

From the Vice President

We recently held the Easter Congress, and although I was absent for the event I heard it went off extremely smoothly and was a great success. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all the people whose tireless work behind the scenes made it all a success: the Convenor Laurie Money, House Manager Rachel McRae and all her helpers, the Director, Neville Walker, his assistant Director and his caddies – and all the other unnamed people who made the Congress a success. I have only heard good things about the event.

There have been several events recently where South Perth teams or members have performed extremely well on the national stage and more news of these is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to those involved here as well.

I hope you find the newsletter interesting and informative.

Jim Willetts



Club Birthday Party

SPBC celebrated its Birthday with a red-point event and cake for afternoon tea at the afternoon session on Saturday, 5 April. The event was well attended with 42 pairs vying for the Dora Wilson trophy and enjoying the scrumptious cake that was organised by Rachel McRae. The honour of cutting the cake went to long-time member, Graeme Cronin. Congratulations to Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta who came first, Tony Steven and Ovidiu Calcan who came second, and Viv Zotti and Therese Garbutt who came third.

Mens Pairs

The SPBC Mens Pairs Championship was held over two Tuesday evenings, 8 & 15 April. It was great to see this competition take place this year after it had to be cancelled last year due to insufficient entries. There were 13 pairs who entered. The winning pair was Tony Stevens and Ovidiu Calcan. In second place was Mark O'Connor and Gordon Dunlop and in third place was Nigel Dutton and Andrea Peretti. Best pair under 300 MPs was Erik Moller and Ross Pringle. Prizes were presented by Jeannie Ravn.



Tony and Ovidiu with Jeannie



Gordon and Mark with Jeannie



Andrea with Jeannie



Erik and Ross

Kitchen Duty Roster

The May kitchen duty roster calls for those with surnames beginning with **F, J, W,** and **R** 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.

Events coming up in May and June

The SPBC heats of the **GNOT** (*Grand National Open Teams* - a gold point event) will be held over three Tuesday evenings **13, 20 and 27 May**, starting at **7:00pm**. Please put your names in the red book if you intend to play in this event.

The **Australia-Wide Novice Pairs** will be held on Saturday morning, **31 May 2025** at **9:15 am**. This event is for players who have fewer than 100 MPs as of 31 March 2025 and is an excellent opportunity to join in Australia's largest national competition without leaving the comfort of your own club. At the end of the session players receive a souvenir booklet of the hands, with recommended bidding. A more detailed, personalised booklet is available online after the event is concluded nationally. Prizes are awarded to top-ranked pairs, with addition prizes for players under 50MPs. Please put your names in the red book.

The **WA week Open walk-in Pairs** will be held on **Friday, 6 June** at **12:30pm**.

The **SPBC Teams Championship** for Open and Novice teams (<100 MPs) will be held on **Sunday 8 June**, starting at **9:30am**. Cost is \$20 pp. Entry is via MyABF or by putting names in the red book.

The SPBC Club winter pairs (for SPBC members only) will be held over two **Mondays, 16 & 23 June, 2025**, starting at **12:30pm**. Cost is \$20 pp for both sessions. Entry is via MyABF or by putting names in the red book.

New Session for Intermediate players

We have now introduced a new intermediate session that will run alongside the Monday afternoon open session. This new session has been added to accommodate players who are ready to leave supervised sessions. We encourage all newer players, but particularly those who are ready to play unsupervised, to support the session. It can only be maintained if we continue to get sufficient numbers of players.

SPBC New Members

Welcome to the following new members whose applications to join SPBC have been approved by the Management Committee at the April meeting: Terry Owen, Muthukumar Sg, Ingrid Dinsdale, Tom Dinsdale, Judith Bodger and Cheryl Park.

Masterpoint Ranking Promotions March 2025

Congratulations to the SPBC members who have achieved new Masterpoint rankings in March:

Rosalinde Kearsley	Graduate Master	Sue Baxter	Local Master
Lesley Store	Graduate Master	Janette Calligaro	Local Master
Doreen King	Club Master	Rebecca Trevenen	Local Master
Shirley Van Schagen	Club Master	Tom Hou	Local Master
Marlene Pritchard	Club Master	Lynne Allan	Bronze Local Master
Robert Velletri	Club Master	Tony McKinnon	Bronze Regional Master
Patricia Hall	Club Master	Phil Bapty	Gold Life Master
Sharyn Pearce	Club Master		

Containers for change

The SPBC has recently been provided with two bins for collecting *Containers for change*. These bright green, locked bins are located in the bin area adjacent to the entry of the carpark and can be used by members who would like to donate any cans or glass bottles that are eligible for the 10c refund. The bins will be managed by a local Scouts club and all proceeds from the containers will be returned to the bridge club.

Volunteers found!

A sincere thank you to the 9 volunteers who answered the call to help with looking after the outside courtyard area. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will contribute to keeping our club a pleasant and enjoyable place to be.

ANC state representatives

The *Australian National Championships* will be held in Brisbane from 6-17 July 2025. The members of the WA State Teams have now all been decided:

Open: Paul Brayshaw, Chris Mulley, Jane Reynolds, Viv Wood, Pim Birrs and Deana Wilson.

Womens: Marnie Leybourne, Leonie Fuller, Gwyneira Brahma, Stella Steer, Pauline Collett and Cathy Hood.

Senior: Trevor Fuller, Val Biltoft, Dave Munro, James Steer, Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta.

Youth: Lizzie Brayshaw, Oliver Brayshaw, Campbell Miller, Jade Arthur, Will Boyce Cam and Alex Vanyai.

There are some very familiar names in these lists! Congratulations, and well-done to the many SPBC members who made the teams.

ABF 2024 Club Team Knockout

From August to December 2024, the ABF ran a Club Teams Knockout Competition. Twenty teams from Bridge Clubs across Australia participated, including three teams from WA clubs: Mandurah, Nedlands and South Perth.

After 19 qualifying matches, a quarterfinal, a semi-final and a final, the South Perth team emerged victorious, winning the competition! Congratulations and well done to Marnie Leybourne, Trevor Fuller, Gwyneira Brahma, Dave Munro, Pim Birss and Deana Wilson, all of whom represented South Perth so magnificently in this competition.

South Perth Easter Congress

The **SPBC Easter Congress**, proudly sponsored by DFG legal, was held from **Good Friday, 18 April** to **Easter Monday, 21 April**. The Welcome Pairs was held on Friday afternoon, the Open Pairs on Saturday, the Swiss Pairs on Sunday, and the Open Teams on Monday. Events like these do not just happen! Thank you to the many people who worked hard behind the scenes to make the Congress the great success that it was. Special thanks go to Neville Walker for Directing all sessions, and to his Assistant Director, Sandra Hardie. It was wonderful to see so many regular South Perth players as well as many visitors supporting the events. Congratulations to the winners of each of the events.

Welcome Pairs

The Welcome Pairs was won by Cassie and Angelique Morin. In second place was Viv Wood and Jane Reynolds, and in third place was Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens. Fourth place went to Jeannie and Danny Ravn. Best pair under 300 MPs was Elsie Chua and Steven Kemp and Best pair under 100 MPs was Paul Fielding and Garry Mullin. Prizes were presented by Laurie Money.



Anglique and Cassie Morin



Valerie Isle and Tony Stevens with Laurie



Jeannie and Danny Ravn



Elsie Chua and Tony Kemp



Garry Mullin and Paul Fielding

Novice Pairs

The Novice pairs was held on Saturday Morning. It was wonderful to see 20 pairs participating in this new Congress section. Congratulations to the Winners. Placed first were Paul Fielding and Garry Mullin. In second place were Brian Shaw and Sue Craig, and in third place were Joan and Bob Peters. Prizes were presented by Jeannie Ravn.



Paul and Garry with Jeannie



Brian and Sue with Jeannie



Bob and Joan with Jeannie

Open Matchpoint Pairs

The Open Pairs held on Easter Saturday consisted of a Web-Mitchell qualifying match held in the morning, where the top seven pairs from each of North/South and East/West went through to play off in the Final, the next seven playing in the Plate and the remaining pairs played off in the Consolation. The winners of the qualifying match for N/S were Wendy Kappelle and Graeme Cronin, and for E/W were Robyn Todd and Judith Wilson.

First place in the Final went to Angeline Christie and Chris Mulley. In second place were Gerry Daly and Viv Wood, and in third place were Rohan Bandarage and Phil Bapty.

First place in the Plate went to Nigel Dutton and Geoff Holman. In second place were Chris Ingham and Tracy Kudelka, and in third place were Wilma Coloper and Jennifer Simpson.

First in the Consolation went to Sue Shadbolt and Jay Wongphasukchot and second place went to Helen Arendts and Ros Warnock. Best South Pair went to Ian Bailey and Dave Parham. Best pair under 300 MPs were Andy Cayley and Louise Dubrawski. Best pair under 150 MPs were Pat Allen and Jill Jenkins. Prizes were presented by Jeannie Ravn.



Robyn Todd and Judith Wilson



Angeline Christie and Chris Mulley



Viv Wood and Gerry Daly



Rohan Bandarage and Phil Bapty



Tracy Kudelka and Chris Ingham



Wilma Coloper and Jennifer Simpson



Jay Wongphasukhot with Jeannie



Ros Warnock and Helen Arendt



Ian Bailey and Dave Parham



Andy Cayley and Anna Louise Dubrawski



Pat Allen with Jeannie

Open Swiss Pairs

The Swiss Pairs, held on Sunday 20 April attracted 40 pairs. The event consisted of six 9-board matches. Congratulations to the winners. First place went to Martin Doran and David Matthews, second place to Angeline Christie and Chris Mulley, third place to Gerry Daly and Viv Wood, and fourth place to Angelique Morin and Erik Moller. Prizes were presented by Shane Brown. Best Pair under 300 MPs were Sandra Veling and Denise Baker.



Martin Doran and David Matthews



Angeline Christie and Chris Mulley



Gerry Daly and Viv Wood



Shane with Angelique Morin and Erik Moller



Sandra Veling and Denise Baker

Open Swiss Teams

The Open Swiss Teams, held on Easter Monday, was well attended, bringing together 20 Teams. Six matches, each with 9 boards, were played across the day. Congratulations to the winners. First place went to *Team Zotti* (Mitchell Garbutt, Jonathon Pynt, Therese Garbutt and Viv Zotti). Second place went to *Team Cullen* (Chris Cullen, Rick Rhodes, Maura Rhodes and Gill Gavshon). Third place went to *Team McCracken* (Merwyn Menezes, Hamish McCracken, David Matthews and Bill Symons). Fourth Place went to *Team Cooke* (David Fowler, Tuya Cooke, Lilia Male and Beata Bieganski), and Fifth place went to *Team Morin* (Ovidiu Calcan, Valerie Isle, Jan Blight, Cassie Morin). The best (and only) team under 300MPs, was Team Moller (Angelique Morin, Erik Moller, Gabrielle Bastow and Shane Brown), in 15th place. Prizes were presented by Jeannie Ravn.



Assistant Director, Sandra Hardie, with Team Zotti



Team Cullen



Team McCracken



Lilia Male and Tuya Cooke from Team Cooke



Team Morin