

Peninsula News and Views



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From the President

You may recall that in the last edition of this newsletter I brought to your attention the Warriewood Valley Strategic Review. Of concern to us was a proposal for the “redevelopment” of the Nelson Heather Centre. You also may have read in the Manly Daily that the review has been 'shelved'. However, our enquiries of Council staff and the Council's website indicate that staff will present to Council their recommendations in the wake of the recent local government elections.



On August 12, we held our annual Charity Pairs. My thanks go to the many members who supported the day. Special congratulations to Sue Riley (pictured with Ken Hughes of the Rural Fire Service) on a very successful event. This year, the Club raised nearly \$8,000 to be provided to our nominated organisations. More on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

We have spent the last few months consolidating the bridge education of our 2012 beginners. This is a sizeable contingent numbering over 50 people. Our education team is running **Practice Play Sessions** on Tuesday afternoons (big thanks to Jo Jarvis), Friday mornings (thanks to Terry & Lois Rothwell) and Monday nights (thanks to Kelly Barber). In addition, we are featuring **Improvers Workshops** with Cath Whiddon on the 1st Wednesday morning and 3rd Monday night of the month. New beginner classes (Day & Evening) start up again in October and we hope members will encourage friends and neighbours to try the “best mind game in the world”. (Flyers are available on the Bridge Education Noticeboard or contact Cath Whiddon: 9979 5752 for details.)

In June, we also subsidised a professional workshop with David Beauchamp on expert defence - 48 of our members attended. An advanced workshop by Stephen Lester (ABF editor and expert world bridge player) is planned towards the end of the year. I encourage you to attend to take advantage of great ideas and practice hands at a very low cost.

Our members may have noticed that we have moved our 'office' to the wall outside our previous office. We have done so to set up our dealing machine in the old office. This provides our volunteer dealers with much greater flexibility in when they can deal our session boards. Previously, the location of the dealing machine did not allow our dealers to produce boards at the same time as duplicate sessions were in progress. A round of applause for Jim Fairley and his crew who put in a great deal of hard work to get this done.

Finally, my thanks to Michael Hanvey who has done an excellent job producing this newsletter for the past several years.

Enjoy your bridge!

Alan Davies
President

Recent Winners

Members Only Teams:

Jo Jarvis & Beverley Peters (not pictured) & Anita Kite & Trish Giles (*top photo*)



Charles Mitchell Shield:

Joan Rutherford and Frank Matthews (*middle photo*)

News Local Northern Sydney Pairs:

Steven Bock and Kevin Davies

Best PBC Pair (9th): Loraine Neville and Jeanette Weaver

State Open Teams (Qualifying):

Lyn Smith & Jocelyn Bertram

& David Farmer & Cath Whiddon (*lower right photo*)



Winter Pairs:

Joy Hill and Frank Matthews

Grand National Open Teams (Qualifying):

Linda Abbenbroek & Carolyn Dowling

& Loraine Neville & Jeanette Weaver



Outside Competition



Congrats to Yvonne Perkins & Leslie Treasure & Lori Neville & Jeanette Weaver. Their team came 3rd out of 18 In the Restricted Teams at the Brisbane Waters SuperCongress on 29 July. They each won a good bottle of wine and were the only undefeated team after seven rounds.

(L-R Jeanette Weaver, Yvonne Perkins, Lori Neville and Leslie Treasure)

Promotions

To Graduate Master: Graham Elith, Sally Fox

To Local Master: Norman Grech, Penelope Chapman, Peter Clarke, Valerie Donovan, Bela Takats, Nora Takats

To *Local Master: Rowan Sault, Janice McAndrew

To **Local Master: Gwenneth Bristow, Beth Bretnall, Roy Cotton, Esther Lee

To Regional Master: Roslyn Hunyor

To *Regional Master: Magda Hudy

To State Master: Jeanette Byrne, Margaret Komoll

To National Master: Yvonne Perkins, Jeanette Weaver

To *National Master: Colin Chase

To Life Master: Alan Davies

The Full Deal

Friday 17 August 2012 at East Lindfield – hands/commentary - copyright Greg Quittner

Making a Guess

Hand 9 Dealer North E/W Vul		Lead: AD	<table><tr><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th><th>West</th></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>2H</td><td>2S</td><td>5D</td></tr><tr><td>5S</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td></td></tr></table>				North	East	South	West	P	2H	2S	5D	5S	P	P	X	P	P	P	
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South ♠ KQJ874 ♥ 42 ♦ 3 ♣ KQJ6		<p>The Bidding: West has a real problem over 2S. A double in this situation would be for penalty and not negative. 4NT would be interpreted as Blackwood agreeing hearts. Any bid could be wrong so West opts for 5D. North has no trouble sacrificing in 5S which is doubled by West.</p> <p>Suggested Play: West leads the AD. The defence must win a diamond, 2 hearts and a club for + 300. E/W can make 5D for + 600 (hard to avoid losing 2 clubs) so N/S did very well.</p> <p>Tip: There are times where we have to make an intelligent guess as to which bid to make.</p>																				

A Thoughtful Defence

Hand 16 Dealer West E/W Vul		Lead: 4D	<table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>1H</td><td>P</td><td>2H</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>4H</td><td colspan="3">All Pass</td></tr></table>				West	North	East	South	1H	P	2H	X	4H	All Pass		
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South ♠ 9432 ♥ Q ♦ AK62 ♣ A873		<p>The Bidding: With only 5 losers West has no problem bidding 4H.</p> <p>Suggested Play: South wins the first diamond trick with the KD. If North has the QD it is safe to continue diamonds. As this is uncertain, South must switch to a spade at trick 2. Now the defence takes a spade, 2 diamonds and a club. Had South cashed the AD at trick 2 West should discard dummy's spade loser on the QD.</p>																

New Members

A warm welcome to: Helen Bracher, Jane Reilly, Bruce McDonald, Pauline Spence, Joan Perkins, Roger Perkins

Charity Day Success

We held our annual Charity Day Pairs on Sunday, 12 August with 17 ½ tables. Table money was \$10 per person with a lunch of soup, sandwiches and cake available for an extra \$10. This proved to be very popular.



Special thanks to Vivien Eldridge, Pauline Haynes and Maureen Cooksley for making the beautiful soups as well as to Tina Hewes and Jo Jarvis who provided a variety of sandwiches and to all the members who made cakes and dips. Wine and cheese were also available at the end of play. Finally, a big thank you to the many people on the day who helped with the cleaning of the kitchen and the club room at the end of the event.

Our silent auction raised more than \$1000 in addition to several raffles on the day (*raffle winner Trish Giles pictured*). Many of the prizes were donated by local businesses. Maureen Cooksley and Wendy Starkie were responsible for obtaining many of these donations.

On the day, we made \$2,792.00. Combined with proceeds raised throughout the year from sales of books, plants, homemade jams and raffles, we raised a total of \$7,894.23. The money will go to our nominated organisations: the Rural Fire Service and Mona Vale Hospital. A very big thank you to our members for their generosity – you are amazing people.

- Sue Riley

Editor's Note

It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to edit and produce this newsletter over the last three years. I hope that members have enjoyed reading it and I appreciate the strong support that you have given to the publication. My particular thanks to all those who have contributed articles, photos and interview material. The success of a club newsletter like ours depends heavily on the content provided by members.

Change is healthy and the time has come for someone else to take on the editor's role. I wish that person every success.

See you at the bridge table.

Michael Hanvey