



Peninsula News and Views

Newsletter of the Peninsula Bridge Club

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Upcoming Events

- Club Pairs
- Summer Pairs
- Nationwide Pairs
- Swiss Chocolate Pairs

Check your 2012 Diary for details!

Please welcome our latest new members:

Barbara Gunn
Marjorie Ball
Margaret Wilson
Margaret Murray
Joan Shipway
Diane Tayler
Peggy Fisher
Nicole Carter
Robyn Ross
Barbara Adair
Cecilia Elam
Graham Elith

New Committee

President

Alan Davies

Vice-President

Sue Riley

Treasurer

Lyn Hamill

Secretary

Mike Pengelly

Comm. Members

Vickie Busteed

Vivien Eldridge

Michael Harvey

Rosemary Murray

Terence Rothwell

Ken Watson

Cath Whiddon

From the President

This is my first opportunity to say a few words to our Club's members since I became President in October. Let me start by expressing my appreciation for the hard work and dedication of previous Committees with special thanks to my predecessor, Colin Chase, and former Treasurer, Nora Bird. As a result of prudent fiscal management, the Club remains in an extremely sound financial position. We are well-placed to capitalise on future opportunities and to confront future challenges.

I am very happy with the composition of our new Committee. We have a good blend of members, combining considerable experience of the Club's operations with a number of fresh faces and hopefully, new ideas.

To those of you who may not know me, I am an accountant by background. Although I learnt to play bridge in my late teens, I did not start playing "seriously" until I retired and joined Peninsula Bridge Club in 2002. I spent two years as Club Secretary and the past 12 months as Masterpoints Secretary. As most of you know, I also serve as a Director at the Club.

Over the past year, one of the most exciting developments has been the decision to embark on a greatly expanded program of bridge education (BE) at Peninsula. This combines in-house classes and supervised play for beginners and improvers with a program of workshops featuring prominent external bridge instructors. A special thanks to Cath Whiddon, who has worked tirelessly to develop the in-house teaching side of our program.

We plan to build on these initiatives over the coming year. The Bridge Education Sub-Committee has the job



President Alan Davies and Vice-President Sue Riley

of planning the 2012 BE schedule of activities. I believe that such a program is essential in widening and refreshing the skills of current members while marketing the Club to prospective new members.

Several other initiatives bear mentioning. To offer our members a little more variety in their bridge, we will be introducing Swiss "Chocolate" Pairs next year, on one Tuesday night a month. So-called because we will be awarding chocolates to session winners in addition to the regular pink cards.

Secondly, we will be taking part in the Nationwide Pairs, an ABF competition. This means that although our players will be awarded the usual green masterpoints, their results will be assessed nationally against players from other clubs which participate in the competition. We recently ran a trial on a Tuesday night and our players were competing with close to 400 other players around Australia.

Finally, I hope to provide our members with the opportunity to pay their 2012 annual subscriptions by bank transfer rather than by cash. This should make it easier for a lot of our members and reduce the amount of cash that our committee members need to bank.

I wish you a happy festive season and the best of bridging in 2012.

Alan Davies
President

Recent Promotions

To Graduate Master:

Esther Digby, Pauline Dreyer,
Caro Duncan

To Club Master:

Gloria Oldfield, Barbara Spooner,
Tom Wykoff

To Local Master:

Deidre Clarke, Barbara Webb
Elizabeth Postle

To *Local Master:

Ross Kempshall, Rosemary Murray,
Jim Rothwell

To **Local Master:

David Grout

To Regional Master:

Edith Holmes, Denise Quail

To *Regional Master:

Lois Rothwell, Terence Rothwell

To Bronze Life Master:

Joan Jarvis

Recent Winners



Club Teams Championship

John Rogers & Margaret Partridge
Lynn Baker & Vona Hadfield



Jean Stebbins Trophy

Cath Whiddon (L-R shown with partners Yong White,
Vivien Eldridge, Anne Small and Alan Davies)



Sloman Cup

Ray Bragge and Ken Watson

Spring Pairs

Equal First:

Margaret Partridge & John Rogers
with Grace Eisdien & Beverley Schultz

Outside Competition

Congratulations to the following PBC players who notched up strong showings in the following events:

- Lynn Baker and Alan Hadfield finished overall 5th out of 33 North-South pairs in the 2011 Grand National Pairs Metropolitan Regional Final held at North Shore Bridge Club, Willoughby on 20 November. Lynn and Alan won the afternoon session of the competition. Ray Bragge and Ken Watson finished overall 6th in the East-West field.
- Alan Davies and Vivien Eldridge were 8th out of 48 in the Swiss Pairs Congress of the NSW State Open Pairs Final held 12-13 November at the NSWBA in Sydney.
- Alan Davies & Cassandra Mitchell & Margaret Partridge & John Rogers finished 10th out of 38 teams in the Sydney Metropolitan Final of the 2011 Grand National Open Teams held in October.

The Full Deal

Thanks to Alan Davies for this interesting board which arose at the recent Metropolitan Final of the Grand National Open Teams:

Dlr: S / Vul: None

West	East
♠ KQ9	♠ AJ8
♥ A8762	♥ 4
♦ 96	♦ AKQJ853
♣ 952	♣ K3

After a 2C opening by East, doubled by South for a club lead, East finishes in 6D. South leads a small diamond, a low diamond from dummy, D10 from North, taken by declarer with the ace. Plan the play.

The only hope for the contract is that hearts break 4:3. Accordingly, at trick 2, it is necessary to play to dummy's ace of hearts and immediately ruff a heart. Any other play eliminates an entry to dummy. At trick 4, declarer plays a small diamond to dummy's 9 and ruffs another heart. After drawing the last trump, declarer plays a small spade to dummy's king and ruffs a heart, leaving the SQ as the last entry to the fifth heart. On the fifth heart, declarer discards a losing club. Of course, all this would not have been necessary had South obliged by leading the ace of clubs!

The full layout:

	North	
	♠ 76543	
	♥ Q953	
	♦ 10	
	♣ 1084	
West		East
♠ KQ9		♠ AJ8
♥ A8762		♥ 4
♦ 96		♦ AKQJ853
♣ 952		♣ K3
	South	
	♠ 102	
	♥ KJ10	
	♦ 742	
	♣ AQJ76	

Sadly, two of our members, Ann Parera and Mim Gadd, passed away recently. Ann had played regularly at the Club since the new premises were established. She had been ill for some time and passed away in Toowoomba. Mim, a doctor by background, took up bridge in the early 90's and quickly excelled. Our condolences to their families and friends; they will both be greatly missed.

Bridge Education at PBC

Bridge Education (BE) is now offering the following **supervised play and lessons** (no partner required):

Mondays: Improvers Supervised Duplicate
7pm - 9 pm
(\$4 members/\$6 visitors)

Tuesdays: Improvers Supervised Duplicate
2:30pm - 4:30 pm (\$4 members/\$6 visitors)

1st Wednesday : Improvers Workshop
of the month (Conventions/Declarer Play/Defence)
9.30am – 11.30 am
(\$7 members/ \$10 Visitors)

Topics include:
- Doubles and Overcalls; Weak Twos and Pre-empts; 2NT and 2C
Openings; Stayman and Transfers.

See website or noticeboard for current monthly topic

Note: we are considering trialling a repeat of the Wednesday Improvers Workshop on the second Monday night of the month for those who can't attend during the day due to work or other commitments.

We have also introduced supervised support for beginners and their partners in our regular Monday afternoon session – **PLEASE SPREAD THE NEWS!**

If you know bridge players who have not played recently and are looking to refresh or improve their game, or who have a new partner and want to work on their system agreements, please tell them about our **supervised play and lessons**. For further details, contact *Cath Whiddon* (9979 5752 or cwhiddon@live.com).

BE will be starting new day and evening lessons early in 2012 – watch for flyers to give to your neighbours and friends. We'd like to encourage PBC members to put the flyers up at other clubs they may be members of, such as bowling clubs, Probus, etc. **Your recommendation is our best referral!** And if the beginner mentions your name on signing up for a BE course or club membership, you will receive a free game as thanks for promoting & supporting our Club!

Over the coming year, we will also be building on the resounding success of our 2011 workshop program, which has featured a wide range of topics presented by prominent external bridge teachers such as Ron Klinger, John Roberts, Derrick Browne and others. More information on the 2012 program in weeks to come.