



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - December 2024

West Coast Club Congress

48 pairs participated in the Club's Congress on September 8th. Six West Coast pairs qualified for the final with Sally Brittliffe and Peach Partis coming top of the N-S field. Sally and Peach were also the highest placed West Coast pair in the final, finishing in sixth place. Margaret Tierney and Ray Purdy finished third in the Plate and Maria Ehmke and Jessie Duffill were third in the Consolation.



Winners of the 2024 Elizabeth Constable Trophy Peach Partis and Sally Brittliffe with Club President Sue Vincent.

BAWA Supervets event

West Coast pairs featured strongly in the BAWA Supervets event held at WABC on October 27. In a field of 46 pairs Nerilyn Mack and Robin Rose finished fourth with five wins in six matches. With four wins out of six - Wence Vahala and Anton Pol finished sixth, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat ninth and Christina Wu and Patrick Garnett thirteenth.

2024 Thursday Swiss Pairs (*John Utting trophy*)

The Thursday Swiss Pairs held in September was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Shirley Bloch and Maureen Phillips were second followed by Christina Wu and Patrick Garnett in third place.



2024 Thursday Pairs winners Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat.

2024 Spring Teams (*Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy*)

The 2024 Spring Teams competition was won by Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Anton Pol, Wence Vahala and Sue Gough. Patrick Garnett, Christina Wu, Brian Kaye and Max Havercroft were second followed by Chris Ruffle, Sally Brittliffe, Ying Goodlet and Colleen Stone in third place.



Winners of the 2024 Spring Teams – Wence Vahala, Marleen Medhat, Anton Pol and Ray Wood (Sue Gough absent).

2024 Swiss Pairs (*Eileen and Ernest Nickel trophy*)

In a very tight competition the 2024 Swiss Pairs was won by Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Anton Pol and Wence Vahala were second followed by Maureen Phillips and Shirley Bloch in third place.

Grand Master Restricted BAWA event

This competition was held at West Coast on November 3 and attracted 35 pairs. Creditable performances for West Coast players included Sally Brittliffe (with Mimi Packer) – 8th; Christina Wu (with Stella Steer) – 14th; and Linda Martin with Anton Pol – 15th.

Melbourne Cup lunch

The Club held another highly successful Melbourne Cup lunch (with bridge) on November 5. Some of the snappy dressers are shown below.



Melbourne Cup attendees Sue Vincent, Christina Wu and Richard van Proctor.

Vale Terry Heptinstall and Sid Roatch

During the last couple of months the Club lost two of its well-loved members – Terry Heptinstall and Sid Roatch. Both were regular players who had had played at the Club for many years and contributed in several ways. Our sincere condolences go out to Hilary and Helen and their respective families.

Honorary Life Membership

The Club Committee has awarded Patrick Garnett Honorary Life Membership. Patrick served on the Club Committee from 2010-2022 including three years as Club President (2013-2016), organised the Club's Congress for many years and has managed the Club

website and produced the Club Newsletter for the last decade.



New Honorary Life Member Patrick Garnett with Club President, Sue Vincent.

New rankings

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

- Gold life: Robin Rose;
- Bronze Life: Ray Wood, Patrick Garnett, Deborah Greenway;
- Life: Annette Newton, Wence Vahala;
- Bronze National: Val Keevil, Pat Scotford, Janet Khaw;
- National: Robin Cordin;
- Bronze State: Robyn Kirke;
- Regional: Dot Miles;
- Silver Local: Linda Andrews, Subhrendu Rath;
- Bronze Local: Jane Blacklock, Jean Read.

Coming events and competitions

- WCBC Christmas Party – Wednesday December 4.
The following competitions are scheduled for early next year at West Coast Bridge Club:
- Summer Teams – Mondays Feb 10 & 17.
- Club Championship Pairs – Mondays March 3, 10 & 17.

