West Coast Bridge Club in the last couple of months – Nancy McDonald, Yvonne Woodall, Ann Wesley, Terry Spiro, Ann Spiro, Judith McGuinness and Chris Ruffle. Please make them welcome.

New ABF rankings

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

Graduate: Terry Ord; Club: Susan Bahr, Judith Gibson; Local: Irene Berry, Hugh Forbes; *Local: Roberta O'Sullivan, Sally Brittliffe, Joan Trethowan; **Local: Lois Newman.

Visit by PEAC students

After a very successful visit last year, West Coast Bridge Club was again pleased to welcome a group of 16 students and their teacher, Wendy Hawkes, from Mt Claremont PEAC on Monday August 18. The students were enthusiastic and keen to learn the basics of duplicate bridge play including bidding systems, card play and the use of bidding boxes and bridge mates. They proved to be very quick learners and we hope that they enjoyed the experience. Director, Harold McKnight, ran a separate competition for the students and the winners were Cameron, Paul, Dominic and William. We hope that they will continue playing bridge in the future.



Mt Claremont PEAC students Huxley Berry (Floreat Park Primary), Lachlan McDonald (Lake Gwelup Primary), Henry Freegard (Subiaco Primary) and Robert Gillespie (Mosman Park Primary).

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 three months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- Club Wednesday pairs (Phil Appleyard Trophy) – Wednesdays September 10-24
- Club Congress – Sunday September 14
- Swiss pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy) – Mondays October 13-27
- Saturday pairs (John Utting Trophy) – Saturdays November 8-22

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

Thank you to.....

Apart from Committee members, directors and dealers there are several other persons who make significant contributions to the

effective running of the Club. These include: Hilary Heptinstall, who manages Club members' ABF Masterpoints and is the Club's contact for BAWA News and Marketing; Marjorie McKercher – who manages our library; Graeme Hillier –our House Manager, Peter Garcia-Webb –our Webmaster and co-ordinator of all things computing; Noel Jordon – our Membership Secretary; Josie Milligan – organiser of get well and condolence cards; and Annette Newton who looks after partner co-ordination. Thank you all for the work that you do for our Club.

Playing the game

Alerting - note from the Directors

Generally, bids that are **artificial or for which there is a non-standard partnership agreement**, should be alerted. This requirement does not apply to the following situations:

- (1) Partner calls 2C (Stayman) after opener's 1NT;
- (2) All doubles and redoubles (deemed self-alerting);
- (3) A bid of the opponent's suit (deemed self-alerting);
- (4) Bids above 3NT.

Opening bids such as 2C (game force); 2D (multi-twos); 2 of a major or 2NT showing two suited hands; 3NT (gambling 3NT or specific ace ask) are all alertable. With an increasing number of players now using DONT over a 1NT opening it is important to recognise that a double (meaning either a single suited hand or 18+ points) should not be alerted – it is up to the opposition to ask the meaning of the double (i.e. is it a penalty double or something else).

Players should only ask for an explanation of an alerted (or any other) bid **when it is their turn to bid and they have a realistic likelihood of making a bid**. Questions about the meaning of a specific bid or alerted bid (where the interested player has no prospect of making a bid of their own) can be asked by player one **before they make their lead** or by player three **after their partner has committed to a lead** by holding their intended lead card upside down on the table.