

## Management Committee 2023/24

At the SPBC Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, 26 August 2023, the Management Committee (MC) for the next year was confirmed. The committee members are:

Tony McKinnon	President	Garth Scotford	Vice-President
Jane Walker	Secretary	Shane Brown	Treasurer
Rachel McRae	House manager	Sue Shadbolt	Assistant treasurer
Gabrielle Bastow	member	Gwyneira Brahma	member
Jan Howell	member	Laurie Money	member

## Life Membership

Congratulations to Lyndall Steed who was awarded Life Membership at the AGM. Lyndall has provided her services willingly and generously over many years in many different volunteer roles at the club, as well as directing club sessions, and is a very deserving recipient. Most recently, Lyndall's quiet leadership and her encouragement and support of new players at the Monday morning supervised session has seen her contribute to many new members growing their enjoyment of bridge and joining our club.



Lyndall with President Tony McKinnon

## Club Novice Pairs Championships



Murray and Sue with Vice-President Garth Scotford

The club novice pairs championship was held on Saturday morning, 12 August. Congratulations to the winners, Murray McKay and Sue Jensen. Second place went to Judith Kelly and Kathy McGregor, and in third place were Margaret Martin and Mark Mullins.

Well done to all the novice pairs who entered the Championship. There can be only one winning pair, however, entering these events is a fabulous way to help improve your bridge and to collect some red points!

## Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs

The Open Pairs sponsored by Pharmacy 777 was held on Wednesday, 13 September. Congratulations to winners of this event, Marnie Leybourne and Nick Cantatore. Thanks to Nigel Krummel from Pharmacy 777 in Applecross for his continued support of our club through his sponsorship of this event. By the look of the hampers given to the lucky winners, Nigel has once again been very generous!



Nick and Marnie with their Pharmacy 777 prizes

## Kitchen Duty Roster

The September kitchen duty roster calls for those with surnames beginning with **Mc, Mac, H, O & P** 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.

## Events coming up in October

Please consider participating in the following events:

An **Open Red-Point event** will be held on Monday 9 October, commencing at 12:30pm. This is a walk-in event; no need to enter ahead of time. Cost to play is normal table money - \$7 SPBC members and \$10 for visitors.

The **Club Mixed Pairs Championship** will be held over two Fridays, 13 and 20 October, commencing at 12:30 pm each day. Cost to enter is \$20 per person which includes both sessions and a drink at the conclusion of the second session. Please put your name in the red book if you wish to enter.

The **Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs** will be held at SPBC on Saturday morning, 28 October, commencing at 9:15 am. The event is open to all players with fewer than 300 MPs. Cost to enter is \$10 per person and includes a booklet (provided after the session!) that discusses each of the hands.

## New SBCB members

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

**July** MC meeting: Allan Mappin and Desmond Beazley.

**August** MC meeting: David Gallagher and Linda French (former members re-joining) and Meredith Moore.

**September** MC meeting: Bronwyn Chisholm, Jaynie McCagh, Ivan Johnson, Sue Harding, Helen Marsh, Emily D'Souza and Rodney Basell

## Masterpoint Ranking Promotions

Congratulations to the SPBC members who recently achieved new Masterpoint rankings.

### In July:

Heather Nisbet	Graduate Master
Garry Mullin	Club Master
Rebecca Rose Trevenen	Club Master
Jane Clements	Local Master
Moyra Hunt	Local Master
Laura Breen	Bronze State
Eamonn McCabe	National Master
Phil Tearne	Silver Grand Master

### In August:

Karen Andrus	Graduate Master
Eleanor Chan	Graduate Master
Helen Clarke	Graduate Master
Efram Gamba	Graduate Master
Christine Kinsella	Graduate Master
Pamela Woods	Graduate Master
Mary Outh-Aut	Club Master
Lyn Vanstan	Local Master
Mark Glasser	Regional Master

## From the Laws of Bridge

As we all know, bridge is a complex game with lots of things to remember! Along with the many and varied bidding systems, conventions and card play strategies, there are also many laws to be remembered and followed. To inform new members who may not have heard them before, and as a reminder to more experienced players, the newsletter will occasionally include articles that explain some of the laws of our game.

This month we look at LAW 73C, involving unauthorised information, and an example of what it means in practice.

### LAW 73C

*When a player has available to him unauthorized information (UI) from his partner, such as a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information (UI).*

This example is from Matthew McManus.

Partner opens 1♥ and you hold ♠ AK4 ♥ J862 ♦ 984 ♣ K98

You decide to show this as a limit raise. You and your partner have agreed to play Bergen raises, where the bid to show this is 3♦.

Two awkward things might happen:

- a) Partner alerts 3♦ as required and then starts thinking. After what seems like an eternity, partner eventually bids 3♥, signing off. Are you tempted to try 4♥? Look at your points! You would open the bidding with most 11-counts, so you can use the excuse that you have an opening hand. What UI do you have from partner's hesitation? His alternatives were clearly 3♥ and 4♥. If you are going to "carefully avoid taking any advantage", you must **pass**.
- b) Same hand. Partner alerts 3♦. This time opponents asks, and he says, "6-9 points with four hearts" and bids 3♥ immediately. This time you have heard the wrong explanation. Partner may have an automatic 4♥ bid opposite a limit raise. But again, in avoiding taking advantage of the UI, you must **pass**.

Are there any times when you could bid again when you show a limit raise and partner bids 3♥? Yes, if you have no UI, you are free to do what you like, no matter how silly it might be. Also, if partner explained 3♦ correctly – or no questions were asked- and bid 3♥ in tempo, do whatever you want.

When players bid 4♥ in the face of UI, their excuse is often, "But I was going to bid game anyway". Apart from being a *self-serving statement*, it misses the point. When they have UI, they need to bend over backwards not to take any action which takes advantage of it.

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