



SOUTH PERTH DECLARER

April 2022

News from the Management Committee

IMPORTANT! Please note that South Perth Bridge Club will be closed from May 2 to May 6, opening again for play on May 7. It is an unfortunate but necessary closure to ensure the safety of all members due to the ongoing works on the toilet upgrades.

However, the club is offering alternative options for all bridge addicts with one session per day to be held through RealBridge. You will be invoiced for attendance at these sessions.

If you haven't played on RealBridge before, you should check out the online system to ensure that your computer software is compatible. For example, you need to be able to have both a camera and microphone enabled (all iPads have this ability, so problems are more likely to occur on older desktop computers). On Sunday, May 1, SPBC will hold short "taster" sessions at 10am, 1pm and 7pm for people to ensure their systems are operational.

Playing on RealBridge is almost like being at the club, except you are sitting at home. You will be able to see and talk with everyone at your table and it is a very easy system to use. The proposed schedule (to stick into your diaries) is:

- Monday, May 2: 12.30pm
- Tuesday May 3: 12.30pm
- Wednesday May 4: 12.30pm
- Thursday May 5: 9.15am (you must have fewer than 150 masterpoints)
- Thursday May 5: 7pm
- Friday May 6: 12.30pm

The link to each of these games will be available through the SPBC website approximately 45 minutes prior to the session starting time, and you should log in at least 10 minutes before the start time in order to ensure the session director retains what is left of their non-greying hair!

Browning Cup Handicap pairs

SPBC recently held the annual Browning Cup Handicap Pairs, with Ken Strain and Bernadette Missen taking out first place. Second were Rob and Laura Breen, with Tony and Don McKinnon third.





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Latest Promotions

Grandmaster:	Rez Karim
Bronze National Master:	Wilma Coloper
Regional Master:	Ingrid Gilfillan
Silver Local Master:	Marie Singleton
Local Master:	Angelique Morin, Eileen Smits
Club Master:	Calcan Ovidiu, Betsy Heffernan and Michael Heffernan
Graduate Master:	Julie Brown, Sandra Hopkins and Rebecca Parrott

SPBC Members competing on the international stage

Australia fielded four teams at the recent World Championships in Italy, and SPBC members Leone and Trevor Fuller represented our country in the mixed teams event. The mixed Australian team placed 10th out of 24, which was the best result for an Australian team, so really well done to them.

Last week the Australian Bridge Federation held playoffs in Canberra to create the open, senior and women's teams to represent Australia for the coming year. SPBC member Marnie Leybourne, with her partner Viv Wood, placed second at the playoffs and are now members of this year's Australian Women's Team. They expect to be heading to the World Games being held in Poland in August.

Improving your bridge

Supervised bridge sessions are becoming increasingly popular. If you are a relative (or complete) beginner, you get to play against people at a similar level of experience and expertise. Second, play is generally more relaxed, giving you more time for each hand. If you are unsure of what to do, your friendly director is there to (hopefully) steer you in the right direction. Finally, most supervised sessions don't require that you attend with a partner, as one will, in most instances, be found for you.

The Monday morning and Wednesday evening sessions have been going for some time. SPBC has now started a third supervised session on Saturday mornings, starting at 9.15am and finishing around noon.

There are two further events that novice players should quickly enter and insert into their diaries. On two Saturdays, 14 and 21 May, a red point event is being held for players with less than 50 red/gold masterpoints (below bronze State Master). These sessions will be held at 1.30pm, so that all the Saturday morning players can join in for the afternoon session as well....

Then on Saturday, 28 May at 9.15am, a national event called the Australia-Wide Novice Pairs will be held. This is for players with less than 100 masterpoints and is a fantastic event for all beginning and intermediate players as booklets will be provided at the conclusion of the event to provide you with information on how you might have better bid or played the hands. Also, you will be able to see how well (or badly..) you have done against all other entrants from around Australia.

Remember, everyone comes to the club to enjoy companionship and bridge. We must all do our part to make the club a great place to be, and that includes kitchen duties just one month a year...

Thank you!