



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

September 2016

Annual General Meeting

The Club held its AGM on Sunday 24th July. The Management Committee for 2016-17 comprises Maureen Phillips (President), Joy Jones (Vice-President), Pat Scotford (Secretary), Patsy Davey (Treasurer), Ann Patrick, Harold McKnight, Max Rowan-Robinson and Patrick Garnett.



West Coast Bridge Club office bearers for 2016-17 (L to R): Patsy Davey (Treasurer), Joy Jones (Vice-President), Pat Scotford (Secretary) and Maureen Phillips (President).

The meeting:

- approved the subscription fee remaining unchanged at \$35 for 2017-18;
- appointed Graham Cushion as the Club Auditor for 2016-17; and
- endorsed the following changes to the Club's calendar of events: Graded Team Below National Master replaced with Summer Teams (unrestricted); Graded Pairs State Master and Above replaced with Autumn Pairs (unrestricted); Graded Pairs Below National Master replaced with Winter Pairs (unrestricted); Individual Championship replaced with Summer Pairs (unrestricted). Dates for the 2016 events are identified under 'Coming competitions' on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Club Championship Pairs (*Anton Brazowski Trophy*)

The Club Championship Pairs was conducted over three Mondays in June. The winning pair was Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood. They were followed by Graeme Hillier and Maurice Herman in second place, with Corinne Monteath and Beryl Farrell third.



Club Championship Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

Graded pairs: Below National Masters (*Margaret Rowston Trophy*)

Unfortunately the Club's Graded Pairs: Below National Masters did not run due to lack of numbers.

Club Championship Teams (*Silver Plate Trophy*)

The 2016 Club Championship Teams event, held during August, was won by a team comprising Baboo and Chotoo Bhagat, and Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage. Richard Pianta and Leone Lorian/Lyall Page and Anette Newton were second, followed by Elizabeth Bennett and Peach Partis/Maureen Phillips/Cathy Slaughter.



Club Championship Teams winners – Baboo and Chotoo Bhagat, Shirley Drage and Shirley Bloch

New members

Linda Barrett has recently joined the Club. Please make her welcome.

New rankings

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

Graduate: Jane Cutler

Local: Pam Garnett, Jane Hayes, Terry Ord, Taka Watanabe

Local*: Irene Berry

Local**: Jill Lane, Carol Thomson

Regional: Chris Westergren, Sara Westergren

State: Eve Dethlefsen

State*: Susan Levy

National: Barbara Martin.

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:

- Wednesday Pairs (Phil Appleyard Trophy) - Wednesdays September 7-21
- Club Congress
Sunday September 11
- Spring Teams – Mondays October 10-24
- Thursday pairs (John Utting Trophy) –
Thursdays November 3-17
- Swiss pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy) – Mondays November 21, 28 &
December 5

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

Thank you to Marjorie McKercher

Marjorie McKercher has looked after our library, which contains a good range of bridge books and other titles, for many years. She has recently relinquished this position and Barbara Martin has volunteered to take over this role. Many thanks to Marjorie for her untiring efforts and thanks to Barbara for taking over.

Procedure when partner fails to alert or gives an incorrect explanation following an alert

The procedure when partner gives an incorrect explanation following an alert, or fails to alert a bid is based on Law 20 'Review and Explanation of Calls' which reads in part:

5(a) " A player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error during the auction, nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made" (this includes not alerting when an alert is required).

When this occurs the player must call the Director and inform their opponents that, in their opinion, their partner's explanation was erroneous - **but they should only do this at the first legal opportunity**, which is:

1. for **declarer or dummy, after the final pass of the auction** (but prior to play); or
2. for a **defender, at the end of play**.

If a player makes an incorrect bid, and partner gives the correct explanation for this incorrect bid, the original bidder should take no action. There is no case for rectification in such circumstances.