

Roll of Honour

Session One

Board 28, Dealer is West, Vul: N-S

	♠ K74	
	♥ J86	
	♦ 764	
	♣ Q1062	
♠ Q86532		♠ J
♥ 9542		♥ 103
♦ J9		♦ AKQ8532
♣ K		♣ J73
	♠ A109	
	♥ AKQ7	
	♦ 10	
	♣ A9854	

“5♦ is a good save against the vulnerable 4♥ or 5♣ available to NS. To get the maximum penalty South will need to produce a very brave defence. Most will cash a high heart to take a look at the dummy and should switch to trumps to prevent club ruffs. Declarer will play the club king and now South, on lead, needs to get to partner to play a 2nd round of trumps. Underleading the honours in either major is necessary to achieve this result and will also get the courageous defenders a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site.”

Many pairs doubled a diamond contract at a low level often to disastrous effect.

There were a smattering of +500 but in the entire field only one pair managed to double 5♦ and to get 800 in defence.

This pair was: **S. & J. Dare** from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club.

Session Two

Board 25, Dealer is North, Vul: E-W

	♠ AJ986	
	♥ AQ5	
	♦ A	
	♣ A965	
♠ 732		♠ Q

♥ 984	♥ 2
♦ 10986	♦ QJ7543
♣ K104	♣ QJ732
	♠ K1054
	♥ KJ10763
	♦ K2
	♣ 8

“Even holding a 6-5 shape 2NT to show the minors over a 1♠ opening from North is undisciplined at the vulnerability. South is a little too good just to bid 4♠ which sounds rather weaker than 4-card support, a 10-count plus a singleton. If the partnership plays splinters then a 4♣ bid would very effectively get the side to at least the small slam. There are many ways to reach the grand which is a reasonable proposition, and those who manage to play in 7♠ will rate a mention on our Roll of Honour “

Nobody who played the deal made less than 13 tricks and the following 3 pairs also bid a grand. 2 pairs bid 7♠ and 1 pair bid 7NT.

These partnerships were:

Dorothy Brumley & Horst Utzen from Ballina Bridge Club.

Ron Dobson & Phil Hardy from Penrith Bridge Club.

& in another mention on the Roll of Honour, **S. & J. Dare** from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club.

Session Three:

Board 3, Dealer is West, Vul: N-S

	♠ Q8764	
	♥ Q9	
	♦ 1085	
	♣ 752	
♠ AKJ1032		♠ -
♥ 752		♥ AK3
♦ Q4		♦ AK93
♣ AJ		♣ KQ10983
	♠ 95	
	♥ J10864	
	♦ J762	
	♣ 64	

“The East hand is so good that, even with a void in partner’s suit, it is very likely that most will bid their way to 6NT and quite a few to 7NT. The auction might go something like: 1♠ : 2♣, 2♠ : 3♦, 3♥ : 6NT or 7NT. 3♥ here cannot be natural as West has already rebid 2♠ and would say something like- good hand but no heart stopper. Whatever the auction, getting to a Grand Slam will rate a mention on our Roll of Honour.”

Congratulations are due to 12 pairs who bid and made a grand slam:

Paul & Jill Bradley from Ballina Bridge Club

Helen Tootell & Janet Brown also from Ballina Bridge Club

L. Cleaver & R. Hummershoj from Bathurst Bridge Club.

Elizabeth & Chris Maxted from Bega Valley Bridge Club.
Suzanne Donoghue & Alison Otton also from Bega Valley Bridge Club.
Keith Jebb & Jeff Conroy from Blue Mountains Bridge Club
Lyn Redgate & Ros. McKenzie from Camden Haven (Lusc) Bridge Club
B. Edwards & B. Newton from Canobolas Bridge Club
S. Brels & R. Kinlock from Illawarra Bridge Club
T. Marchant & I. Porter also from Illawarra Bridge Club
M. Bunder & J. Roodenrys again from Illawarra Bridge Club
G. Davis & R. Hardy from Penrith Bridge Club

Well done to all.
Valerie Cummings.