

## From the President

Welcome back to our members who participated in the recent ANC held in Orange, NSW - particularly to those members who were part of the WA Women's Team. It was fantastic to see that five of the six members of the Team were members of South Perth: Gwyneira Brahma, Pauline Collett, Wendy Driscoll, Catherine Hood, and Cassie Morin.

Our AGM is being held in late August and there is still time for interested people to consider nominating for a position on the Management Committee or for expressing an interest in any of the Club's other committees. Please discuss with me or any of the other current committee members if you would like to know more. A lot of our members have held positions in the past and we are always interested in getting new members into these roles.

**Tony McKinnon**



## SPBC Club Novice Pairs Championship

The **Club Novice Pairs Championship**, proudly sponsored by Adrian and Kareena Ballard, was held on **Saturday, 20 July 2024**. This event, for players with fewer than 25 MPs at 1 January 2024, was a great opportunity for our newer, less-experienced members to enter a red-point event. It was wonderful to have 23 pairs enter the event. Congratulations to the winners, Michael McGilvray and Robert Velletri. In second place were Kate and Guy Kirk, and third place went to Judy Palmer and Sue Craig. Prizes were presented by our President, Tony McKinnon.



Tony, with Michael and Robert



Tony, with Kate and Guy



Tony, with Judy and Sue

## New Members

A warm welcome to all the following new members whose applications were approved at recent management committee meetings: Ian Elliot, Marion Hailes-Macdonald, Dianne Carmody, Miranda Stanton, Sue Gillett, Trish Christy, Michael Bell, Challis Donley, Mark Groves, Pat Hall, James Irving, Helen Martin, Stephanie Myers, Liz Tait, Frans Fikke, Lillian Haagensen, Richard Fuller, Veronica Woodward, Michael Gale, Hudson Hard, Richard Turnley and Georgina Clayton.

## Another reminder: Colds, Flu, and COVID

It is definitely that time of the year again, with a smorgasbord of cold and flu-like illnesses going around. As per our SPBC By-laws, if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms you are required to stay away from the club until your symptoms have cleared. If you choose to come to the club with symptoms, you may find yourself in the uncomfortable situation of being asked by the Director to leave.

Members who want to minimise their risks of catching a cold, flu or COVID are encouraged to wear a mask and regularly use the hand-sanitiser provided. If you are concerned that someone at the club has cold or flu-like symptoms, please discretely talk to the session Director.

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## Kitchen Duty Roster

If your surname begins with one of the letters on the Kitchen Duty notice, please do your bit to assist with setting up and clearing away the kitchen before and after the tea break. Your help when rostered on will contribute to the smooth running of the tea breaks. Instructions are on the wall in the kitchen if you are not sure what needs to be done. Many hands make light work, and if we all do our bit, the inconvenience to those rostered on is small. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Gluten-free biscuits

The Club provides gluten-free biscuits *for those people who cannot eat gluten*. Please do not eat the gluten-free biscuits if you do not have this dietary requirement. Gluten-free biscuits are quite a lot more expensive than normal biscuits, and we buy only a limited supply that runs out quickly if eaten by those who do not need them. People with a gluten-free requirement then have to go without. They cannot eat your biscuits, so please do not eat theirs. For those who require gluten-free biscuits, you will find them in the fridge. Please do not put them out.

## Events coming up in August

The **SPBC winter congress** will be held from **Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August 2024**. The Welcome Pairs, from **12:30 pm on Friday** will start the congress. Saturday 3 August will see two different events: an all-day Open pairs and a half-day, morning Novice Pairs (for players with fewer than 100MPS on 1 April 2024). The Open Teams will conclude the congress on Sunday. Entry is via MyABF ([www.myabf.com.au](http://www.myabf.com.au))

A **Winter Evening Pairs** red-point event will be held on Tuesday, **13 August 2024**, at **7:00pm**. This is a walk-in event, so no need to book. We strongly encourage players to come along – especially those who used to play regularly on Tuesday nights. It would be fabulous to see you there again.

The **Club Open Pairs Championship** will be held over two Saturday afternoons, **31 August and 7 September 2024**, commencing at **1:30pm**. The first session follows the Club AGM.

## From the Treasurer:

It is pleasing to see the number of people using tokens to pay for their regular Bridge games. I strongly encourage more members to use this option as the banks are continually making the depositing of cash more difficult. For example, I can now only deposit our monies by the cash deposit machine, as the Tellers do not accept coins. If you need to pay by cash, it would be greatly appreciated if you could:

- Please try to have correct table money. If possible, please avoid using silver coins.
- Please use notes that are not damaged or badly creased. The cash deposit machine does not accept damaged notes which creates much hassle when they are rejected.
- Please do not pay table money with \$50 or \$100 notes. The Directors do not have a cash float and with so many people now paying by tokens, they may be unable to give you change.
- Please also avoid the use of \$50 and \$100 notes at the bar. We only have a small float at the bar and those serving in the bar only have access to the limited amount of change in the float. Giving change from large notes depletes the change available for others.



Your assistance with helping us to manage the use of cash at the club is greatly appreciated.

**Shane Brown**

## Masterpoint Ranking Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have recently received a masterpoint ranking promotion.

Helen Gibbs	Graduate Master	Susan Stone	Club Master
Allan Mappin	Graduate Master	Rodney Basell	Club Master
Elizabeth Palmer	Graduate Master	Louann Mokrzycki	Club Master
Paul Platt	Graduate Master	Katherine McGregor	Local Master
Jenny Sage	Graduate Master	Carolyn Finlay	Bronze Local Master
Kate Akalin	Club Master	Jennifer Simpson	Bronze National Master
Leonie Maley	Club Master	Alfred Leung	Silver National Master
Josie Millwood	Club Master	Lyndall Steed	Bronze Life Master

## SPBC Annual General Meeting

SPBC members have a wealth of skills and talents! Please seriously consider nominating for any of the Management Committee positions, or any of the other Club committees. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the club and new committee members are always welcome.



## SOUTH PERTH BRIDGE CLUB

### NOTICE

**The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 31 August**

**at 12.45 p.m**

**To be followed by**

**The Club Open Pairs Championship**

**The Closing Date for Nominations**

**And**

**The Closing Date for Notices of Motion**

**is 5 p.m. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

**Late notices will not be accepted.**

Nominations and Notices of Motion MUST be given in writing to the Club Secretary.

Copies of both forms are available on the notice board and from the Director.

Please hand completed forms in to the office.