

From the President

I would like to thank all those members who attended our Winter Congress. I enjoyed the three days (apart from my Team's less-than-ideal result) and I hope you did too.

The AGM is being held at the end of August. I would encourage all members to attend so that you can be involved in the running of our Club.

A big thank you those who served on the Management Committee over the past year. You have all helped make the Club the great Bridge club that it is. Particular thanks to those long serving Committee members who are retiring: Jan Howell, Garth Scotford and Jane Walker.

Tony McKinnon



SPBC Winter Congress

The **SPBC Winter Congress**, was held **2-4 August 2024**. The congress ran very smoothly thanks to the excellent organisation and management by Convener Bev Laurie and by Director Neville Walker. Thanks also to Rachel McRae and her team of helpers for their wonderful hospitality over the weekend. The congress was well-attended. It was particularly pleasing to see so many players enter the Novice Pairs event. This is the first time we have included an event for novice players at a SPBC Congress and it was a great success, with the club hosting 26 pairs for the Saturday morning session, many of them first-time congress attendees.

The **Welcome Pairs** event on Friday afternoon was attended by 28 pairs. The winners were Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro, with Cassie Morin and Cynthia Belonogoff in second place and Mark Goddard and Bob Prince in third place. The best pair under 300 Masterpoints went to Laura and Rob Breen. Best SPBC Pair was shared by Jenny Simpson and Wilma Coloper; and Joe Louis and Wendy Harman. Prizes were presented by Tony McKinnon.



Tony with Gwyneira and Dave



Tony with Cassie



Tony with Bob and Mark

The **Novice Pairs**, held on Saturday morning was won by Divyesh and Rina Shah. Lynne Roberts and Rory O'Hanlon were in second place; Rachel McRae and Tony McKinnon in third place and Gabrielle Bastow and Shane Brown in fourth place. Best Pair under 25 Masterpoints went to Michael McGilvray and Robert Velletri. Best SPBC Pair went to Brian Shaw and Sue Craig.

SPBC Winter Congress (continued)



Rina and Divyesh Shah



Rory O'Hanlon and Lynne Roberts

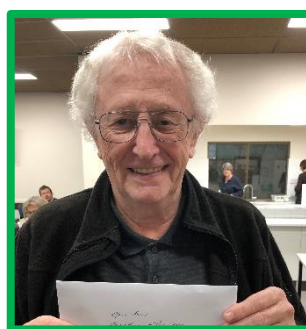


Tony McKinnon and Rachel McRae

The **Open Pairs** event was held across two sessions on Saturday. A Qualifying round was held in the morning, with a Final and Plate taking place in the afternoon. Placing first North/South in the qualifying round were Renee Cooper and Jane Reynolds. Placing first East/West in the qualifying round were Geoff Holman and David Matthews.



Renee Cooper and Jane Reynolds



David Matthews

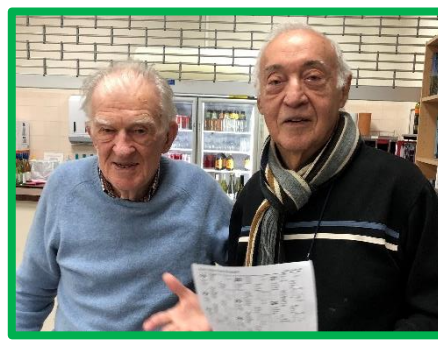
First place in the Final went to Fiske Warren and Deana Wilson, with Gerry Daly and Viv Wood in second place and David Schokman and Geoff Yeo placing third.



Deanna Wilson and Fiske Warren



Viv Wood and Gerry Daly

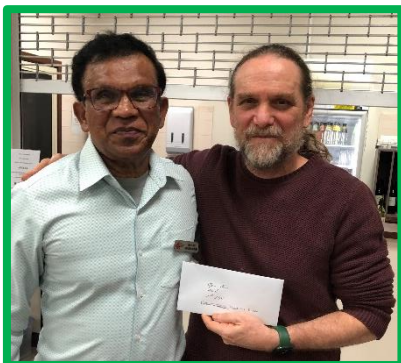


Geoff Yeo and David Schokman

First place in the Plate went to Mark Goddard and Rohan Bandarage, with Brian Wade and Jenny Dawson in second place and Dianne Dwyer and Jonathan Free placing third.

The Best SPBC Pair overall went to Cynthia Belonogoff and Vinod Nasta. Best pair overall under 300 Masterpoints went to Dorothea Hasley and Alan Puckey.

SPBC Winter Congress (continued)



Rohan Bandarage and Mark Goddard



Dianne Dwyer and Jonathan Free

The congress concluded with the **Open Teams** event on Sunday. Fourteen teams participated. First place went to Team Laybourne: Marnie Leybourne, Trevor Fuller, Leonie Fuller and Nick Cantatore. In second place was Team Dwyer: Dianne Dwyer, Jonathan Free, Lynne Milne and David Burn. Placing third was Team Daly: Gerry Daly, Viv Wood, Tom Lemann and Val Biltoft. Best SPBC Team went to Team Morin: Cassie Morin, Jan Blight, Valerie Isle and Wendy Driscoll.



Marnie, Leonie Trevor and Nick



Lynne David, Jonthan and Dianne



Tom, Val, Viv and Gerry



Cassie, Jan, Valerie and Wendy

Events coming up in late-August and September

The **Australia-Wide Open Pairs** will be held at SPBC on **Wednesday 28 August** at **12:30pm**. For SPBC members, the \$10 cost to enter is subsidised by the club. Cost to visitors is \$15. Normal green points will be awarded for the session by SPBC. The ABF will award red points at the national level after the results from all clubs have been compiled.

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.

The **SPBC Womens Pairs Championship** will be held over two **Wednesdays, 4 & 11 September** at **12:30pm**. This is a South Perth members-only event. Cost for the two weeks is \$20 per person. If intending to play, please put your names in the red book.

The **Pharmacy 777 Open Pairs** will be held on **Wednesday, 18 September**, commencing at **12:30pm**. This event is open to members and visitors, with normal table money of \$7 and \$10 respectively.

Another reminder: Colds, Flu, and COVID

There are still many 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.

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 the gluten-free biscuits out on the table for general consumption.**

August 2024

SPBC Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **Saturday 31 August** at **12.45pm**, to be followed by the Club Pairs Championship.

This year, for the first time, you can vote for the people who will represent you on the Management Committee even if you cannot attend the meeting. There are FIVE nominations for FOUR Management Committee Member positions. They are, in alphabetical order, Gabrielle Bastow, Chris England, Rhonda Hulshoff, Laurie Money and Judy Palmer.

Ballot papers are available at the Director's desk. To ensure that only one vote per member is made, your name will be ticked off a list when you take your ballot paper. Please place your completed ballot paper into the ballot box, which will be kept on the side table at the director's station.

The **ballot will close at 12.30pm on Saturday 31 August**, fifteen minutes before the AGM begins. Scrutineers will count all ballots. This will help to keep the meeting as short as possible.

No additional ballot papers may be given to members who lose their ballot paper or claim to have spoiled it. However, if you return the spoiled paper to a director, you can get another.

We still need a physical quorum of members present, so do, please, make every effort to attend.



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 9th 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.

A hand from the Winter Teams: Executing a squeeze

They say one should never look too closely at how laws or sausages are made, and as a former public servant this resonates with me. The following hand could join legislation and sausages as far as the bidding is concerned, as the bidding was very definitely not pretty. The declarer play was, however, as perfect as it can be, and was the reason our team lost this match.

This was board 19 from Match 3. Tom Peacock, sitting West, played in 4S. From North, I led the heart King, followed by the Queen:

Dealer: S Vul: E-W	♠ 7 5 ♥ A K Q 8 7 3 ♦ 9 4 ♣ J T 9	
♠ J T 6 3 2 ♥ T 5 2 ♦ A K 2 ♣ Q 2	N W E S	♠ A Q 8 ♥ 6 4 ♦ Q 7 5 3 ♣ A 7 4 3
	♠ K 9 4 ♥ J 9 ♦ J T 8 6 ♣ K 8 6 5	

Leone (South) signalled her doubleton. Now, had I switched to a club at trick three, I would have been the hero (and not written the hand up...) as 4S could then no longer be made (Leone would make two tricks with her black Kings). However, I wasn't up to the task and continued with the heart Ace, on which Tom played the trump Queen and Leone won with the King.

Not wanting to open up either of the minor suits, Leone exited with a spade. Now, I had opened the bidding showing a weak(ish) hand with six hearts, so Tom placed the club King in Leone's hand, as after I had shown up with AKQ of hearts, it was unlikely that I would have that card.

Tom won trick four with the trump Ace, crossed back to his hand with a trump and proceeded to run all of his spades, making life very unpleasant for Leone. Once all the trumps from the West hand had been played, the following cards remained:

	♠ ♥ ♦ 9 4 ♣ J T 9	
♠ ♥ ♦ A K 2 ♣ Q 2	N W E S	♠ ♥ ♦ Q 7 5 3 ♣ A
	♠ ♥ ♦ J T 8 6 ♣ K	

In order to retain her guard in diamonds, Leone had had to bare her club King. When Tom played a small club from his hand to the Ace in dummy, Leone's King fell, creating Tom's 10th trick with the club Queen.

Had Leone kept a second club, she would have had to toss a diamond on the fifth spade, giving Tom four tricks in diamonds. It was a perfectly executed squeeze by Tom, and shows how valuable it can sometimes be to run a long suit and put pressure on the opponents.