



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

June 2016

GNO Teams (BAWA event)

The GNO Teams competition was conducted over three Mondays in April. The winning team comprised Shirley Bloch, Shirley Drage, Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis followed by Verna Holman, Wilma Piller, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Third place went to Robin Rose, Nerilyn Mack, Max Havercroft and Lynette Jackson.



GNO Teams winners Shirley Drage, Peach Partis, Peter Garcia-Webb and Shirley Bloch

Graded pairs: State Masters and above

Unfortunately the Club's Graded Pairs: State Masters and above competition did not run due to lack of numbers. This continues a disappointing trend that the Club struggles to attract competitive fields for several of its competitions. The Committee will take a motion to the Club's AGM in July recommending that all Club competitions in future be open to all Club members, regardless of their ABF standing.

New members

Hari Shah has recently joined the Club. Please make him welcome.

Upcoming AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday July 24th starting at 1 p.m. The meeting will be conducted as expeditiously as possible and will be followed by free bridge for those who wish to stay on.

West Coast Bridge for Brains

On Monday 9th May Club members participated in the annual Bridge for Brains competition which raises funds for Neuroscience Research. Following the competition the Club forwarded a cheque for \$760 (table money plus member donations) to Neuroscience Research Australia.

New Club website

The Club has finalised the migration of its website to a new platform (developed by altosoft) and replaced its scoring software with Compscore2. This process has involved a significant amount of effort on the part of the Club's Directors (thanks to Harold McKnight et al), Dealers (thanks to Patsy Davey et al) and Peter Garcia-Webb. The result is an improved and easier to manage website and enhanced information available regarding our various competitions.

New book purchases

Over the last couple of years the Club has purchased several new bridge books for our library which are available for borrowing. They include books by Larry Cohen, Ron Klinger, Paul Mendelson, David Bird and Patrick O'Connor. If you want to improve your bridge take the opportunity to borrow some of these – they include some great tips.

New rankings

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

Graduate: Rob Welsh, Ann Wesley;
Club: Barry Clarke, Alison Weller;
Local: Judith Gibson, Joan Mutton;
*Local: Gwenda Bevilacqua;
**Local: Hugh Forbes;
Regional: Sally Brittliffe, Elizabeth Sklenka, Deidre Twaddle;
Life: Jean Calder;
Silver Life: Robin Rose.

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 few months at West Coast Bridge Club:

- Club Championship Pairs
Mondays June 13-27
- Graded Pairs below National Masters
Mondays July 18, 25 and August 1
- Club Championship Teams
Mondays August 15-29
- Wednesday Pairs
Wednesdays September 7-21
- Club Congress
Sunday September 11

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

The splinter bid:

Did you, would you, bid 6H on the following hand which featured recently at WCBC?

Dlr: North	♠ KT5	
Vul: None	♥ AK85	
	♦ KQ9	
	♣ K53	
♠ Q9643		♠ AJ87
♥ 94		♥ JT2
♦ J4		♦ T87
♣ Q976		♣ T84
	♠ 2	
	♥ Q763	
	♦ A6532	
	♣ AJ2	

Bidding sequence: 1♥; 3♠; 4NT; 5♠ (two keycards + Q♥); 6♥ (you know the A♠ is the missing keycard).