



West Coast Bridge Club

Newsletter

September 2025

Annual General Meeting

At the Club's AGM on 10th August:

- The meeting elected the Management Committee for 2025-26 which comprises:
President: Sue Vincent
Vice President: Adele Philpot
Treasurer: Bill Turner
Secretary: Colleen Stone
Committee: Annabelle Capstick, Julie Feeny, Colleen Hohlt, Linda Martin and Chris Ruffle.
- Dealer Co-ordinator - Sally Brittliffe
Director Co-ordinator - Christina Wu
Tournament Planner - Peach Partis
Masterpoint Co-ordinator - Barbara Martin
- The meeting approved that the annual subscription fee be increased to \$72 for 2026-27.
- The meeting appointed Lesley McKay as the Club Auditor for 2025-26.



WCBC Executive Bill Turner, Sue Vincent, Adele Philpot and Colleen Stone.

Honorary Life Member appointments

At the AGM the President announced the appointment of two new honorary life members of the Club - Silvia Mata and Betty Anderson. They are both stalwarts of the Club, contributing in a variety of ways including Silvia serving as a director and Betty teaching new members for many years.



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New rankings

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

Graduate: Virgil Calcan

Club: Gloria Sandford

Local: Julie Feeny, Alison Weller

Silver Local: Maureen Redfern, Helen Roatch

Regional: Helen East, Kayoko Bredemeyer

Bronze Regional: Jessie Duffill

Bronze National: Yulia Koh

Life: Christina Wu

2025 Monday Swiss Pairs (*Joyce and Norman Moody Trophy*).

The 2025 Monday Swiss Pairs competition held in June was won by Anton Pol and Wence Vahala. Kate Nadebaum and Val Keevil were second with Patrick Garnett and Christina Wu in third place.



Winners of the Monday Swiss Pairs Anton Pol and Wence Vahala.

2025 Restricted Swiss Pairs *Margaret Rowston Trophy*.

The inaugural Restricted Swiss Pairs competition held on Fridays July 11 and 18 was an outstanding success and attracted a field of 24 pairs. The event was won by Yulia Koh and Jamie Luxton. Hilary Heptinstall and Max Purdy were second with Bill Turner and David Arnold in third place.



Winners of the Restricted Swiss Pairs Jamie Luxton and Yulia Koh.

Club Teams Championship

The Club Teams Championship, conducted in August, was won by Jamie Luxton, Yulia Koh, Christina Wu and Patrick Garnett. Second place went to a team comprising Sue Gough, Wence Vahala, Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat. Sue Vincent, Robyn Kirke, Barbara Martin and Mike Smith were in third place.



Winners of the Club Teams Championship Christina Wu, Patrick Garnett, Yulia Koh and Jamie Luxton.

New members

The following new members have recently joined the Club – Patricia Carboni, Yulia Koh, Jamie Luxton, Warwick Potter and Saskia Roosevelt. Please make them welcome.

Coming competitions and events

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

- West Coast Congress – Saturday September 6
- Thursday Swiss Pairs (John Utting Trophy) – Thursdays September 11 & 18
- Spring teams (Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy) – Mondays October 13 & 20
- West Coast Bridge Club Quiz Night – Friday October 17
- Swiss Pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy and Phil Appleyard Trophy for best restricted pair) – Wednesdays November 12 & 19
- Melbourne Cup – Tuesday November 4

Slam hand

Dlr: East ♠ JT3

Vul: EW ♥ 876

♦ KQ3

♣ JT63

♠ Void

♥ KQ53

♦ AJ742

♣ AQ98

♠ A87652

♥ AJT9

♦ Void

♣ K52

♠ KQ94

♥ 42

♦ T9865

♣ 74

Bidding could go: 1S (E); 2D (W); 2S (E); 3H (W); 4H (E); 4NT (W); 5H – two keycards without the QH (E); 6H (W) – OR - 1S (E); 2D (W); 2H (E); 4NT (W); 5H (E); 6H (W).

Let's assume west plays the hand. Given west has bid diamonds north may lead the JC.

Declarer can see four heart tricks, one spade, one diamond and three clubs = 9 tricks. It's clear that some cross ruffing is required.

Declarer is fortunate in holding all the top trumps so one line of play is as follows: KC wins the first trick; AS; ruff a spade low; AD; ruff a diamond; ruff a spade low; AC; ruff a diamond; ruff a spade high; ruff a diamond; ruff a spade high; ruff a diamond – 12 tricks.

Note that if north leads a trump it's a much more difficult proposition – Deep Finesse says it's still makeable but I think many wouldn't!