

Peninsula News and Views



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Hard-Fought Gold Coast Triumph for Peninsula Team

The Restricted Teams competition at the recent 51st Gold Coast Bridge Congress began in the best possible way for the Peninsula Bridge Club team of **Alan Davies, Vivien Eldridge, Maurice Loomes and Rachael Loomes**. At the end of Round 1, with 11 further rounds to play, the Davies team found itself leading a field of 64 teams in the event, which is restricted to entrants with fewer than 300 MP.

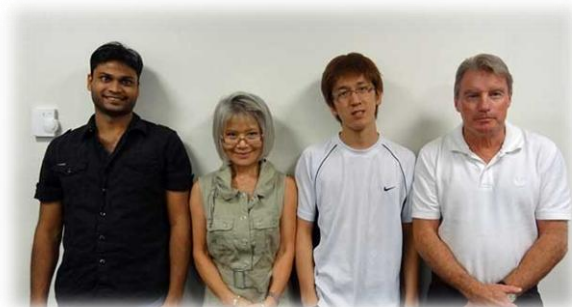


Restricted Teams Winners: Alan Davies, Vivien Eldridge, Rachael Loomes and Maurice Loomes

trailing the leaders by a tiny margin before slipping back in the field over the next few rounds. But by the end of Round 8, they had clawed their way back into second spot and refused to be dislodged, ensuring their place in the Final against the Davies team.

The Final was played on Friday, 2 March and comprised two 14-board sets. The Davies team got away to a big lead with a 47.5 to 23 IMP victory in the first set. The Khemka team hit back in the second and final set, winning 44 to 26. But it was not enough to overhaul the Davies team, who took out the Final 73.5 IMP's to 67. Well-deserved congratulations to both teams!

The Peninsula team never surrendered its lead despite a determined challenge from the six-person Khemka team, which also included two PBC members, **David Grout** and **Yong White**. At the end of Round 2, the Khemka team held second place,



*Restricted Teams Runners-Up: Gary Khemka, Yong White (PBC), John Yoon, David Grout (PBC)
Not pictured: Mary Tough and Justin Brown.*



GCC: Largest bridge congress in the Southern Hemisphere

In this year's Congress, Peninsula was – as usual – represented by a sizeable contingent of players, some scoring impressive results.

Among the highlights:

Michael Draper and Charles Klassen qualified 4th out of 132 EW pairs for the A Final of the Open, a significant accomplishment; Cath Whiddon and partner Mary Allison won the J Final of the Open Pairs;

Alan Davies and Vivien Eldridge finished 5th in the A Final of the Restricted Pairs; David Grout and Yong White finished 4th in the B Final of the Restricted Pairs with Leslie Treasure and Jeanette Weaver finishing 6th. (Photos courtesy of Queensland Bridge Association.)

From the President

There have been many developments during the last quarter.

A number of our members have performed creditably at major congresses in Canberra and the Gold Coast. More of that elsewhere in the newsletter.

We have successfully introduced Swiss "Chocolate" pairs on one Tuesday night a month. Details of the next event are in your diary.

We have also participated three times on Friday nights in the Nationwide Pairs which is an ABF competition. Notably, Claire Filmer Ramsay and Cassandra Mitchell finished 6th out of 371 pairs on February 17. We will endeavour to run this event every fortnight on a Friday night.

Peninsula's annual Teams Congress takes place on Sunday, April 22. We have made a significant change from prior congresses in that we intend to run a novice section alongside the open section. If you can gather a team with less than 450 combined masterpoints, the team will be eligible to compete in the novice section. Please support our Congress by participating.

Our Bridge Education team is expanding to cater for demand (see photo). We now have about 50 beginners completing lessons. Many of them, I hope, will become new members. Our greatest



PBC's 'BE' team: Lois Rothwell, Jo Jarvis, Cath Whiddon, Vickie Busteed, Terry Rothwell, Kelly Barber. Not pictured: Pam Bailey

challenge is to develop a pathway from the lessons so that our beginners can obtain enough practice to enable them to participate in our regular duplicate sessions. I greatly appreciate the contribution that members are making to this programme, not only by helping our beginners during the Friday sessions, but also by cooperating so that we can run our other beginner and improver sessions. Note that we also have two workshops coming up for intermediate to advanced players hosted by external bridge instructors: John Roberts and Joan Butts. Please see the noticeboard for details.

The Technology Sub-Committee continues to focus on a planned upgrade of our website to make it more timely and relevant, both for the benefit of members and also for newcomers to the area who may be looking to join a bridge club. There are many design, content and technology issues to address so the planning process will take time.

Featured in this issue are some of the "unsung heroes" of the Club, without whom the Club could not function the way it does. I am grateful for their efforts.

Finally, we will be participating in "Bridge for Brains" during May. This is an ABF initiative to promote brain research. Hopefully, members will support this initiative by participating in the event. Further details will be forthcoming.

Enjoy your bridge!

Alan Davies
President

Recent Results

Club Competition

Club Pairs Championship: David Grout and Yong White

Padman Trophy: Lynn Baker and Yong White



David Grout and Yong White

Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge (January)

Anne Small and Ron Smith finished 20th out of 204 Pairs in the National Swiss Pairs event; In the National Restricted Swiss Pairs event, Jeanette Weaver and Lorraine Neville finished 6th out of 80 pairs, with Margaret Partridge and John Rogers finishing 10th in the same event, closely followed by Cath Whiddon and Lyn Smith in 12th spot;

The PBC team of Margaret Partridge & John Rogers & Lynn Baker & Vivien Eldridge finished 6th out of 18 in the Non-Life Masters Teams event;

A team including PBC members Robert Saville and Sandra Mower finished 6th out of 18 in the National Novice Teams.

New Members

Please welcome to the Club: Karin McClennan, Deirdre Land, Judith O'Mara, Diane Agostino, William Fitzsimons, Bev Peters, Peter Corbett, Shirley Corbett, Jennifer Ardill, Sandra Naphthali, Clive Naphthali, Robert Retford, Suzanne Cole, Elizabeth Kinkade, James Barber, Christine Banham, Monica Gribble, Margaret Ashby, John Byrne, Vicki Clark, Janice Mason, Alan Mason, David Clarke, Thelma Hughes, Lorraine Neville, Linda Abbenbroek, Christine Egan, Amanda Hickey, Jacqueline Hughes, Doreen Creer

Recent Promotions

To Graduate Master: Margaret Ashby

To Club Master: Lorraine Doherty, Ken Attwooll

To Local Master: Sharon Ireland, Janet Bean, Julie Carroll, Valerie Hambrook, Trevor Laughton, Clare Filmer Ramsay

To *Local Master: Esther Lee

To **Local Master: Cathy Clarke, Michael Pengelly, Caroline Rosser, Tom Yardley

To Regional Master: Joyce Low, Don Hughes, Sandra Mower, Dawn Natrass

To *Regional Master: Bryan Robertson

To State Master: Joy Hill, Lois Rothwell, Terence Rothwell, David Grout

To *State Master: Cassandra Mitchell

To National Master: Tina Hewes, Margaret Partridge, Joy Taylor

To *National Master: Jean Morey, Yong White

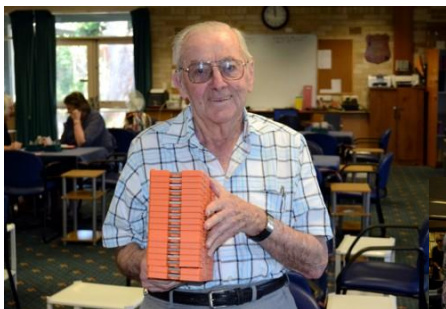
To Life Master: Lynn Baker

To Bronze Life Master: Sue Riley

To Silver Life Master: Cath Whiddon

Peninsula Behind the Scenes

It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to keep a community-based club like Peninsula running smoothly in its day to day operations. Apart from the more public administrative roles of Directors and those on the Committee or various sub-committees, there are many essential tasks performed by members who receive scant recognition for their hard work. It is not possible to pay tribute to all of them in any one issue of this newsletter. But where possible, in the future, we hope to continue to show you some of the faces behind the scenes. For now, here are just a few:



Colin Mingay



*At the dealing machine:
Jim and Edna Fairley*



Ted and Pat Cummings



Esther Lee and Megan Willcox



Librarian Denise Quail

Trish Shines Through

Congratulations to Pittwater



Councillor (and long-standing Peninsula Bridge Club member), Patricia Giles OAM, who was recently named 2012 Pittwater Woman of the Year.

Member for Pittwater, Rob Stokes, made the announcement on 7 March at the annual Zonta International Women's Day Breakfast, held at Mona Vale Golf Club.

Trish has played a leading role on Pittwater Council for the past 20 years, including 6 ½ years as Mayor.

Rob Stokes praised Trish's dedication to the local community, saying she had helped secure the future of areas such as the Warriewood wetlands, Winnererremy Bay, Currawong and Bangalow Reserve.

Trish plans to retire from her Council duties in September, which should leave her a bit more time to focus on her already formidable bridge skills!