



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter March 2016

2015 Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy

The 2015 winner of the Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy (awarded to the person achieving the highest green point aggregate in the calendar year) was Marleen Medhat. This is the second successive year that Marleen has won this award. Congratulations Marleen!



Mayor Keri Shannon presenting the 2015 Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy to the winner, Marleen Medhat

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas function, held on Saturday 6th of December, was attended by 80 club members. After an afternoon of bridge, members enjoyed another sumptuous feast organised by Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet. Thanks also to Max Rowan-Robinson and Ivan Pummer for managing the bar. The function was attended by Town of Cambridge Mayor, Keri Shannon, who presented the Club's competition winners with their trophies.

Charity Week

The Club held its annual charity week earlier this year in order to support those impacted by the disastrous Waroona/Yarloop fires. The Club and its members donated \$1429 during the week and forwarded a cheque for \$1500 to the Lord Mayor's Waroona and

District Fires Appeal 2016. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Monday Pairs (*Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy*)

The 2016 Monday Pairs held during January and February was won by Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood with 178 VPs. They were followed by Verna Holman and Wilma Piller (171 VPs) in second place, with Elizabeth Bennett and Peach Partis (165 VPs) third.



Monday Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

New rankings

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

Graduate Master: Shirley Toohey; Club Master: Meg Hawkins, Wendy Rapoport; Local Master: Helen East; *Local Master: Beverley Fitzgerald; **Local Master: Sara Westergren; Regional Master: Jenny Quin, Sid Roatch; *State Master: Andrea Hopkins; Bronze Life Master: Jay Medhat.

New members

New members – Eleanor Chan, Frans Fikke, Jillian Hopkins, Peter Lehmkuhl, Peta Marcic, Diane Oswald, Jack Oswald, Donald Quin and Taka Watanabe have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

Graded teams below National Masters

The Club's Graded Teams below National Masters competition, held during February, was won by a team comprising Margaret Tierney, Ron Dalton, Robin Cordin and Sally Brittliffe (84.9 VPs). Joy Jones, Pat Scotford, Ying Goodlet and Colleen Stone finished second with 81.6 VPs.



Graded teams below National Masters winners Margaret Tierney, Robin Cordin, Ron Dalton and Sally Brittliffe

New Club website

Most members will be aware that the Club has a new website. If you haven't had a look please do so at:

www.westcoast.bridgeaustralia.org/

This change has necessitated the replacement of our scoring software from ASE9 to Compscore2. Thanks to Harold McKnight, in particular, for negotiating the frustrations of this conversion.

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.

- GNO Teams (BAWA Competition) - Mondays April 4 – April 18
- Graded Pairs: State Masters and above (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy) – Wednesdays May 4 – May 18
- Club Championship Pairs (Anton Brazowski Trophy) – Mondays June 13–27.

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

What not to do while waiting for the Director

There was an excellent article by Matt McManus in the February edition of the BAWA magazine. If you didn't get a chance to read it here is a very brief summary of the article:

Revokes:

The Laws of Bridge prohibit players from looking at quitted tricks...

- Don't turn over any cards
- Call the Director at the end of the hand and wait

Insufficient bid:

- Call the Director and wait
- Don't comment on the bidding

Disputed claim:

The Laws of Bridge state that once a claim is made there can be no further play...

- Stop play immediately a claim is made
- If the claim is disputed don't 'play it out'
- Call the Director and wait

Can't remember meaning of partner's bid:

- Don't guess
- Call the Director and wait

Dispute:

- Don't discuss the dispute
- Call the Director and wait.

In summary, rather than trying to resolve these issues by discussion, call the director and s/he will provide you with the correct ruling.