

South Perth Declarer



November 2025

From the President

I hope everyone enjoyed the Melbourne Cup day. From the reports I've heard and the photos it looked like you did!

The annual BAWA metropolitan teams competition has now finished for 2025 and our Open team came 3rd, Intermediate came 4th, and our Novice -A and -B teams both came 6th in their respective groups. I hope you all enjoyed the experience and meeting teams from the other competing clubs.

For the last 4 months we have also had teams playing in an ABF nationwide tournament on the online platform Real Bridge. Our Open team (Gwyneira Brahma, Dave Munro, Nick Cantatore and Trevor Fuller) made it as far as the semi-finals. Our under 750 master points team came 18th in the consolation, and our under 300 team came 21st out of 36 teams in the consolation (that includes all levels who did not make it into the finals). Two of our players, Elsie Chua and Steven Kemp playing in a separate StepBridge under 750 team came second in their category, losing in the final by only 8 IMPs. Congratulations to all participants. Next year, the ABF will run the competition again, and I would encourage all members to consider taking part - especially those who would qualify for the under 100 and under 50 master point categories.

The next big club event is the Christmas Party. Get your tickets now! And if I don't get another opportunity to do so, I wish you all have a happy and safe festive season!

Jim Willetts

Kath Needham Open Pairs Championship

The SBPC Open Pairs Championship was held over two Saturdays, 1 & 8 November 2025, with 24 pairs entering the event. First place, and winners of the Kath Needham Trophy for 2025 went to Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro. Susanne Gammon and Tomoko Nakamatsu were second, and Bridget Cooke and Rachel Shave were third. Best pair under 300 MPs went to Angelique Morin and Erik Moller. Best pair under 100MPs went to Margaret Lambert and Kathy Kazakoff. Prizes were presented by Jeannie Ravn.



Dave and Gwyneira



Bridget and Rachel



Erik and Angelique with Jeannie

Melbourne Cup

The annual Melbourne Cup Day, held on **Tuesday, 4 November**.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed; the Race was run and sweeps were won; Sue Craig judged the hat parade - won by Sandy Capece wearing a vintage hat over 70 years old and with Peter Pagoda claiming second with his cap featuring a long blond ponytail. An enjoyable afternoon of bridge was had by all. Thank you to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes and on the day to make it such a success.



Sue with Laurie, Sandy and Peter

Events coming up December and January

The annual **Christmas Party** will be held on **14 December 2025**. Bridge will commence at 1:30 pm and a buffet-style, seated-dinner will follow. Cost is \$50 per person, all-inclusive. Pre-purchase of tickets by 10 December is essential for catering purposes. Tickets are now on sale from Directors.

The **Festive Open Walk-in Pairs** will be held on **Tuesday, 23 December 2025**, commencing at **12:30pm**. No need to book. Normal table money. Come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of bridge.

A **Last Chance Red Point Fling** will be held on **Tuesday, 30 December 2025**, commencing at **12:30pm**. No need to book. Normal table money.

The **SPBC January Swiss Pairs Congress** will be held on **Sunday, 4 January 2026**, commencing at **9:30 am** Cost is \$40 per person. Entry is through MyABF only. Prizes will include Best pair with <300 MPs and Best pair with <150MPs.

Mentors in Teams of Three 2026

This event, previously called Masters in Teams of Three, is shared between Melville and South Perth Bridges Clubs. Next year it will be hosted by South Perth, and is moving earlier in the year, to **January 18th, 2026**. Cost is \$20 per player with <150MPs, and there is no charge for the Mentor.

This is a wonderful opportunity for players with < 150 MPs to be mentored by a well-experienced player and for the Mentors to share their bridge wisdom. Start getting your team together now. South Perth members, please contact Jeannie Ravn (jdravn@bigpond.net.au) if you need help to find a mentor.

Dealing team volunteers needed

One of the very important things that happens behind the scenes, without which our club cannot function as smoothly as it does, is the dealing of the boards. When we turn up to play each session, the boards are just there! But they don't appear by themselves. They are prepared by a fantastic team of volunteers, coordinated by Danny Ravn, who come along in their free time to deal them. Danny is looking for interested people to join the dealing team. If you think this is something you could do to support our club, please contact Danny: jdravn@bigpond.net.au

Masterpoint Ranking Promotions September 2025

Congratulations to the SPBC members who have achieved new Masterpoint rankings at the end of September:

Sue Gillett	Graduate Master	Garry Mullin	Silver Local Master
Miranda Stanton	Graduate Master	Eileen Smits	Silver Local Master
Emily D'Souza	Club Master	Erik Moller	Bronze National Master
Pamela Woods	Club Master		

New members

Welcome to following new members whose applications were approved at the November Management Committee meeting: Sara Sridhar, Janice Olevson and Frances Crewe.

Helpers needed for the Courtyard cleaning roster

We need some additional helpers to join the roster for cleaning the courtyard area. If this is something you could do for an hour or so about once a month (or less frequently if we get more volunteers) please contact Paul Fielding on 0401 118 949. If you are on the current list of helpers and can no longer commit to your allocated session, please contact Paul to be removed from the roster.