



SOUTH PERTH DECLARER

October 2022

News from the Management Committee

It would be appreciated if members could remember that the suggestion book is for suggestions, not statements or criticisms (these can be directed to a member of the committee). Also, names do need to be used so the committee knows who to contact if further information or clarification is required.

Christmas is almost here

This year, we are planning a different format for the Christmas Party. On 11 December, participants will play bridge and be treated to a cocktail party, which is intended to be more informal than the traditional sit down dinners. Tickets, \$30, are available from session directors.

SPBC is also looking for some volunteers to help put up all the Christmas decorations, so if you feel artistic or festive, please contact Tony!

More volunteers needed (some with remuneration....)

The club is looking for a volunteer or two to oil the garden furniture, at a time that best suits you. Also, the club is looking for someone to manage the garden on an ongoing basis and this comes with an hourly remuneration. Please contact Tony McKinnon.

Handbag shelves

I expect you have all admired the new Tournament Director's furniture. This is the start of updating the playing room. We are aware that we need shelving of some kind for handbag storage as a safer alternative to handbags tucked under side tables with handles and straps hanging out to trip up players and the TD. All that old furniture was thrown away but the bookcase was too good to put on the verge. As a temporary measure it has been placed in the top right hand corner of the playing room to serve as shelving for handbags. If this concept is useful the committee will consider a more attractive replacement.

Recycling

Regarding recycling bits and pieces, these have been moved to the bench opposite the bar door, so all recycling stuff is together and to tidy up the appearance of the foyer. In the near future, the foyer décor is intended to be enhanced.

2022 Australia-wide Restricted Pairs



Twenty-four pairs from South Perth Bridge Club participated in this recent event. Diane Smith and Alfred Leung won the session in South Perth, and with a score of 64% placed 11th overall Australia-wide. Jim Willetts and Eugene McClorey came second and 26th overall, while Helen Lewis and Marie Singleton placed third and 60th overall.

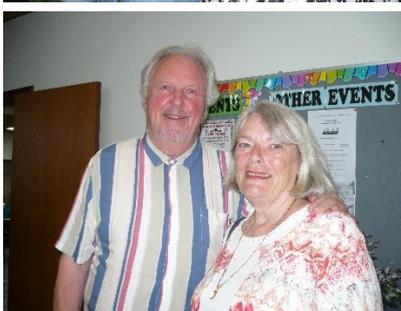


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Melbourne Cup Day

SPBC held its usual luncheon to celebrate this mega-Aussie event. Gwyneira, Dave and Wilma took out the hat honors (always more important than the bridge or picking the correct horse!). Rachel McRae did a great job organising the refreshments, while Garth kept everyone hydrated (sort of!)



Section winners were:

Diane Smith and Alfred Leung
Sue Craig and Jan Berg

Brian Shaw and Elaine Hunter
Valerie Isle and Cassie Morin



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Latest Promotions

Life Master:	Carol Newport
State Master:	Andrea Peretti
Silver Local Master:	Shane Brown and Mark Glaser
Bronze Local Master:	Sue Bailey
Local Master:	Sharron Pratt

Club Open Teams



The Club's open teams championships were held recently, with Val Bilttoft, Trevor Fuller, Nick Cantatore and Marnie Leybourne coming first. Dave Munro, Gwyneira Brahma, Pim Birss and Cassie Morin placed second, while Leon Randolph, Tony Stevens, Valerie Isle and Carol Cleeve were third.

In the restricted section, Shane Brown, Gabrielle Bastow, Angelique Morin and Suzanne Bidstrup took out the top honours.

Improving your bridge

As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to take stock and remember that we all play bridge for fun. Rudeness and unethical behaviour should not be tolerated. If you are in any way made to feel uncomfortable at the table, please either call the director or go and discuss the matter with them at the break.

And experienced players, please do the right thing by the beginners in our club. Over the past week there have been murmurings from several players about not wanting to play in specific sessions any more due to the rude and aggressive behaviour being experienced, which appears to be partly due to the Christmas season and imbibing of the liquid refreshments that occur at this time of the year.

Beating up cowed beginners will not improve your bridge. Enough said.