



West Coast Bridge Club 50th Anniversary – 1967-2017 Newsletter - March 2017

2016 Swiss Pairs

The 2016 Swiss Pairs competition, a new event at the Club, was won narrowly by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat from Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage, with Max Havercroft and Lynette Jackson in third place.

2016 Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy

The 2016 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. Congratulations to Marleen who has won this award for three years in a row!



Club President Maureen Phillips presenting the 2016 Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy to the winner, Marleen Medhat

Christmas Party

Our 2016 Christmas function was held on Saturday 10th of December. After an afternoon of bridge, members enjoyed another sumptuous feast organised by Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet.

Thanks to Colleen Stone and Ying Goodlet

After organising the food at the Club's major events (the Congress and the Christmas Party) for the last few years Colleen and Ying have decided that their 'turn' should come to an end. The Club has been most fortunate to have had Colleen and Ying in this role for so long and the Committee wished to express its appreciation for their work.

Monday Pairs (*Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy*)

The 2017 Monday Pairs held during January was won by Ray Wood and Marlene Medhat from Elizabeth Bennett and Peach Partis with Shirley Bloch and Shirley Drage in third place.



2017 Monday Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

2017 Summer Teams

The 2017 Summer Teams held during February was won by a team comprising Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis. They were followed by Shirley Bloch, Shirley Drage, Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose with Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith in third place.



2017 Summer Teams winners Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Peach Partis and Peter Garcia-Webb.

Vale Tony Letch

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Tony Letch, a much loved member of West Coast Bridge Club. Tony was well known for his considerable artistic talent and generously developed the Club's logo. He also brought much laughter to the bridge table with his inexhaustible supply of jokes. We send our condolences to Pippa and her family, and to all of Tony's friends.



Tony Letch

New rankings

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

Graduate: Peta Maricic, Hari Shah

Local Richard McKenna, Ross Willcock

Local*: Afsaneh McLaughlin

Regional: Cynthia Taylor

Regional*: Ingrid Widya

State: Betty Anderson, Ron Dalton, Yvonne Plows

National*: Patrick Garnett

National**: Annette Newton

Bronze life: Iris Dick.

New members

New members –Anne Andrews, Kanti Bhoola, Margaret Campbell, Linda Elzas, Geoff Friebe, Wendy Greenway, Helen Hyland, Sylvia Pan, Max Purdy and Helen Roatch have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

Coming competitions

The following competitions are scheduled for the next three months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- GNO Teams (BAWA Competition) - Mondays March 20 – April 3
- Autumn Pairs (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy) – Wednesdays May 3 – May 17
- Club Championship Pairs (Anton Brazowski Trophy) – Mondays June 12–26.

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

Australian National Championships

The Australian National Championships will be held in Canberra in July 2017. Information is available at:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/anc/2017/>

Information from the Committee

Defibrillator purchase

The Club has recently purchased a defibrillator following a successful grant application to the Town of Cambridge. The defibrillator will be located in the Directors' Office on the stage. The defibrillator is easy to use in an emergency and instructions will be located next to the defibrillator. The Club is extremely grateful to the Town of Cambridge for providing the funds for this initiative.

Changes to the Club's Constitution

The Club is required to change its Constitution in order to meet the more stringent requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*. The amended draft Constitution will be taken to the Club's 2017 AGM for approval.

Competition awards

The Committee will discontinue the practice of awarding pens to competition winners. Instead winners will be provided with vouchers that were previously awarded at the Club's Christmas Party.

Air conditioning

The air conditioners at the Club inevitably fail to provide a satisfactory temperature for all Club members. Members who 'feel the cold' are encouraged to bring a jumper or cardigan to bridge sessions. In addition, the Committee will provide a few spare wraps and scarfs which members can use.