



## *New South Wales Bridge Association*

### **2012 State Wide Pairs**

October, 2012

Dear State Wide Pairs Organiser,

Firstly, I must unhappily report that my co-convenor, Val Cummings, passed away suddenly on the evening of October 13. Val will be known to a large number of you as she has been the Convenor of the State Wide Pairs for many years. She had a very successful career as a bridge player, having represented Australia on numerous occasions. In recent years, with the arrival of her beloved grandchildren, she took a step back from playing, and her involvement in bridge was mainly in administration. As well as the State Wide Pairs, she convened a number of other NSW State events, and was one of the organisers of the annual Australia-wide Bridge For Brain Research competition since its inception. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

The results for the 2012 State Wide Pairs are enclosed.

You will find a printout showing the results by session and in total of all the participating pairs from your club. Note that when the event is matchpointed across the state, percentages and order of rank can vary quite considerably from those obtained when matchpointing involves only those players within the club. The State Wide Pairs is genuinely scored as a single event with 261 pairs from 22 clubs competing this year.

Any pair who failed to play a session was assigned 48% for the missed session.

You will also find a copy of the first 50 place-getters across the state.

Should participants be interested in final statewide results which are not among the first 50 this information is available on the NSWBA Website:

<http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/swp.htm>

This year's winners were **Peter Donoghue and Susan Donoghue** from Bega Valley Bridge Club with an average score of 65.17 %. Congratulations on a great effort.

Second place went to **Satish Kumar and Bill Heymans** from Penrith Bridge Club. They averaged 64.85 %. Third place went to **David Lander and Helene Lander** from Dubbo Bridge Club with 63.44 %.

Cash prizes have been awarded down to fifth place. **Denise Gough and Carol Ford** (Dubbo Bridge Club) finished fourth with **Ronald Dobson and Phil Hardy** (Penrith Bridge Club), fifth.

**Session Winners:**

			Score
Session 1			
First	Leigh Tindall - Jennifer Hector	Bathurst	71.6
Second	Satish Kumar - Bill Heymans	Penrith	68.9
Session 2			
First	Jan De Jong - Dorothy Collins	Orange	69.7
Second	Liz Hurley - Stephen Hurley	Illawarra	67.5
Session 3			
First	Peter Donoghue - Suzanne Donoghue	Bega Valley	71.4
Second	David Lander - Helene Lander	Dubbo	67.5

Winning pairs for each session receive a \$60 prize voucher from the Bridge Shop, while the runners-up receive \$40 prize vouchers.

Certificates have been enclosed for the top placed partnerships in each club.

Do not forget to remind your members that they may well see themselves listed on the Roll of Honour at <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/swp.htm>

Winners in the restricted masterpoint categories were:

Below 25 MPs: Kaye Chambers and Kayleen Fergusson from Mudgee Bridge Club

Below 50 MPs: Ted Hayman and Frank Trent from Mudgee Bridge Club

Below 100 MPs: Peter Fitzmaurice and Neil Williams from Trumps Bridge Centre

These pairs will be receiving a gift voucher from the Bridge Shop to the value of \$30.

If any of your members have won prizes, they are enclosed with these results.

Masterpoints were awarded for each session and for overall finishing position.

You will notice that, in an effort to discourage the number of pairs who are happy to play, but not to pay for the privileges that accrue to entrants, scores for casual pairs are not included in these results. The results of these pairs were necessarily scored in order to make the results valid.

Do please participate again next year when the event will be held as usual in the first three weeks of August.

If you have any improvements or suggestions you'd like to see, please pass them on.

Thanks for being involved and see you again next year.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew McManus