



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

September 2024

Annual General Meeting

At the Club's AGM on 18th August:

- The meeting elected the Management Committee for 2024-25, which comprises:
President: Sue Vincent
Vice President: Adele Philpot
Treasurer: Barry Clarke
Secretary: Colleen Stone
Committee: Annabelle Capstick, Ying Goodlet, Linda Martin, Chris Ruffle and Shirley Toohey.
- Although both are retiring from the Committee, Sally Brittliffe will continue as Head Dealer and Peach Partis as Tournament Planner.
- Hilary Heptinstall, Masterpoint Co-ordinator for many years, is relinquishing this role. The new Masterpoint Co-ordinator is Barbara Martin.
- The meeting approved that the annual subscription fee be unchanged for 2025-26.
- Appointed Lesley McKay as the Club Auditor for 2024-25.



WCBC Executive Sue Vincent, Adele Philpot, Colleen Stone and Barry Clarke.



Retiring Masterpoints Co-ordinator, Hilary Heptinstall, and retiring Committee members Sally Brittliffe and Peach Partis.

New rankings

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

Club: Julie Feeny, Doreen Jolly

Silver Local: David St. George

Bronze State: Sue Vincent

National: Ying Goodlet

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GNO Teams (BWA event)

The West Coast heat of the 2024 BAWA GNO Teams competition was won by Anton Pol, Wence Vahala, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Second place went to Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Peter McCann, Martin Broome and Harold McKnight, with Marion Bogue, Kate Nadebaum, Sarita Singh and Jay Wongphasukhot in third place.



WCBC GNOT heat winners Anton Pol, Wence Vahala, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat with Club President, Sue Vincent.

Anton, Wence, Ray and Marleen also excelled in the State Final, finishing a highly creditable second.

Club Pairs Championship (*Anton Brazowski Trophy*)

In a very close competition, the 2024 Club Pairs Championship was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Anton Pol and Wence Vahala were second followed by Cathy Slaughter and Maureen Phillips in third place.



Club Pairs Championship winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat with Club President Sue Vincent.

Club Teams Championship

The Club Teams Championship, conducted in August, was won by Anton Pol, Wence Vahala, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Second place went to a team comprising Shirley Bloch, Peach Partis, Cathy Slaughter and Maureen Phillips.

Coming competitions

The following competitions are scheduled for the next few months at West Coast Bridge Club:

- West Coast Congress – Sunday September 8
- Thursday Swiss Pairs (John Utting Trophy) – Thursdays September 12 & 19
- Spring teams (Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy) – Thursdays October 10 & 17
- Swiss Pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy) – Wednesdays November 13 & 20
- Melbourne Cup – Tuesday November 5

Silvia's 90th

Much loved Club member Silvia Mata celebrated her 90th birthday in July – this was marked by a Club social event at which Club President Sue Vincent paid tribute to Silvia's contribution to the Club – she plays almost every day of the week and is now officially in charge of the Club's new dishwasher! Silvia responded that she has dropped down the pecking order, from a director to a dishwasher!



Silvia Mata's 90th celebration at the WCBC.

In memoriam

Sadly the Club has lost two of its members during the last three months – Patsy Davey (whose contribution was featured in the last Newsletter) and Vanna Pike. We thank them for their contribution to the West Coast Bridge Club community.