

Novice and Restricted Pairs State Championship hosted by SHBC

Some challenging hands, positive and pleasant players, delicious lunches and excellent directing from John McIlrath made for a most enjoyable weekend of bridge. 20 pairs participated in the novice session and 54 in the restricted section. Players represented many greater Sydney area clubs, the Illawarra and a range of country clubs, including Bob and Carolyn Hart who flew down from Ballina. In terms of our own SHB Club members there were a few highlights well worth reporting. In the novice section, Dick Evans and Ron Moller came 2nd in the Saturday afternoon session and Jan Fennell and Susan Whyte were close behind in 3rd place – well done! In the restricted session: Anthony Ractliffe and Camille Farrer finished 2nd in the Saturday afternoon session; Tony Lye and Robin Ewing came 3rd in the Sunday morning session and David and Craig were in 5th place; and Fran Stapelfeldt and Margaret West had a great session on Sunday afternoon coming in 4th. Robin and Tony had the best overall result, finishing in 6th place.

I would like to thank all club members, and committee members (Adele, Alison and Lucy), who contributed in any way to making this event so successful. In particular, Marina and Joan and Jenny and Alan who came to our rescue and filled in at very short notice for some absent players, Dick for organising and delivering the tables, Mike for managing the entry fees, Mardi for assisting on Saturday afternoon, and our tireless secretary Margaret who did just about everything else! And a huge thank you to Chris and Kate for giving up their weekend to manage the boards for the two days. A wonderful team effort. See some happy chappies below! All the results can be found [here](#).

Craig

A postscript from Chris

I would like to thank to Craig who worked tirelessly to make this a successful and most enjoyable event.



