



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter December 2014

Thank you to Lyall Page

One of the Club's long-standing members, Lyall Page has recently relinquished the position of Club Treasurer, a position he has held for ten years. Lyall was also Club President from 1988 to 1990. The Management Committee has appointed Peter Garcia-Webb as Treasurer and Max Rowan-Robinson as Assistant Treasurer. On behalf of all Club Members I sincerely thank Lyall for the wonderful contribution he has made to the Club and wish him many more years of bridge at West Coast.



Lyall Page

Wednesday Pairs (*Phil Appleyard Trophy*)

Maurice Herman and Shirley Drage won the 2014 Wednesday Pairs with 177.7 VPs. McKnight and Patrick Garnett finished a close second (177.3 VPs), with Shirley Bloch and Graeme Hillier (172.4 VPs) in third place.



Wednesday Pairs winners Shirley Drage and Maurice Herman

Club Congress

The Club's Congress was held on Sunday September 14. Two West Coast pairs qualified for the final - Max and Judy Havercroft and Helen Baker and Jean Calder. Max and Judy finished sixth overall and are winners of the 2014 Elizabeth Constable Trophy. Thanks to Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet for another outstanding effort organising the food and Max and Ivan who managed the bar.



Winners of the 2014 Elizabeth Constable Trophy - Judy and Max Havercroft

Swiss Pairs (*Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy*)

The 2014 Swiss Pairs held during October was won by Marleen Medhat and Don Whooley with 116 VPs. Leone Lorian and Richard Pianta were second (110 VPs), with Elizabeth Bennett and Maureen Phillips in third place (109 VPs).



Swiss Pairs winners Marleen Medhat and Don Whooley

Saturday Pairs (*John Utting Trophy*)

This year the Club ran this event as a single afternoon competition on November 8th. The event was won by Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage with 189 VPs followed by Joan Cornish and Freda Jacobs and Cathy Slaughter and Maureen Phillips who were jointly second with 186 VPs.



Saturday Pairs winners Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch

BAWA 2014 Supervets Pairs

Two West Coast pairs performed with distinction in this year's BAWA Supervets Pairs. In a field of 28 pairs Jean Calder and Lee Fordham finished second (60.7%) and Iris Dick and Helen Baker were third (59.3%). Well done ladies!

2014 BAWA Teams of Four (Intermediate)

A West Coast Bridge Club Team (comprising Peter Garcia-Webb, Peach Partis, Chotoo Bhagat, Baboo Bhagat, Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett) achieved fourth place in BAWA's 2014 Interclub Teams of Four (Intermediate) competition. The competition included eleven teams from various clubs.

Melbourne Cup lunch

Our Melbourne Cup lunch was once again a successful and enjoyable occasion. As usual there were a few winners and lots of losers!

David Beauchamp visit

Outstanding Australian bridge player David Beauchamp conducted two classes at West Coast Bridge Club in November on slam bidding and card reading. 59 members took part in these informative and entertaining sessions.

New members

New members – Catherine Albuquerque, Jane Cutler, Kay Laing, Dick Maitland, Margaret Moir, Linda Moore, Terry Perotti and Shirley Toohey have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

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

Graduate: Joan Sadleir, Pam Garnett; Club master: Jane Hayes; **Local master: Pauline Thompson, Audrey Lomas, Ian Ferguson; *State master: Ann Patrick; National master: Graeme Hillier; Bronze Life master: Judy Havercroft.

2015 Australian National Bridge Championship (Perth)

Every eight years Western Australia hosts the Australian National Bridge Championships. Next year this two week event will be held from 11th to 23rd July in Fremantle at the Rydges Esplanade Hotel. Although the major event is the Interstate Teams Championship there are a number of other events which are open for Club members to enter. Further information is provided on the Club noticeboard.

TBIB Insurance Brokers

Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers is a sponsor of the Australian Bridge Federation and offers a range of services and products for ABF members (and therefore Club members), including multi-trip travel insurance and home and contents insurance. If you are interested you can find the link to their website on the West Coast Bridge Club website.

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.

- Monday pairs (Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy) Mondays Jan 19 – Feb 2
- Graded teams below national masters – Mondays Feb 23 – March 9

Please make every effort to participate in these events.