

From the President

The end of the year is fast approaching, and as usual at this time, the Interclub Teams competition has been completed for 2024. For those of you who do not know, this is a competition where teams from our club compete against other WA metropolitan clubs throughout the year. This year the Intermediate team placed second and the Open and Novice teams placed third. This is a great result and congratulations to all those people who represented the club this year.

Hopefully the competition will be running again next year, and I encourage all members to consider nominating to play in this competition in 2025. It is a very friendly event, and a great opportunity for members of other clubs to visit our club, and vice versa. You get to meet and have an enjoyable game of bridge with other like-minded players from other clubs, as well as a social drink and snack at the completion of the game.

Finally, I wish all members a joyful festive season and hope to see many of you at our club Christmas party.

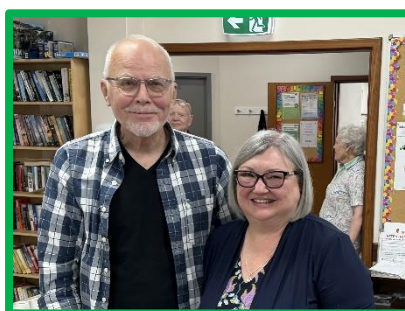
Tony McKinnon

Club Intermediate Pairs

The Club Intermediate Pairs was held at SPBC over two Saturdays, 2 & 9 November 2024. We had 20 pairs enter the event. It was particularly good to see some less experienced players joining in. The winners of the event were Jeff Veling and Tony Rammage. In second place were Erik Moller and Gabrielle Bastow, and in third place were Tony McKinnon and Chris England. The prize for the best pair who were under 50 MPs went to Kathy McGregor and Frank Cusmano. A special Director's prize was awarded to Lillian Haagensen and Tom Hou for being the only pair to bid and make a slam in the first week.



Jeff Veling and Tony Rammage



Erik Moller and Gabrielle Bastow



Chris England and Tony McKinnon



Kathy McGregor and Frank Cusmano



Lillian Haagensen and Tom Hou

Club Swiss Pairs

A SPBC members-only Swiss Pairs event was held on Wednesday 13 November 2024. This day was also well attended with 26 pairs participating in the six nine-board matches across the day. The winning pair was Dave Munro and Mimi Packer with second place shared by Mark Mullins and Catherine Collins, and Valerie Isle and Ovidiu Calcan. The prize for the best pair under 300 MPs went to Tony McKinnon and Gabrielle Bastow, and the prize for best pair under 150 MPS went to Rachel McRae and Jennifer Sharp.



Mimi Packer and Dave Munro



Catherine Collins and Mark Mullins



Ovidiu Calcan and Valerie Isles



Gabrielle Bastow and Tony McKinnon



Jennifer Sharp and Rachel McCrae

Melbourne Cup

The Melbourne Cup event was great success again this year. An almost full house, with 43 pairs across two sections enjoyed welcome drinks, the opportunity to participate in sweeps, a fabulous lunch, a hat parade and last, but by no means least, and fun afternoon a bridge. Events like this don't just happen. Sincerest thanks go to the many people who played a role in ensuring that it was such a pleasant day and that everything ran smoothly. There are too many to thank individually, but to those who contributed to the day, please know your efforts were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to our House Manager, Rachel McRae, who coordinated the catering of the very delicious lunch. Winners of the hat parade with their very interesting and creative designs were Kathy McGregor and Alan Puckey.



Kathy McGregor and Alan Puckey

Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs

The Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs was hosted at SPBC on Saturday, 26 October 2024. Congratulations to the three SPBC pairs who achieved results in the top 100 in Australia: Jeff and Sandra Veling, Rob and Laura Breen, and Shane Brown and Gabrielle Bastow.

Spring into Summer Pairs

The **Spring into Summer Pairs** was played over two Tuesday evenings, 19 & 26 November 2024. Twelve pairs entered the event. The winners were Sue Gammon and Andrea Peretti (and Tomoko Nakamatsu, who played with Sue in week 2). In second place were Vinod Nasta and Tom Lemann, and in third place were Mark Goddard and Tom Peacock. The prize for best pair under 150 MPs went to Angelique Morin and Erik Moller.



Vinod Nasta and Tom Lemann



Sue Gammon and Tomoko Nakamatsu



Erik Moller and Angelique Morin

Up-coming events

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 sales close at the end of November to accommodate catering. So, if you want to attend and have not bought your ticket yet, time is running out!

The **Festive Open Walk-in Pairs** will be held on **Monday, 23 December 2024**, commencing at 12:30pm. No need to book. Normal table money. Come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of bridge.

The **SPBC Swiss Pairs Congress** will be held on **Sunday 5 January 2025**, starting at **9:30 am**. Entry for this event is through MyABF. Cost is \$40 per person. Prizes will include best pair with < 150MPs, and best pair with < 300MPs. Prizes will be paid either as MyABF bridge credits OR EFT to a bank account of player's choice.

New SPBC members

Welcome to the following who have recently joined as SPBC members: Avril Chiat, Tuya Cooke, Maureen Warman, Dorothea Hasley, Ian Clark, Miriam O'Brien, Nola Ezzi, Chris Lewis, David Parham and Joann Theriault.

Masterpoint Ranking Promotions

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

Bronwyn Chishol	Graduate Master	Ovidiu Calcun	Bronze Local Master
Carol Van Malsen	Graduate Master	Sue Craig	Bronze Local Master
Shirley Van Schagen	Graduate Master	Paul Fielding	Bronze Local Master
Karyn Conchie	Club Master	Judy Palmer	Bronze Local Master
Binni Shah	Club Master	Dick De Graaf	Regional Master
Debbie Blumberg	Bronze Local Master	Jackin Clare	Bronze National Master

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.

Season's greetings

This is the final newsletter for 2024. The Management Committee would like to thank all members for another wonderful year of bridge at our great club. We hope that you have an enjoyable, restful and safe festive season. We look forward celebrating with many of you at the Christmas party and at other opportunities across December. Here's to another great year at SPBC in 2025!

