

Roll of Honour

Week One:

BD: 22 Dlr: E Vul: E-W

♠ QJ985	
♥ T95	
♦ AKT6	
♣ 5	
♠ AKT	♠ 7642
♥ Q73	♥ A864
♦ 4	♦ 95
♣ KQT972	♣ A86
♠ 3	
♥ KJ2	
♦ QJ8732	
♣ J43	

NS can, and probably will, compete to the three level in diamonds and the most common contract on the scoresheets will be 4♣. 5♣ is a fantasy for EW on this deal but, carefully played, rolls home! The thirteenth heart provides a pitch for the losing spade. To make eleven tricks declarer needs to pull a small heart towards the Queen at some stage. Should South duck then West must win and duck the following round. The heart King onside and hearts 3-3? Those who successfully undertake this contract deserve mention on the Roll of Honour on the FABC pages of the NSWBA web site.

Just one partnerships in the event was able to play the contract in 5♣ and make the requisite eleven tricks. They were:

C. Campbell & K. Crothers from the Glen Bridge Club

Week Two:

BD: 21 Dlr: N Vul: N-S

♠ AQJT3	
♥ QT52	
♦ KT	
♣ J9	
♠ 985	♠ 76
♥ A84	♥ 63
♦ Q96	♦ J874
♣ Q742	♣ A8653
♠ K42	
♥ KJ97	
♦ A532	
♣ KT	

Those who raise partner's 5-card suit automatically holding three in the suit will play in 4♠ while the rest, via a slower auction, will get to 4♥. A misguess of clubs in either contract will probably result in only ten tricks while there might be the rare clever declarer, playing in 4♥, who may be able to ruff two diamonds in the North hand and get both losing clubs away on spades avoiding a club loser altogether. Managing twelve tricks in this fashion, or any fashion, deserves mention on the Roll of Honour on the FABC pages of the NSWBA web site.

Two partnerships bid and made twelve tricks in 4♥. They were:

B. Adcock & K. Wilks from Newcastle Bridge Club

J. Hoyland & Pauline McCabe from Cessnock Bridge Club

Week Three:

BD: 4 Dlr: W Vul: Both

♠ AKT4	
♥ J543	
♦ 9862	
♣ 7	
♠ Q6	♠ J753
♥ AKQ87	♥ T62
♦ AKT4	♦ 73
♣ 93	♣ A654
♠ 982	
♥ 9	
♦ QJ5	
♣ KQJT82	

4. On the surface it would appear that an excellent 4♥ contract is doomed on this deal. As long as East raises partner's 1♥ to 2♥, West will bid game over a 3♣ interpose from South. Declarer, after winning the club ace, will ruff a diamond in dummy, noting that the second and third rounds of the suit establish the ten. The second round of trumps tells the bad news. Now declarer can cash the diamond ten and throw North in with a long trump or just cash one more trump and play a spade and North must give declarer a tenth trick in spades. Marvellous things sometimes happen as long as you don't give up. Those who didn't and made this contract deserve mention on the Roll of Honour.

Bidding and making this contract proved much easier than I would have thought and the following pairs were successful:

H. Van der Veeke & F. McConvill from Albury Bridge Club

J. Gribble & J. Hunt from Ballina Seniors Bridge Club

D. Lewis & L. Tindall, G. Palmer & D. Kajons, F. & W. Ogilvie from Bathurst Bridge Club

E. & C. Maxted from Bega Valley Bridge Club

E. Neville & H. Moore from Canobolas Bridge Club

R. Pearce & H. Cameron from Cowra Bridge Club

J. Plasto & J. Manion from Dubbo Bridge Club

C. Campbell & K. Crothers from Glen Bridge Club

A. Lawson & D. St George from Goulburn Bridge Club

L. Warmoll & M. Waddington, E. Herden & M. Casey, K. McLeish & C. Barbato from Gunnedah Bridge Club

D. Bowden & N. Southall, J. Macrae & F. Lyon, M. Spira & P. Kennedy from Illawarra Bridge Association

P. Williams & K. Douglas

P. Whitehead & E. Dooner from Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club

E. Cameron & J. Scotford, S. Da Silva & J. McGeary, J. Twigg & P. Rickard, J.

Williams & J. Tobin, J. Stobo & T. Bodycote from Lindfield Bridge Club

J. Weingarth & K. Cross from Lismore Bridge Club

M. Martin & M. Bromfield from Mollymook Bridge Club

S. Capper & V. Heferen from Mudjee Bridge Club

S. & R. Scotford from Narrabeen Bridge Club

B. Atkins & J. Perkins from Newcastle Bridge Club

A. Fraser & V. Halcroft from Orange Bridge Club

B. Nugent & H. Shipp from Penrith Bridge Club

V. Geary & L. Moors from Port Macquarie Bridge Club

S. Allen & T. Kormendi, R. Dent & C. Drury, C. Ryan & J. Coppa from Trumps Bridge Club

N. Lamki & K. Lamli from Wollstonecraft Bridge Club

H. Wilson & R. Biddles, M. Hoare & B. Meaney, C. Hewett & B. Anderson, B.

Hart & P. Brennan, P. Corlis & J. Brown, J. Pierce & G. Lynn from Ballina Bridge Club

The following hand was sufficiently hard , I thought, to be deserving of a the annual brilliancy award. 24 pairs found it easy so I had to resort to the old hat draw to come up with a winner.

The winning pair are:

Jack Pierce and Gary Lynn from Ballina Bridge Club.

I shall list the other pairs who went into the hat below.

BD: 7 Week 3 Dlr: S Vul: Both

♠ QJ63	
♥ 9872	
♦ QT75	
♣ 4	
♠ 952	♠ AKT
♥ A	♥ KQJT43
♦ 94	♦ K3
♣ AKQJ853	♣ 96
♠ 874	
♥ 65	
♦ AJ862	
♣ T72	

Except for the missing ace there are 15 tricks in clubs or no-trumps but it is vital to see that the hand is played by East to protect the diamond King. West can safely open 1♣ and East will bid 1♥ but West's rebid is a nightmare. 3♣ is OK if you happen to play it as forcing but most do not, and it does not really do justice to the hand. 3NT accurately describes the trick-taking merit but wrong-sides whatever values are held by partner in the two unbid suits. Getting to 6NT played by East will be rewarded with an annual subscription to Australian Bridge for their club to some clever pair. Our thanks to Paul Marston for this contribution.

The remaining successful pairs are:

M. Lax & B. Murphy of Ballina Seniors Bridge Club

L. Cleaver & R. Hummershoj from Bathurst Bridge Club

H. Adamson & S. Donoghue from Bega Valley Bridge Club

D. Butler & D. Reddel from Canobolas Bridge Club

P. Fent & T. Palmer from Blue Mountains Bridge Club

E.& K. Greenwood from Glen Bridge Club

R. Scahill & A. Craven from Goulburn Bridge Club

P. Whitehead & E. Dooner from Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club

J. Stobo & T. Bodycote, E. Wilkinson & K. Moyes from Lindfield Bridge Club
J. Weingarth & K. Cross from Lismore Bridge Club
C. & P. Woodadge, A. Landy & J. Richardson from Maitland Bridge Club
G. Norman & L. Bavin from Mollymook Bridge Club
E. Dawes & H. Britton from Orange Bridge Club
J. Millington & B. Kennedy from Penrith Bridge Club
J. Willoughby & C. Harbon from Port Macquarie Bridge Club
B. Gassman & J. Genocchis, A. Clark & A. Terry from Trumps Bridge Club
A. McMullen & L. Martin from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club
M. Hoare & B. Meaney, H. Wilson & R. Biddles, A. & J. Fraser, J. Pierce & G.
Lynn from Ballina Bridge Club