

From the President

After all the action of April, May has been a much quieter month. Your committee has continued to work hard in the background but so much of what they do is unseen by most members. Never mind, we are just trying to maintain a friendly and pleasurable environment in which you can learn and play bridge.

Please consider playing in the Youth Fundraiser Day on Sunday 7th June. There are two competitions, an all-day Open, and afternoon only for Novices. There are attractive prizes to be had, and you will be supporting the future of Bridge in West Australia. The supporters will be delighted if we can show strong support for this event. Please enter on MyABF.

I am away during June, so your Vice President Laurie Money will be filling in as President. I am sure you will give him all your support.

Jim Willetts



Australia-Wide Novice Pairs



Joe Venter and Claire O'Donovan



Maureen Carcione and Vicki Brown

The Australia-Wide Novice Pairs was held at SPBC on Saturday morning, 30 May. This event provided an excellent opportunity for players with fewer than 100 MPs as of 31 March 2026, to join in Australia's largest national competition without leaving the comfort of our own club. At the end of the session players received a souvenir booklet of the hands, with recommended bidding. A more detailed, personalised booklet will be available online to participants after the event has concluded nationally. Green points were awarded for the club session, and red points will be awarded for players with the best results nationally. Well done to Joe Venter and Claire O'Donovan who were North/South winners with 61.1%, and Maureen Carcione and Vicki Brown who were East/West winners with 67.31% at our club's session.

Events coming up in June

The **WA week Open walk-in Pairs** will be held on **Friday, 5 June at 12:30pm**.

The **Club Teams Championship** for Open and Novice teams (<100 MPs) will be held on **Sunday 21 June**, starting at **9:30am**. Cost is \$20 pp. Entry is via MyABF.

The **Jeanne Hey Club winter pairs** (for SPBC members only) will be held over two **Mondays, 8 & 15 June**, starting at **12:30pm**. Cost is \$20 pp for both sessions. Entry is via MyABF.

Kitchen Duty Roster

The June kitchen duty roster calls for those with surnames beginning with **K, M, Q, T** and **Y** to assist with setting up and clearing away the kitchen before and after the tea break. Please contribute to the smooth running of the tea breaks when rostered on. 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.

SPBC New Members

Welcome to the following new members whose applications to join SPBC have been approved by the Management Committee at the May meeting: Carmel Tick, Farida Nagree, Shakir Nagree, Amelia Hardwick, Tricia Hawgood, Shelley Hird and Karen Gatland.

Masterpoint Ranking Promotions April 2026

Congratulations to the SPBC members who achieved new Masterpoint rankings at the end of April 2026.

Elizabeth Adamson	Graduate Master	Shirley Van Schagen	Local Master
Leonie Cameron	Graduate Master	Judith Arrowsmith	Bronze Local Master
Helen Martin	Graduate Master	Rebecca Trevenen	Bronze Local Master
Beverley Morris	Graduate Master	Trish Christy	Bronze State Master
Rosalinde Kearsley	Club Master	Rob Breen	Bronze National Master
Pamela Jones	Local Master	Gordon Dunlop	Bronze Life Master

Volunteer Recognition Award

This month the President recognised the tremendous contribution made to the club by Gabrielle Bastow. She not only edits this newsletter each month, which on its own is a considerable piece of work, but prepares the wonderful flashy fliers for each special event, and is a tireless promoter for Intermediate Level players, especially the Wednesday evening session. And that's not all since she readily takes on other tasks when there is a need to fill in for someone else's absence. Thank you for all your hard work Gabrielle!



Jim presenting Gabrielle with her award

Colds, Flu, RSV, and COVID

As winter approaches, we are entering the cold and flu season. 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.

Please do not let complacency allow flu, COVID and other respiratory illnesses to spread at our club and risk the on-going health of our members. If you any symptoms or have been a close contact with someone who has the flu or COVID or RSV, please stay away from the club until you are definitely in the clear.

Members who want to minimise their risks of catching a cold or flu-like viruses 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 discreetly talk to the session Director.

From the Laws of Bridge

Following some confusion at a recent intermediate session, about a call for dummy to play a card, the following information from the *2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge* is provided for less experienced players, and as a reminder to all players.

LAW 46 – INCOMPLETE OR INVALID DESIGNATION OF A CARD FROM DUMMY

A. Proper Form for Designating Dummy's Card

When calling a card to be played from dummy, declarer should clearly state both the suit and the rank of the desired card.

B. Incomplete or Invalid Designation

In the case of an incomplete or invalid designation the following restrictions apply (except when declarer's different intention is incontrovertible):

1. *(a) If declarer in playing from dummy calls 'high', or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called the highest card.*
(b) If he directs dummy to 'win' the trick, he is deemed to have called the lowest card that it is known will win the trick.
(c) If he calls 'low', or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called the lowest card of the suit led.
2. *If declarer designates a suit but not a rank, he is deemed to have called the lowest card of the suit indicated.*
3. *If declarer designates a rank but not a suit:*
 - (a) In leading, declarer is deemed to have continued the suit in which dummy won the preceding trick provided there is a card of the designated rank in that suit.*
 - (b) In all other cases declarer must play a card from dummy of the designated rank if he can legally do so; but if there are two or more such cards that can be legally played declarer must designate which is intended.*
4. *If declarer calls a card that is not in dummy, the call is void and declarer may designate any legal card.*
5. *If declarer indicates a play without designating either a suit or a rank (as by saying 'play anything' or words of like meaning), either defender may designate the play from dummy.*

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Sunday 7 June 2026
South Perth Bridge Club

OPEN

Matchpointed pairs
9.30am and 1.30pm
\$40 entry fee

NOVICE

<100 MP
1.30pm start time
\$20 entry fee



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