



West Coast Bridge Club Newsletter - June 2026

Wednesday Swiss Pairs (*Morris and Shirley Bloch Trophy*)

The 2026 Wednesday Swiss Pairs held in March was won by Robyn Kirke and Sue Vincent. Peach Partis and Baboo Bhagat were placed second with Pat Scotford and Joy Jones in third place.



2026 Wednesday Swiss Pairs winners Robyn Kirke and Sue Vincent.

BAWA Restricted Pairs Championship

Sue and Robyn continued their hot form into the WA State Restricted Pair Championship - they finished top in both sessions to become the 2026 WA Restricted Pairs Champions. Well done Sue and Robyn!!



2026 WA Restricted Pair Champions Sue Vincent and Robyn Kirke with BAWA Executive Officer Robina McConnell

BAWA TBIB Western 60+ Swiss Pairs

West Coast hosted BAWA's TBIB Western 60+ Swiss Pairs held on May 16 and 17. Best performing West Coast pair were Ray Wood and Marleen Medhat who finished a creditable ninth out of 44 pairs. Yulia Koh and Miriam O'Brien (Undercroft Bridge Club) were the highest placed restricted pair in the event.

Volunteers' morning tea

The President recently hosted an enjoyable morning tea at her home to thank the various volunteers who contribute to the smooth running of the Club. Can you work out the photographer?



Volunteers' morning tea held at Sue Vincent's home.

New members

The following new members have recently joined the Club – Andy Cayley, Anne-Louise Dubrawski, Grainne Hehir, Deirdre Pratarelli, Karin Pflieger, Ray Pflieger and Diana Wellby. Please make them welcome.

New rankings

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

Club: Tina Creese; Bronze Local: Julie Feeney; Bronze Regional: Susan Bahr; Silver National: Sally Brittliffe; Colleen Stone; Silver Life: Marion Bogue.

Coming competitions and events

The following competitions and events are scheduled for the next three months at West Coast Bridge Club.

- BAWA GNOT event (teams) – Mondays June 15 & 22.
- Restricted Pairs (Margaret Rowston Trophy) – Fridays July 10 & 17.
- Club Championship Teams (Silver Plate) - Mondays August 3, 10 & 17)
- Club AGM – Sunday August 9 at 12:45, followed by bridge.

An easy major suit slam

Deal file from database

BOARD 23		
BD: 23	♠ 872	Dir: S
	♥ 53	Vul: ALL
	♦ T43	
	♣ J9765	
♠ AJ		♠ KQT963
♥ K97		♥ AJT6
♦ Q982		♦ A
♣ AQT2		♣ K4
	♠ 54	
	♥ Q842	
	♦ KJ765	
	♣ 83	

Playing ACOL, West, with 16 points, opens 1C. East bids 1S followed by 1NT (W). West has shown 15-18 points so east thinks a slam is assured and bids 4NT (RKCBW). West's response of 5H (2 keycards in spades without the Q) is enough for east to comfortably bid 6S.

Who blinks first

BOARD 14		
BD: 14	♠ 97	Dir: E
	♥ K96	Vul: None
	♦ K652	
	♣ KT74	
♠ K8652		♠ AQJT43
♥ 543		♥ J
♦ 8		♦ QJT973
♣ J932		♣
	♠	
	♥ AQT872	
	♦ A4	
	♣ AQ865	

This fascinating hand can make 5S (E-W) or slam in hearts (N-S). East has the advantage of opening the bidding but the winner of the contract will probably be the pair with the most courage!

Another slam

BOARD 4		
BD: 4	♠ AJ543	Dir: W
	♥ AK	Vul: ALL
	♦ AK5	
	♣ KT2	
♠		♠ KQT987
♥ QJ7652		♥ T843
♦ JT63		♦ 92
♣ 865		♣ 7
	♠ 62	
	♥ 9	
	♦ Q874	
	♣ AQJ943	

North opens 2D (multi 2D) followed by 2NT. It's difficult for south to show their strong club suit but with a long suit and 9 HCP they are interested in looking for slam – probably in clubs. To get a better feel for north's hand a 3C (S) bid is now sensible – do you have a 5-card major? North bids 3S to show five spades and south now bids 4C (which is CRO in our system) – north's response of 4H shows 0 or 3 aces (has to be 3). South now bids 5C (how many kings?) and north responds 5NT (3 kings) giving south the confidence to bid 6NT.