

September 2025

From the President

At the AGM on 30 August I was honoured to be elected your President. Many thanks to the committee members standing down, namely Tony McKinnon, Shane Brown and Rachel McRae for their many years of sterling support for the club, and welcome to the new members Dave Munro, Cathryn Collins and Paul Fielding. However, Shane has not had committee leave for long since he has now rejoined the Committee filling the vacancy we had after the AGM!

I look forward to working with you all to keep our club welcoming, friendly, and enjoyable.

Jim Willetts

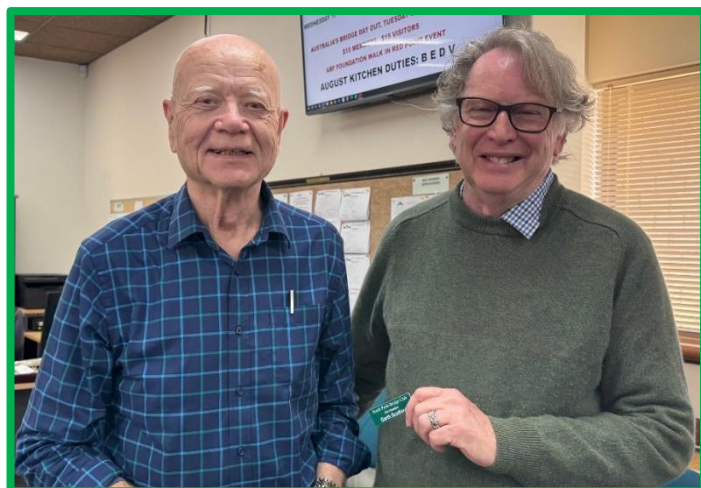


New Management Committee for 2025/2026

The new Management Committee is:

Jim Willetts	President	Laurie Money	Vice President
Chris England	Secretary	Dave Munro	Treasurer
Judy Palmer	House manager	Sue Shadbolt	Assistant treasurer
Rhonda Hulshoff	Member	Paul Fielding	House Keeper
Cathryn Collins	Member		

SPBC Life Membership



At the AGM, out-going President, Tony McKinnon, on recommendation from the MC, nominated Garth Scotford for Life Membership. The nomination was enthusiastically supported by those present at the meeting.

Garth has been an active volunteer and Director at our club for many years, willingly giving his time to serve in a number of roles, including Club Treasurer, Recorder and BAWA representative for SPBC. He has also greatly assisted with stocking the bar! His nomination was very well deserved. Congratulations, Garth.

New members

Welcome to following new members whose applications were approved at the September Management Committee meeting: Ronnie Malthouse, Nancie Barry, Brian Morgan and James Dennis.

Masterpoint Ranking Promotions August 2025

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

Bruce Jensen	Club Master	Judy Palmer	Silver Local Master
Margaret van Dam	Local Master	Malcolm Tull	State Master
Rodney Basell	Local Master		

Ladies Pairs Championship

The SBPC Ladies Pairs Championship was held over two Wednesdays, 3 & 10 September 2025, with 16 pairs entering the event. First place Leone Fuller and Marnie Leybourne, with Valerie Isle and Cassie Morin in second place, and Susanne Gammon and Tomoko Nakamatsu in third place. Best pair under 300 MPs went to Leslie Maff and Liz Farr. Prizes were presented by Jeannie Ravn, who was also Director for the sessions.



Leone and Marnie with and Jeannie



Cassie and Valerie with Jeannie



Tomoko and Susanne with Jeannie



Leslie and Liz with Jeannie

Australia's Bridge Day Out

SPBC held a session for Australia's Bridge Day Out on Tuesday 23 September. This was part of an ABF Foundation event, where bridge players nationwide, united in fun and fundraising, to play the same deals on the same day in their local clubs to grow bridge in schools across Australia. The event was well attended, with 38 pairs playing across two sections: 16 pairs in section A and 22 pairs in section B. Proceeds from the day resulted in a donation to the AFB Foundation of \$445, including \$65 in donations from members. Many thanks to those who supported this worthy cause.

The N/S winners of section A were Dave Munro and Gwyneira Brahma, and on the E/W side two pairs, Robert Kirberger and Dave Parham, and Alan Cransberg and Kimberley Zhao, tied for first place. In section B, the N/S winners were Colin Griffin and Bernard Latham, and the E/W winners were Sandra Hopkins and Angela Howlett.

Winners of the spot prizes – a voucher for an online Zoom lesson with Andy Hung – were Judy Palmer and Beth Bannister.

Events coming up in October and November

The **SPBC Mixed Pairs Championship** will be held over two **Fridays, 10 & 17 October**, at **12:30pm**. This is a South Perth members-only event. Cost for the two weeks is \$20 per person. Entry is through MyABF only.

The **Australia-Restricted Pairs** for players with < 300 MPs (as of 31 August 2025), will be held at SPBC on **Saturday, 25 October** at **9:15am**. 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 **SPBC Open Pairs Championship** will be held over two **Saturdays, 1 & 8 November**, at **1:30pm**. The winner of this event is awarded the Kath Needham Trophy. This is a South Perth members-only event. Cost for the two weeks is \$20 per person. Entry is through MyABF only.

The annual **Melbourne Cup Day** event will be held on **Tuesday, 4 November**. Details are still being finalised. This is always a fantastic event. Great food, great company, great bridge, great fun! Look out for a flyer at the club soon.

The **Spring into Summer** event will be held on over two **Tuesdays, 18 & 25 November**, at **7:00pm September**. This is a South Perth members-only red-point event. Cost for the two weeks is \$20 per person. Entry is through MyABF only.

Youth Workshop on the first Saturday of the month

On the first Saturday of the month, a Youth Workshop, coordinated by Danni Fuller will be held at SPBC, starting at 10:30. A lesson will be given from 10:45, then at 12:00 some boards will be played. Lunch will be provided at 12:45, and then those who want to stay for the afternoon club session will be welcome to do so.

It is expected that these workshops will be well-attended, and Danni is seeking some volunteers to assist at the monthly sessions. It would be greatly appreciated if some more-experienced players, willing to give back to the bridge community, could give their time to support this Youth bridge initiative. For more information, or to offer your assistance, please contact Danni Fuller on 0411 289 663.

SPBC Car park

There is an expectation that all who attend SPCB and use the carpark will enter and exit the carpark as instructed by the signs. This is for the safety of all carpark users. **Enter only** from the Barker Street side and **exit only** from Brittain Street side. No exceptions please, at any time of the day or night.

There was an unfortunate case of damage to a car belonging to one of our members on Thursday 18th September. A call for the offending party to own up and for any witnesses to come forward had no result. We had to conclude that the damage was caused by an outsider using our car park to visit a local business. A reminder to watch out for anyone doing so. We can report unauthorised cars to the City of South Perth who can issue parking fines. If you see such a car please report it to Jim Willetts, Tony McKinnon or Shane Brown.

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**.