

## From the President

It has been a very busy month at the Club. The new air conditioning is up and running well. It is great to finally have a comfortable temperature throughout the playing room. Gwyneira has spent an enormous amount of time bringing our library up to date. The old, outdated books have been removed and a large number of modern books have been purchased. The catalogue can be viewed online, with the books also able to be borrowed online. Please make use of this valuable resource to improve your bridge. It has also been a big month for birthdays including the Club's, as well as Wendy Driscoll's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Finally, we held our major congress of the year at Easter. Overall, it was a big success with a good number of players attending. A big thank you to everyone who helped over the long weekend.

**Tony McKinnon**



## Club Summer Teams

The **Club Summer Teams** was held over two **Wednesdays, 13 & 20 March**. 12 teams participated. Prizes were presented by Club president Tony McKinnon. Congratulations to the winners. In first place were *Team Wilson* (Deana Wilson, Nigel Dutton, Nick Cantatore, Kimberly Zhao). In second place was *Team Isle* (Valerie Isle, Tony Stevens, Ovidiu Calcan, Clive Youdell), and in third place was *Team Steed* (Lyndall Steed, Joan Barnett, Bob Peters and Joan Peters).



1<sup>st</sup> place - Team Wilson



2<sup>nd</sup> place - Team Isle



3<sup>rd</sup> place - Team Steed

## Masters in teams of three

The **Masters in teams of three** was held on **Sunday 14 April**. Sixteen teams, from South Perth and Melville participated. A big thank you to all the Masters for their time, encouragement and expertise, without which this event cannot happen. Congratulations the winners.

In first place were *Team Goddard* (Mark Goddard, Pat Allen, Laura Breen, Rob Breen). In second place was *Team Leybourne* (Marnie Leybourne, Gabrielle Bastow, Shane Brown, Ken Strain), and in third place was *Team Menezes* (Merwyn Menezes, Catherine Hancock, Carole Murphy, Jennifer Sharp)



1<sup>st</sup> place - Team Goddard



2<sup>nd</sup> place - Team Leybourne



3<sup>rd</sup> place - Team Menezes

## Kitchen Duty Roster

The April kitchen duty roster calls for those with surnames beginning with **C, G, I and N** to assist with setting up and clearing away the kitchen before and after the tea break. Please contribute to the smooth running of the tea breaks when rostered on. Instructions are on the wall in the kitchen if you are not sure what needs to be done. Many hands make light work, and if we all do our bit, the inconvenience to those rostered on is small. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Events coming up in April and May

The **Club Handicap Championship**, also known as **The Browning Cup**, is a two-session red-point event that will be held over two **Tuesdays, 23 and 30 April**, starting at **12:30pm**. The handicap for this event is determined by players' ABF masterpoint ranking. This means all players, whether grand masters or graduate masters can compete in the one event with a more level playing field. It's another great opportunity for some of the less-experienced players to earn some red points!

The **SPBC GNOT** (Grand National Open Teams) heats will be run over three **Monday** afternoons, **6, 13 and 20 May**, commencing at **12:30pm**. The GNOT heats offer a rare opportunity to earn gold points at an event hosted by our club.

The **SPBC Mens Pairs Championship** will be held over two Tuesday evenings, **7 and 14 May**, commencing at **7:00 pm**.

The **2024 Australia-Wide Novice Pairs** will be hosted at SPBC on **Saturday 25 May** at **9:15am**. This event is for players who have under 100 Masterpoints as at 31 March 2024.

## Lessons for less experienced players

### Next Step lessons

These lessons, with Fiske Warren are designed to develop the skills of players in Supervised and Intermediate sessions. A 3-week course will run on Tuesday Mornings. 9:45 – 11:45am, in April:

**9 April** – Opener's rebids,

**16 April** – Responders' rebids,

**23 April** – Strong Opening bids

Each lesson will concentrate on how the auction can best be developed and the importance of knowing which bids are forcing, invitational and sign-off. The cost of the course is \$40 for all 3 lessons, or \$15 for individual lessons. Come on the day – no need to book.

### Declarer Play in Suit Contracts

These lessons with Jan Howell will be held over two **Monday evenings 13 & 20 May 7:00 -9:00pm**

Cost is \$20. Please book via email to Jan at [janhowell53@gmail.com](mailto:janhowell53@gmail.com)

## SPBC New Members

Welcome to the following new and returning members whose applications to join SPBC have been approved by the Management Committee at meetings this year.

**New members:** Robert Lavis, Shirley van Schagen, Anne McLean, Jane Erzay, Yvonne Smellie, Michael Pearson, Heath Drury, Bandula Gunawardena, Harry Gross, David Brassey, Tony Ramage and Helen Ferrero.

**Returning members:** Marie-France Merven and Nigel Dutton.

## Masterpoint Ranking Promotions January to March 2024

Congratulations to the SPBC members who have achieved new Masterpoint rankings this year:

Rodney Bassell	Graduate Master	Judith Kelly	Bronze Local Master
Robert Velletri	Graduate Master	June Leonard	Bronze Local Master
Beth Bannister	Graduate Master	Rachel McRae	Bronze Local Master
Kathryn Kemp	Graduate Master	Angelique Morin	Silver Local Master
John Rea	Graduate Master	Liz Farr	Regional Master
Lois Summers	Graduate Master	Vivienne Miskelly	Regional Master
Efrem Gamba	Club Master	Gillian Salter	Regional Master
Guy Kirk	Club Master	Vivian Wells	Regional Master
Paul Fielding	Local Master	Ross Keirle	Bronze Regional Master
Gary Mullin	Local Master	Gabrielle Bastow	State Master
Ovidiu Calcan	Local Master	Shane Brown	State Master
Tricia Hashim	Bronze Local Master	Elsie Chua	National Master
Eileen Smits	Bronze Local Master	Eamonn McCabe	Bronze National Master

## Volunteer Recognition – Cassie Morin



Tony McKinnon with Cassie Morin

Cassie Morin has been a long-term volunteer for our Bridge club and over that time has held numerous roles including serving as the President. For a number of years she has been the Club's Bar Manager. This position has several responsibilities including being the Club's Licensee which means that she has the legal responsibility for all matters to do with the supply of alcohol at the Club. She also is responsible for maintaining our supplies of drinks, as well as serving regularly at the Club. Not only do these roles enable members to have a relaxing drink at the end of a long bridge session but it also does make a small profit for the Club while maintaining affordable drinks prices. We would like to thank Cassie for her timeless service to the Club.

# South Perth Declarer



April 2024

## South Perth Easter Congress

The **SPBC Easter Congress**, proudly sponsored by DFG legal, was held from **Good Friday, 29 March to Easter Monday, 1 April**. The Welcome Pairs was held on Friday afternoon, the Open Pairs on Saturday, the Swiss Pairs on Sunday, and the Open Teams on Monday. Events like these do not just happen! Thank you to the many people who worked hard behind the scenes to make the Congress the great success that it was. Special thanks go to Neville Walker for Directing all sessions and to the Convenor Sue Shadbolt for coordinating the Congress. It was wonderful to see so many regular South Perth players as well as many visitors supporting the events. Congratulations to the winners of each of the events. Prizes were presented by Club President, Tony McKinnon.

### Welcome Pairs

The Welcome Pairs was won by Mark Goddard and Bob Prince. In second place was Fran Holman and Anne Lowe, and in third place was Joe Louis and Wendy Harman. Fourth place went to JoAnn Theriault and Nick Cantatore, fifth place to Gwen Wiles and David Matthews and 6<sup>th</sup> place to Colin and Esther Saunders. Best South Perth Pair was Hilary Stilling and Jim Willetts and Best pair under 300 MPs was Don Moran and Bob Mitchell.



1<sup>st</sup> - Bob Prince and Mark Goddard



2<sup>nd</sup> - Fran Holman and Anne Lowe



3<sup>rd</sup> - Wendy Harman and Joe Louis



4<sup>th</sup> - Nick Cantatore and JoAnn Theriault



5<sup>th</sup> - David Matthews and Gwen Wiles



6<sup>th</sup> - Colin and Esther Saunders



Best SPBC Pair - Hilary Stilling and Jim Willetts



Best under 300MPs - Don Moran and Bob Mitchell

## Open Pairs

The Open Pairs consisted of a Web-Mitchell qualifying match held in the morning, where the top seven pairs from each of North/South and East/West went through to play off in the Final, and the remaining pairs played off in the Plate. The winners of the qualifying match for N/S were Egmont Melton and John Beddow, and for E/W were Nick Cantatore and Joann Theriault.

First place in the Final went to Laurie Money and Elsie Chua. In second place were Marnie Leybourne and Gabrielle Bastow, and in third place were Wendy Kappelle and Graeme Cronin.

Equal First place in the Plate went to Richard Illingworth and Noriko Sakashita, and Leon Ref and Mark Mullins, and in third place were Liz Farr and Helen Lewis.

Best SPBC pair were Mark Goddard and Tom Peacock and Best pair under 300 MPs were Erik Moller and Angelique Morin.

### Winners of the morning qualifying session for North/South and East/West



Egmont Melton and John Beddow



Nick Cantatore and Joann Theriault

### Open pairs Final: first and second place



1<sup>st</sup> - Laurie Money and Elsie Chua, with Tony



2<sup>nd</sup> - Marnie Leybourne and Gabrielle Bastow

### Open pairs Plate: Equal first place and third place



Equal 1<sup>st</sup> - Richard Illingworth and Noriko Sakashita



3<sup>rd</sup> - Helen Lewis, with Tony

## Open Teams

The Open Teams, held on Easter Monday, was well attended, bringing together 18 Teams, including a House team. Six matches, each with 9 boards, were played across the day. Congratulations to the winners. First place went to *Team Collett* (Martin Doran, Pauline Collett, Chris Mulley, Cathy Hood). Second place went to *Team McCabe* (Joann Theriault, Eamonn McCabe, Dianne Dwyer, Nick Cantatore). Third place went to *Team Beddow* (Egmont Melton, Bieta Bieganski, John Beddow, Tad Bieganski). Fourth Place went to *Team Nakamatsu* (Ian Bailey, Phil Bapty, Dave Parham, Tomoko Nakamatsu), and Fifth place went to *Team Lemann* (Tom Lemann, Marnie Leybourne, Trevor Fuller, Viv Wood).

The Best South Perth Team was *Team Dutton* (Tim Wright, David Schokman, Marie Fran Mervyn, Nivel Dutton)

### Open Teams Winners



1<sup>st</sup> place - Team Collett



2<sup>nd</sup> place - Team McCabe



3<sup>rd</sup> place - Team Beddow



4<sup>th</sup> place - Team Nakamatsu



5<sup>th</sup> place - Team Lemann

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## Swiss Pairs

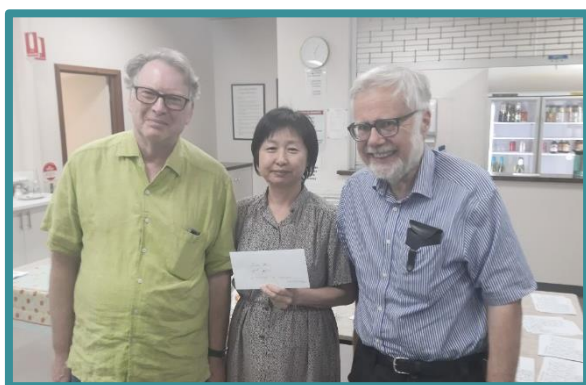
The Swiss Pairs, held on Sunday 31 March attracted 52 pairs. The event consisted of six 9-board matches. Congratulations to the winners. First place went to Gerry Daly and Viv Wood, second place to Tuya Cooke and Lilia Male, third place to Tim Wright and Tomoko Nakamatsu, fourth place to James and Stella Steer, and fifth place to Trevor and Leone Fuller. The prize for Best SPBC Pair was shared by Nigel Dutton and Marie-France Merven, and Martin Doran and Val Biltoft. The Best Pair under 300 MPs went was Louise Walker and Simon Smith.



Tony with 1<sup>st</sup> place - Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



2<sup>nd</sup> place - Tuya Cooke and Lilia Male



Tony with 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tomoko Nakamatsu and Tim Wright



4<sup>th</sup> place - James and Stella Steer



5<sup>th</sup> place - Leone and Trevor Fuller



Best under 300 MPs - Louise Walker and Simon Smith.

## Happy Birthday, Wendy



Wendy Driscoll celebrated her 90th Birthday at SPBC on Monday 8 April. Players were delighted to wish Wendy many happy returns and to share her delicious birthday cake!

Congratulations on your milestone birthday, Wendy.

Wendy cutting her cake

## Club Birthday Party

SPBC celebrated its Birthday with a red-point event and cake for afternoon tea at the afternoon session on Saturday, 6 April. The event was well attended with 32 pairs vying for the Dora Wilson trophy and enjoying the scrumptious cake that was organised by Rachel McRae. The honour of cutting the cake went to long-time member, Anne Torlack.

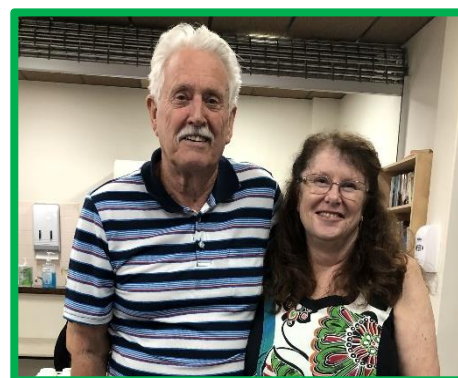
Congratulations to Deana Wilson and Kimberley Zhao who came first, Jan Blight and Valerie Ilse who came second, and Carol Cleeve and Tony Stevens who came third.



1st place – Deana and Kimberly



2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jan and Valerie



3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tony and Carol



Scrumptious birthday cake



House Manager, Rachel McRae with Anne Torlack