



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - March 2025

Christmas Party 2024

The Club's 2024 Christmas function was held on Wednesday 5th of December. After an afternoon of bridge over 60 members enjoyed the festivities. The Club President, Sue Vincent, presented the winners of the various Club events with their trophies.



Andy Fairweather and Chris Ruffle, winners of the Inaugural Restricted Swiss Pairs, with Sue Vincent.



Linda Moore and Barbara Giles, winners of the Appleyard Trophy for the best pair with less than 300 masterpoints in the Club's November Pairs competition.

Thanks to Sara Westergren

Towards the end of 2024 Sara Westergren decided to retire from directing at the Club. In recognition of the services she has provided over many years the Committee presented Sara with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



Sara Westergren with Club President Sue Vincent.

The opera comes to WCBC

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Graeme Hillier the Club hosted his recent birthday celebration with Freeze Frame Opera providing the entertainment. Over 100 members and guests were mesmerised by their beautiful voices. They chose a mixture of operatic arias and popular numbers, starting with Barcarolle, finishing with the "feel good" Happy Days and with many other magic moments in between. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Members of the Freeze Frame Opera.



Members listening to the Freeze Frame Opera.



Birthday boy, Graeme Hillier.

2025 Summer Teams

The 2025 Summer Teams held on the 10th and 17th February was won by a team comprising Ray Wood, Marleen Medhat, Wence Vahala and Anton Pol. Cathy Slaughter, Maureen Phillips, Shirley Bloch and Peach Partis were second with Annette Newton, Chris Ruffle, Mike Smith and Barbara Martin in third place.

New members

David Arnold, Susan Gough, Robin Shaw, Ann Spiro, Terry Spiro and Loraine Vanyai have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

Congratulations to the following members who recently received rank promotions:

Graduate: Malcolm Jolly; Local: Barry Clarke; Silver Local: Andy Fairweather, Max Purdy; Regional: Peiying Xu.

Coming competitions

The following competitions are scheduled for the next three months at WCBC:

- Club Championship Pairs – Mondays March 10-24.
- BAWA Restricted State Championship – Sunday April 6.
- Wednesday Pairs - April 9 & 16.
- GNO Teams (BAWA competition) – Mondays May 12 & 19.

The Committee is pleased to announce it has received sponsorship for this year's Club Congress from



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Bid this rock crusher!

Dlr: South ♠ T875

Vul: NS ♥ T76

♦ 73

♣ 9653

♠ K32

♥ 9854

♦ 9854

♣ A8

♠ A

♥ AKQ3

♦ AKQJT

♣ KQ4

♠ QJ964

♥ J2

♦ 62

♣ JT72

This hand came up in a recent Club event. 7NT should be bid but nobody did. Could you? This is my bidding.

2C (E); 2H – 0-4 pts or 5-7 pts and no 5-card suit (W); 2D (E); 2NT – flat (W); east must look for slam and bids 4C – CRO (E); 4D – 1 or 4 aces – one - must be AC (W); east with the 3H its only possible loser is now interested in a grand slam and bids 5C – any kings? (E); 5H – one king, must be KS (W); 7NT (E).