

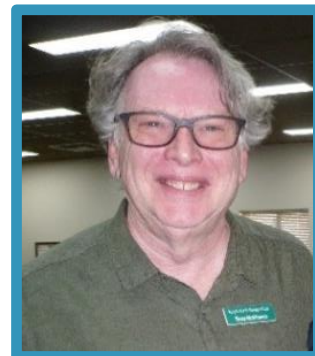
From the President

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the SPBC management team have begun a process of recognising our hardworking volunteers. In the past week I was very happy to present a small gift of appreciation to both Alfred Leung and Fran Muller for their work on the Tournament Committee over many years. If you would like to nominate a volunteer for recognition, please talk to me or any of the other members of the Management Committee.

I am happy to announce that the Youth Bridge Group in WA will be playing at our Club once a week starting in the New Year. The group is only small but will hopefully expand with time. If you know any young people who wish to learn bridge in a fun environment, please look out for the flyers at the Club.

Finally, I would like to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you at the bridge table in 2024.

Tony McKinnon



Kitchen Duty Roster

The December kitchen duty roster calls for those with surnames beginning with **K, T, M, Y, and Q** to assist with setting up and clearing away the kitchen before and after the tea break. All members (who are able to do so) are requested to assist with kitchen duty when they are rostered on. Many hands make light work, sharing the burden, so it is not an arduous task. If you are unsure what to do, there are notices on the walls in the kitchen with instructions and information on where to find everything you'll need.

Please remember that we have no cleaning fairies at the club. Those on kitchen duty are not responsible for cleaning up after people who have spills or who leave behind used dishes on the tables in the supper room or outside in the courtyard area. No one wants to arrive at a table in their break to find it stained with tea or coffee from previous users. If everyone cleans up after themselves, and we leave the areas as we found them, it will ensure that we have clean and welcoming facilities for the next group to use.

Spring into Summer Tuesday Evening Pairs

The Intermediate Spring into Summer Tuesday Evening Pairs was held over two Tuesdays, 21 and 28 November. Congratulations to the winners, Marnie Leybourne and Andrea Peretti. Second place went to Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro, and in third place were Vinod Nasta and Tom Lemann.

Spring into Summer Tuesday Evening Pairs winners:



Marnie Leybourne and Andrea Peretti



Dave Munro



Vinod Nasta and Tom Lemann

Events coming up in late December and January

The **Festive Open Pairs** will be held on **22 December**, commencing at 12:30 pm. This is a red-point event, and the cost is normal table money: Members \$7, and visitors \$10. All members and visitors are welcome. Why not don your favourite festive colours and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of bridge!

A final opportunity to get some red points to finish off the year, the **Final Red-point Fling for 2023**, will be held on **Saturday, 30 December**. This is a walk-in event, commencing at 1:30pm. The cost is normal table money: Members \$7, and visitors \$10. All members and visitors are welcome.

The **South Perth Swiss Pairs Congress** will be our first event of the New Year, on **7 January 2024**, commencing at 9:30 am. Cost is \$40 per person. Places are limited and the event is filling up. If you intend to play and have yet to register, please do so at myabf.com.au before you miss out!

2023 BAWA Metro Interclub Teams of 4 Competition

The 2023 BAWA Metro Interclub Teams of 4 competition has been completed. Our club had one team contesting in each of the three divisions: Open, Intermediate (<500 MP) and Novice (<150MP). The competition was very tight at the top half of the league tables in all divisions. It is with great pleasure that I announce the excellent results achieved by the SPBC teams:

The Open team came a close 4th out of 7 teams, narrowly missing 3rd place by 0.1 VPs, to take 20% of the prize money. The players who participated in this team were Cythia Belonogoff, Pim Birss, Gwyneira Brahma, Catherine Hood, Cassie Morin, Dave Munro and Vinod Nasta.

The Intermediate team won the competition from 6 other teams with a 2.94 VPs margin, scooping 50% of the prize money. A 20 VPs win in the last but one match, and an even result of 10.24 VPs at the final match, secured the top place for this team. The players were Bev Lurie, Gordon Dunlop, Alfred Leung, Bob Mitchell, Don Moran, Mark O'Connor, Sue Shadbolt, Diane Smith and Hilary Stilling.

The Novice team just failed to catch the rampaging WABC team despite getting 19.56 VPs in their last match, to finish 2nd out of 9 teams. They were short by only 1.4 VPs and were duly awarded 30% of the prize money. The players in this team were Shane Brown, Gabrielle Bastow, Julie Crewe, Chris England, Dominic McKinnon, Tony McKinnon, Mark Mullins, Jackie Wildings, Matthew Wildings and James Willetts.

Thank you to the club for supporting this competition and thanks to all those who participated as named above. Special thanks to Gwyneira and Shane for providing much assistance in getting the team together for their respective divisions.

Alfred Leung, Interclub team coordinator

A special thank you Alfred, our retiring coordinator for his tireless work in coordinating the Interclub Teams event over the past several years.

New SPBC members

Welcome to the new SPBC members whose memberships were endorsed at the December MC meeting:

Danni Fuller, William Turner and Karen Weedon.

South Perth Declarer



December 2023

South Perth Bridge Club Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday, 10 December. The doors opened at 12:45 pm for welcome drinks. A fun afternoon of bridge followed at 1:30, where members of all levels of expertise joined in together in the spirit of the occasion, and lucky winners of spot prizes received chocolates from Neville, our director on the day. The festivities continued into the supper room from 5 -7 pm, where people mingled together to enjoy a celebratory drink or two and savour the tasty canapes. We also welcomed the Mayor of the City of South Perth, Greg Milner, and his family, who joined us for the occasion. It was a very pleasant way to wind up the year. *Many thanks go to our House Manager, Rachel McRae, for organising the catering and creating the fabulous hampers that were raffled on the day.*

