

October 2024

From the President

It has been almost a year since the revamp of our library, so it is a good time to remind you about this valuable resource. Our Club librarian, Gwyneira, has purchased a large number of new books and the library now has books suitable for all levels, from beginner through to Grand Master. Even a local newspaper columnist has been seen making use of our library. Please feel free to make good use of this resource to improve your bridge and look out for book reviews in Newsletters - starting with this one.

Tony McKinnon



Events coming up in late October and November

The **Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs** will be held at SPBC on Saturday, **26 October 2024** commencing at 9:15am. Entry is open to all players with fewer than 300 Masterpoints as of 30 September 2024. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for visitors. Costs include the \$5ABF entry fee, and a \$2 subsidy for SPBC members. If intending to play, please put your names in the red book.

The **Club Intermediate Pairs** will be held at SPBC over two Saturdays, **2 & 9 November 2024** commencing at 9:15am. Entry is open to all players with fewer than 100 Masterpoints as of 1st January 2024. Cost is \$20 for per person for the two weeks. If intending to play, please put your names in the red book.

Our annual SPBC members-only **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** will be held on **Tuesday 5th November 2024**. Doors will open at **11:00am**. We will watch the race at 12:00, and then enjoy a delightful lunch before moving into the playing room for the hat parade, followed by a fun afternoon of bridge. **Cost is \$40** and includes, lunch, a drink and bridge. Sweeps will also be available. If planning to attend, please put your name in the red book to facilitate catering.

The **Spring into Summer Pairs** will be held at SPBC over two Tuesdays, **19 & 26 November 2024** commencing at 7:00pm. If intending to play, please put your names in the red book.

A SPBC members-only **Swiss Pairs event** will be held on **Wednesday 13 November 2024**, commencing at **9:30 am**. This is an all-day event. Cost is \$20 per person. If intending to play, please put your names in the red book.

Save the date: The annual **Christmas Party** will be held on **8 December 2024**. Bridge will commence at 1:30 pm and a buffet-style, seated-dinner will follow. Cost is \$50 per person, all-inclusive. Bookings are essential and confirmed only on payment. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Masterpoint Ranking Promotions

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

Dina Frost	Graduate Master	Richard Cohen	Bronze Local Master
Rhonda Loxley	Graduate Master	Brian Shaw	Silver Local Master
Gayle Mainstone	Graduate Master	Nola Anderson	Bronze State Master
Beth Bannister	Club Master	Steven Kemp	National Master
Frank Cusmano	Club Master	Garth Scotford	Bronze National Master
Emiko Kina	Club Master	Alfred Leung	Life Master
Lorraine Brady	Local Master		

SPBC Volunteer recognition - Danny Ravn



Tony presents Danny with his Volunteer recognition

Danny Ravn has had a number of roles with the SPBC over the years, including spending two years as President of the Club.

For several years Danny has quietly worked behind the scenes as the head of the dealing team. As you know, without the boards, there is no bridge! With the number of sessions we run, it is a constant requirement that boards are dealt and managed in a systematic way. The whole team does a great job preparing the hands for each session and Danny leads the team very well. Thank you, Danny, for your commitment to our Club. Keep up the great work.

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. The Roster for October is **G, C, I** and **N**.

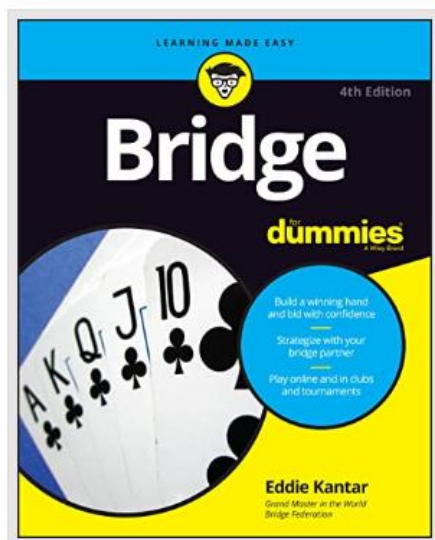
From the Library

Some stats for you: In the last 6 months, 87 books have been checked out from the South Perth Bridge Club Library. The most avid reader in the club has checked out 11 books in that time. This might explain why they have won several restricted competitions lately! The two books that were checked out the most were *Easy Guide To Defensive Signals at Bridge* by Julian Pottage, and *When to Bid, When to Pass* by Ron Klinger.

Just a reminder you can browse the catalogue at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SouthPerthBridge>

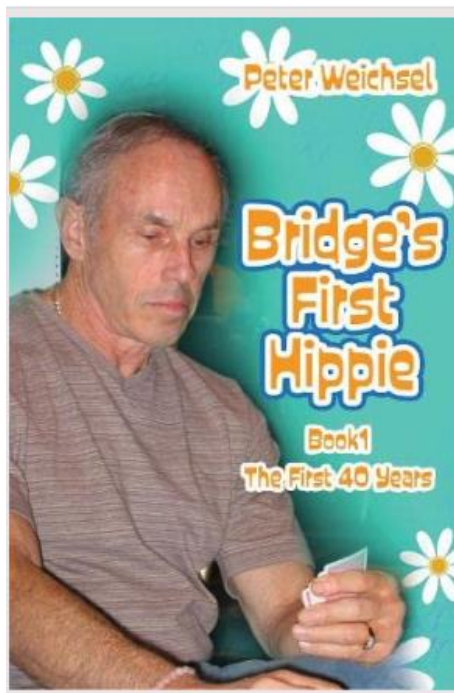
Gwyneira Brahma

Award Winning Book for Beginners - Bridge For Dummies, 4th Edition by Eddie Kantar



Whether you're new to the game or a long-time player looking for new tricks, this new edition of Bridge For Dummies walks you through the intricacies of the game and arms you with tried-and-true tips and strategies for being a better player and beating your opponents from the very first draw. Covering not only traditional contract bridge, but other popular variations of the game including ACOL, Rubber, and Duplicate Bridge this hands-on, friendly guide takes the guesswork out of this beloved game and arms you with the knowledge and know-how to make your game mates your minions. From knowing when and how high to bid to bringing home the tricks when you end up in a trump contract, it'll take your bridge skills to the next level in no time! * Strategize with your bridge partner * Confidently play bridge in clubs and tournaments * Use basic and advanced bidding techniques

New Bridge Book of the Year Winner - *Bridge's First Hottie: Book One* by Peter Weichsel



Peter Weichsel has won three world bridge championships, and twenty-five North American titles, and became a member of the Bridge Hall of Fame in 2004. He has been part of great teams (C.C. Wei's Precision Team in the 1970s, and the Aces later on), and has won everything it is possible to win in the game. But that's just his bridge career. This fascinating autobiography tells the story of the man behind those accomplishments. Weichsel has always marched to his own drummer, from his early years as part of a Jewish immigrant family in New York, through his time in the US Navy during the Vietnam war, then experiencing the 60s counter-culture in San Francisco (and bringing that sensibility and dress style to the staid bridge scene), and living through periods as a sports betting baron, a pool shark, and even a mob hit target. There's great bridge in here, of course - lots of it - and plenty of tips for readers to learn from. This is a man who has spent almost sixty years playing with and against the best in the world, and he pulls no punches when it comes to partners and opponents - or, indeed, his own failings. Book 1 covers Weichsel's life up to his first Bermuda Bowl win in 1983.