



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter December 2015

Thank you to Peter Garcia-Webb

At the October Club Management Committee meeting Peter resigned as treasurer, handing over to Patsy Davey. Peter took over the role of treasurer (with the assistance of Max Rowan-Robinson) following Lyall Page's resignation and he has done an excellent job computerising the Club's account records. Peter was also Club President from 2010-2013 and on behalf of all Club Members I sincerely thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to the Club.



Peter Garcia-Webb

Wednesday Pairs (*Phil Appleyard Trophy*)

Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett won the 2015 Wednesday Pairs. Jean Calder and Helen Baker finished second with Don Whooley and Marleen Medhat in third place.



Wednesday Pairs winners Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett

Club Congress

The Club's Congress was held on Sunday September 13. Two West Coast pairs qualified for the final – Robin Dawson and Margaret Tierney and Joan Cornish and Sally Brittliffe. Robin and Margaret finished tenth overall and are winners of the 2015 Elizabeth Constable Trophy. Congratulations are also due to Hilary and Terry Heptinstall who finished third in the Consolation. Sincere thanks to Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet for another outstanding effort organising the food and to Max Rowan-Robinson who managed the bar.



Winners of the 2015 Elizabeth Constable Trophy – Margaret Tierney and Robin Dawson

BAWA 2015 Supervets Pairs

Several West Coast pairs performed with distinction in this year's BAWA Supervets Pairs. In particular, Helen Baker and Iris Dick, who finished second, and Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage, third, in a field of 29 pairs. Well done ladies!

2015 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 Intermediate competition.

Swiss Pairs (*Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy*)

The 2015 Swiss Pairs competition held during October was won by Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage with 114 VPs by the narrowest of margins from Jean Calder and Helen Baker (113 VPs). Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis finished in third place.



Swiss Pairs winners Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch

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

The Graded Pairs: State Masters and above was held over three Wednesdays in October and November. The winning pair was Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack, followed by Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett, with Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat in third place.



Graded Pairs: State Masters and above winners Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose

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!

Thursday (Saturday!) Pairs (*John Utting Trophy*)

This year the Club ran this event over three Thursdays in November. The event was won by Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood, followed by Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack, with Verna Holman and Wilhelmina Piller in third place.



Thursday Pairs winners Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood

New members

New members – Maree Braimbridge, Eleanor Chan, Meg Hawkins, Diane Murphy, Allan Sweeny and William Turner 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:

Club master: Christina Wu; Local master: Lee Carter, Pamela Garnett, Helen Maidment; *Local master: Hugh Forbes; **Local master: Chris Westergren; Regional master: Kay Laing, Helen McRae; State master: Hilary Heptinstall, Terry Heptinstall, Margaret Tierney; *State master: Susan Roberston; National master: Michael Smith.

Coming events

Christmas Party

Saturday 12th December. This commences with FREE BRIDGE at 1 p.m. followed by food and festivities from about 4:30 p.m.

Competitions

- Monday pairs (Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy) Mondays Jan 18 – Feb 1, 2016.
- Graded teams below national masters – Mondays Feb 15 – 29, 2016.