



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter March 2015

Vale John Utting

John Utting, a former president of West Coast Bridge Club, passed away on Saturday the 29th November at Hollywood Hospital. John was a long standing member of the Management Committee, President from 1994 until 1996, and subsequently was made a Life Member of the Club. The members of West Coast Bridge Club extend their deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Individual Championship

The Club's Individual Championship was held in November-December 2014 and was won by Betty Anderson with 564 VPs, followed by June Mulholland (563), Max Havercroft (562), and Corinne Monteath (561). It doesn't get much closer than that!



*Winner of the 2014 Individual Championship,
Betty Anderson*

Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy

The 2014 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 Marleen!



*2014 Mayor Simon Withers presenting the
Wilma Piller / Jim O'Brien Trophy to the
winner, Marleen Medhat*

Monday Pairs (Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy)

The 2015 Monday Pairs held during January and February was won by Christine Shawcross and Yola Krebs with 1014 VPs. They were followed by Graeme Hillier and Judy McGuinness (980 VPs) in second place, with Helen Baker and Jean Calder (919 VPs) third.



*Monday Pairs winners Christine Shawcross
and Yola Krebs*

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, Simon Withers, who presented the Club's competition winners with their trophies.

New members

New members – Maureen Abbott, Diana Black, Lynda Green, Roger Green, Marie McWaters and Anne Roe have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

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

Club Master: Kevin Fahy, Pam Garnett; *Local Master: Shirley Martin, Chris Westergren, Sara Westergren; Regional Master: Gaye Kessell, Rita Sauvage; *Regional Master: Janet Johnson.

Charity Week

The Club held its annual charity week in December. \$946 was collected and the Club forwarded a cheque for \$1000 to Uniting Care West. Many thanks to all who contributed.

New microwave

The Club has recently purchased a new microwave oven for the use of Club members. It is located in the main kitchen area. The kitchen area has also had a thorough spring clean – thanks to Pat Scotford, Joy Jones and Maureen Phillips.

2015 Australian National Bridge Championship (Fremantle)

Every eight years Western Australia hosts the Australian Bridge Federation's Australian National Bridge Championships. The 2015 Championships will be held from 11th to 23rd July in Fremantle at the Rydges Esplanade Hotel. Although the major event is the Interstate Teams Championship there are several other events (morning or afternoon sessions) which are open for Club members to

enter. Club members are encouraged to participate. Further information is provided on the Club noticeboard and at <http://www.abfevents.com.au/events/anc/2015/>

TBIB Insurance Brokers

Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers is a sponsor of the Australian Bridge Federation and offers a range of services and products for ABF members (and therefore Club members), including multi-trip travel insurance and home and contents insurance. Members are reminded that annual travel insurance with TBIB expires at the end of February in each year. If you are interested you can find the link to their website on the West Coast Bridge Club website.

Slow play

Bridge is a timed game and all players have a responsibility to ensure that hands are completed within the prescribed time. Some tips to speed up play are:

- Make your first lead **before** you write down the contract
- Put dummy down **before** you write down the contract
- If, as declarer you can see you will definitely win the remaining tricks, claim but remember you must state how you will play the rest of the hand
- Avoid post mortems after the hand is played

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 13 – April 27
- Graded Pairs: State Masters and above (Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy) – Wednesdays April 29 – May 13

Please make every effort to participate in these events.