



SOUTH PERTH DECLARER

December 2022

Big Thank yous!

Thank you to the ongoing generous support of SPBC's sponsors: Jones Ballard, Pharmacy 777, DFG Legal and TBIB. Our sponsors support the club in a range of ways, such as sponsoring specific events and the provision of items such as the personal hand records. All members are encouraged to consider using the services our sponsors provide.

Second, many many thanks to all the club volunteers that do so much behind the scenes. While we all know the names of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and management committee members, there are all sorts of little elves keeping biscuits stacked, coffee and tea available, cleaning the club, dealing boards, looking after the garden, organising director rosters, putting token packs together, creating notices, etc etc etc. Many hands make light work, and for the club, it is definitely the case of the more hands the merrier, so please help where you can in 2023.



2023 Subscriptions – now due!

Firstly, another big thank you to the over 200 members that have already paid their subscriptions. All members are required to pay their fees by the end of January, or risk becoming a non-member and having to pay the increased cost of \$10 per session.

Members are strongly encouraged to pay using bank transfer. Just make sure you put your name as the reference!

Tuesday/Wednesday evenings

There will be a slight change in evening sessions in 2023. The Tuesday evening session has not been attracting huge numbers, making it unviable as a two-section event. Therefore, on a trial basis, there will be no novice/intermediate section on Tuesday nights, and anyone may attend the session without a partner.

The Wednesday evening supervised has been well attended. From 11 January, Wednesday evening will run as two sections: one for novice/intermediate players, along with the supervised session. Bridge will start at 7.15pm, with a weekly lesson starting at 6.50pm for all interested players (the lesson will not be limited to supervised players).

Latest Promotions

Bronze Regional Master:	Robyn Keirle
Regional Master:	Gabrielle Bastow
Club Master:	Richard Cohen
Graduate Master:	Graham Rennie

Improving your bridge

A quick reminder: whether you are playing Standard American or Acol, when you bid a second suit you are promising at least five in the first bid suit (the only exception being when you hold a 4441 hand). Therefore, in the following sequence: 1C (pass) 1H (pass) 1S, Opener MUST have at least five clubs and four spades. If you don't, your hand is probably balanced so you should be bidding No Trump.



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Club Christmas Party

The club Christmas party was held on 11 December. The format: a cocktail party along with bridge, was an informal change to the sit down dinner of previous years, and provided for more members. A good time was had by all...



**Best wishes for a
happy and
memorable 2023**