



## West Coast Bridge Club

### Newsletter

June 2015

#### Happy birthday Rose

Club members joined with Rose Carver to celebrate her recent birthday. Rose is a much-loved member of the Club and plays most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.



*Rose Carver, birthday girl.*

#### Graded teams below National Masters

The Club's Graded Teams below National Masters competition, held during February and March, was won by a team comprising Terry and Hilary Heptinstall and Tom and Judy Dickson. Undefeated over six matches and scoring 124 VPs they were comfortable winners from Joy Jones, Pat Scotford, Barbara Martin and Michael Smith (98 VPs).



*Graded teams below National Masters winners Terry and Hilary Heptinstall and Tom and Judy Dickson*

#### Upcoming AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Charity Week

The Club held its annual charity week much earlier this year in response to Cyclone Pam which devastated Vanuatu in mid-March. As a result of Club members' generosity we were able to send a cheque for \$1005 to Oxfam which will be used to help the rebuilding of Vanuatu.

#### West Coast Bridge for Brains

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \$500 to Neuroscience Research Australia.

#### New Club website

In the next couple of months the Club will be migrating its website to a new platform (developed by altosoft) and will concurrently replace its scoring software with Compscore2. The result should be an improved and easier to manage website and enhanced information available regarding our various competitions.

#### Some basic mathematics...

Self-appointed Club Statistician Tony Letch recently stated that the number of ways in which the cards can be dealt in bridge is 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000. I have no idea how he worked this out but it does mean that there's not much point in trying to remember particular hands in case they come up again!

### **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.

### **GNO Teams (BAWA event)**

The GNO Teams competition was conducted over three Mondays in April. The winning team comprised Susan Levy, Wilma Piller, Don Whooley and Marleen Medhat with 137 VPs followed by Helen Baker, Jean Calder, Barbara Martin and Mike Smith with 125 VPs.



*GNO Teams winners Susan Levy, Wilma Piller, Don Whooley and Marleen Medhat*

### **Please be considerate...**

While some players are more competitive than others we all play bridge for enjoyment. So that everyone has an enjoyable time please ensure that you:

- Value your partner
- Greet your opponents as they arrive at the table
- Thank your opponents at the end of the round
- Provide any necessary pre-alerts and, if asked, explain your system clearly and simply
- Be understanding of newer players
- Be polite to all members and visitors
- Wear your Club name badge and introduce yourself to people you don't know

- Don't waste time during or after each round as this can lead to rushed bidding and play
- Acknowledge good play by your opponents
- Respect our Directors.

### **New rankings**

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

Graduate: Bev Ockerby; Club: Terry Ord, Jean Read; Local: Faye Agnello, Roma Gehringer, Jill House, Raedawn Walker; \*Local: Nancy Cornish, Nan Manea; \*\*Local: Edward Anthony, Sally Brittliffe, Joan Trethowan; Regional: Patsy Davey, Bobbie Gorman, Anne Rae; \*Regional: Yvonne Plows; National: Patrick Garnett, Max Rowan-Robinson; Life: Helen Baker.

### **New members**

New members – Raymond Walker, Georgina Walker, Mona Godrich, Michael Godrich, Jill Slatyer and Janet Khaw have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

### **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:

- Graded Pairs below National Masters Mondays July 13-27
- Club Championship Teams Mondays August 10-24
- Wednesday Pairs Wednesdays September 9-23
- Club Congress Sunday September 13

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

**Try this one!** You have 1 minute to plan how you are going to play the hand to make 7NT following the lead of the 8♠.

♠ K	♠ AQJ
♥ AK	♥ QJT
♦ AJ97632	♦ T
♣ AKQ	♣ JT9863