



SOUTH PERTH DECLARER

January 2023

South Perth Swiss Pairs

The first major event in Western Australia each year is the South Perth Swiss Pairs, held in January. This event has always been held over the first three Monday evenings, however for the first time, the club opted to hold the event on one day, Sunday 8 January. Judging from the full house, this new format has proved a winner.

The winners were:

First: Gordon Dunlop and Mark O'Connor

Second: Anton Pol and Wence Vahala

Third: Norika Sakashita and Kaiping Chen

Best under 300 masterpoints: Mei Huang and Sue Shadbolt

Best mixed: John Rigg and Lauren Shiels

Best South Perth pair: Cassie Morin and Jan Blight



Outdoor furniture

Some of you may have noticed that our outdoor furniture is getting a bit of love, thanks to Nick Cantatore's dad, Gerry. The beautiful wrought iron benches are proving to be a bit of a challenge, so there may be a bit of mess outside for the next couple of weeks. Members should be careful when outdoors so as not to trip on any loose bits of furniture.



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2023 Subscriptions – now overdue!

If you haven't yet paid your 2023 subscriptions, please get onto it right away (bank transfer is the easiest), as you will now no longer be considered a member and will have to pay the increased cost of \$10 per session as a visitor. Also, bear in mind that should you let your membership lapse, you may need to reapply (which unfortunately costs money).

During Covid, some members sought, and were given, some relief from paying subscriptions when they were not able to come to the club. However, this practice has now stopped, so please don't ask for half-year subscriptions. Please bear in mind that the bulk of your annual subscription actually goes to BAWA and the ABF and these still have to be paid in full to ensure that you remain an "active" member.

Wednesday evenings

A novice/intermediate session has been added to Wednesday evenings and is being run alongside the usual supervised session. This format appears to be working well, with 10 tables, which is a great turnout for an evening bridge session these days.

Note, the starting time is 7.15pm so that the novice/intermediate session finishes by 10.30pm. The supervised session tends to finish a bit earlier as fewer boards are played.

A free lesson, open to anyone, starts at around 6.50pm for about 20 minutes.

Reserved seating

Some members are not very mobile and require reserved seating. However, in the past club championship events had a standing rule that reserved seating would not be accommodated. The club has now changed this, so players that require, for example, a stationary seat, will be accommodated as much as is feasibly possible. Hopefully this will encourage more players to participate in club championship events.

Improving your bridge

David Schokman has given a heap of old bridge magazines to the club and they can be found near the library. Please feel free to peruse and take them away for a thorough reading.