



West Coast Bridge Club

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2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of our Club. The first meeting of the 'Chess Club of Wembley Downs' was held on 14th July 1967. Anatol Brazowski was nominated as President with John Hansen as Vice-President, Denim Martin as Secretary and Michael Nolan as Treasurer.

Wembley Downs Civic Centre was the Club's first home - chess players were situated in the main hall, with bridge being conducted on the stage of the hall. The number of bridge players grew rapidly and within a year the Club was renamed the 'Wembley Downs Chess and Bridge Club'.

By 1972 chess had been completely eliminated in favour of bridge and the Club became known as the 'Bridge Club of Wembley Downs'. In 1975 we became the 'West Coast Bridge Club'.

The Club moved to its current premises in City Beach on Monday 24th March 1986 after protracted discussions led by John and Jean Falconer, the Club president and secretary at the time. The Club's membership continued to grow reaching 480 in July 1992, when the Club celebrated its Silver Jubilee.

Upcoming AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday July 23rd starting at 1 p.m. The meeting will consider draft alterations to the Club's constitution that are required as a result of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. Copies of the draft amended Constitution (in tracked and accepted formats) are available on the Club's website. The meeting will be followed by free bridge.

West Coast Bridge for Brains

On Monday 8th 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 \$350 to Neuroscience Research Australia.

GNO Teams (BAWA event)

The GNO Teams competition was conducted over three Mondays in March/April. Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith were members of the winning team. Second place went to a team comprising Denise Davies, Robert Cappellin, Helen Mullin, Pam Garnett and Patrick Garnett. Shirley Bloch, Shirley Drage, Peter Garcia-Webb and Peach Partis were third.



GNO Teams winners Michael Smith, Barbara Martin, Jean Calder and Helen Baker.

Autumn Pairs (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy)

The 2017 Autumn Pairs held during May was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat from Robin Rose and Nerilyn Mack, with Harold McKnight and Patrick Garnett in third place.



2017 Autumn Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat

Vale Freda Jacob AM

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Freda Jacob, a much loved member of West Coast Bridge Club. Freda led an outstanding life. She established the Occupational Therapy profession in Western Australia and was the initiator and a driving force behind the establishment of Independent Living WA. As well, she played a canny game of bridge. We send our condolences to Hal and to Freda's family and friends.

Defibrillator

As advised in the March Newsletter, the Club has purchased a defibrillator following a successful grant application to the Town of Cambridge. The defibrillator is located in the Directors' Office on the stage. **Any Club member who does not wish the Club to attempt resuscitation, in the event of heart failure, should register their wishes, in writing, with the Club Secretary or President.**

Appeal process

The Club Committee recently approved a set of procedures where a player wishes to appeal against a Director's ruling during any competition (green, red or gold point). The process requires the appellant to discuss the decision in question with the Tournament Director at the conclusion of the session. If agreement is not reached the appellant may proceed to a formal appeal by submitting an Appeal Form to the Tournament Director at the end of the session.

New rankings

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

Graduate: Joan Sadleir, Shirley Toohey

Local*: Roma Gehringer

Local**: Pam Garnett, Elizabeth Milne

Regional: Robert Cappellin, Hugh Forbes

State*: Joy Jones, Pat Scotford

National**: Leone Lorian, Peach Partis

New members

New members – Soussan Abouzari, Pamela Botsis, Tony Carsley, Malcolm Clark, Patricia Fryer, Gwen Gardiner, Jack Goldblatt, Suzanne Goldblatt, Jairo Giraldo, Robyn

Giraldo, Judith Grace, Cherie Honey, Kay Jonasson and Sue Thomas 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.

- Club Championship Pairs (Anton Brazowski Trophy) – Mondays June 12-26.
- Winter Pairs (Margaret Rowston Trophy) - Mondays July 17-31
- Club Championship Teams – Mondays August 21, 28 and September 4
- Wednesday Pairs (Phil Appleyard Trophy) – Wednesdays September 6-20.

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

Bidding problem

Try this out with your partner – would you get to 6S or 6H (a pass) or better yet - 7S or 7H (a distinction)?

Dlr: East	♠ 983	
Vul: EW	♥ J4	
	♦ Q3	
	♣ QJT974	♠ AKQT2
♠ J64		♥ A9862
♥ KQ3		♦ AKT
♦ J982		♣ Void
♣ 653	♠ 75	
	♥ T75	
	♦ 7654	
	♣ AK82	