

Roll of Honour

Session One

Board 20, Dealer West, Vul: All

	♠ Q82	
	♥ 875	
	♦ Q1094	
	♣ 1097	
♠ J106		♠ A973
♥ J4		♥ KQ93
♦ 863		♦ K75
♣ AKQ54		♣ 86
	♠ K54	
	♥ A1062	
	♦ AJ2	
	♣ J32	

“If West opens 1♣ on this deal- the suit being too pretty to resist, East might regard the 12-count as being too good simply to invite partner to 3NT and many will get too high in 3NT by West. Even though the club suit breaks 3-3, only 8 tricks can be made, even if declarer guesses that the ♦10 lead is from just this holding and that losers in the suit can be held to 3 by ducking the lead twice to block the suit. Now the spade finesse must be taken twice to produce 3 tricks in that suit, ignoring the slightly superior heart suit. East has a better chance because the ♦K is protected on the lead.”

Getting to 3NT and making was worth a bundle of matchpoints. Nearly all the successful declarers were East. Although some Wests made 3NT, most went off as it was easier for the defence to get things right.

The Roll of Honour recipients were:

Jane Hunt and Anne Gordon from Ballina Seniors Bridge Club,
Madge Williams and Joe Williams from Batemans Bay Bridge Club,
Rhonda Jones and Jann McNeil from Bega Valley Bridge Club,
Pippy Johnstone and June Baigent from Blue Mountains Bridge Club,
John Phillips and Sid Kallas from Cowra Bridge Club,
Maryanne Payten and Joan Hurst from Cowra Bridge Club,
Graeme Payne and Marjorie Payne from Glen Bridge Club,

Jenny Anderson and Helen Crisp from Goulburn Bridge Club,
May Waddington and Margaret Waugh from Gunnedah Bridge Club,
Lorraine Neville and Beverley Menzies from Manly-Warringah Bridge Club,
Jan Chivers and Max Peterson from Manly-Warringah Bridge Club,
David Burton and Betty Jobson from Narrabeen Bridge Club,
Faye Carnovale and Chris Duggin from Narrabeen Bridge Club,
Wendy Carpenter and Helen Hogan from NSWBA,
Joyce Millington and Bill Kennedy from Penrith Bridge Club,
Shirley Jenkins and Noor Vellani from Penrith Bridge Club,
Robyn Allan and Jocelyn Jaques from Dubbo Bridge Club,
Pam Harvey and Nancy Peacocke from Dubbo Bridge Club,
Judy McCaffery and Margaret Cant from Mudgee Bridge Club,
Patricia Clarke and Patricia Ryan from Orange Bridge Club,
Beryl Ryan and Billie Henderson from Orange Bridge Club,
Audrey Clarke and Alison Terry from Trumps Bridge Centre,
Peggy Dalby and Sanae Kambara from Trumps Bridge Centre.

A Special Commendation on this board goes to the pair who managed to score two overtricks in 3NT for +660 and a State Wide top. Well done to **David Monahan and Helen Palmer** from Cessnock Bridge Club.

Session Two

Board 7, Dealer South, Vul: All

	♠ Q106	
	♥ 932	
	♦ 3	
	♣ AKJ975	
♠ 8532		♠ A9
♥ QJ108		♥ 65
♦ J96		♦ KQ8542
♣ 108		♣ 642
	♠ KJ74	
	♥ AK74	
	♦ A107	
	♣ Q3	

“When holding a single-suited hand with a long minor and sufficient values for game opposite a strong 1NT opening, it is not useful to show partner, and the opponents, this suit unless there is some prospect of slam. So 1NT: 2♠ (transfer to clubs) 3♣, 3NT should give South pause to think. While the ♣Q doubleton is useful support for a known 6-card suit and the 1NT has maximum values, it will be very hard to move over 3NT. 6♣ is an excellent contract and will get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site: <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2011/swp.htm>.”

By far the most common result on this board was 3NT by South on the lead of the ♥Q. This meant 12 tricks were made for a matchpoint score of around 65% on the board. Five NS pairs successfully negotiated their way to 6♣. Congratulations to:

Peg Leonard and Carol Simpson from Mudgee Bridge Club,

Ron Dobson and Phil Hardy from Penrith Bridge Club,

Margaret McDonald and Alison Warne also from Penrith Bridge Club,

Vince Kelly and Rhonda Thomas from Leeton Bridge Club,

Hugh McGinty and Margaret Carr from Illawarra Bridge Association.

Session Three

Board 18, Dealer East, Vul: N-S

	♠ K5	
	♥ AQJ8	
	♦ 984	
	♣ A983	
♠ AQ		♠ J97632
♥ 1094		♥ 753
♦ AQ1063		♦ K75
♣ 1064		♣ 5
	♠ 1084	
	♥ K62	
	♦ J2	
	♣ KQJ72	

“North lacks a long suit or the right shape to enter the auction with a double after West opens 1♦. If East bids 1♠, West will rebid 1NT and now North can double and partner should know that the original pass was due to the lack of tolerance for spades. South will very probably bid clubs and the 4♥ game will go begging. With the diamond ruff coming in the short hand and the ♠K being, as expected, behind the ♠A, 4♥ is an excellent contract and will, should you bid it, get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site: <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2011/swp.htm>”

Making 10 tricks in a club part score was worth just over average for North-South. Those EW pairs who let NS get away with 11 tricks cost themselves seriously, with -150 being worth less than 30% on the board. Only two pairs successfully reached the best spot of 4♥. Very well done to **Tamsin Paige and Helena Canaris** from the NSWBA, and also to our overall winners, **Jens Skovgaard and Jennifer Hector** from Bathurst Bridge Club.