

# Roll of Honour

Session One:

BD: 18 Dealer: E Vul: N-S

	♠ 10954	
	♥ K854	
	♦ J1073	
	♣ 10	
♠ J83		♠ Q72
♥ 6		♥ QJ10973
♦ Q8		♦ K6
♣ 9876543		♣ J2
	♠ AK6	
	♥ A2	
	♦ A9542	
	♣ AKQ	

“Diamonds 2-2 or a singleton honour is all that is required to make 6♦ on this deal but it will be hard to reach even if East does not confuse the issue with a weak 2♥ opening. The extra trick to be had by pitching two spades on the clubs and ruffing a spade in the short hand is not, of course, available at NTs. There are only 11 tricks to be had in this contract and many pairs will fall foul of the matchpoint preference for NTs. Bidding and making 6♦ will rate you a mention on our Roll of Honour on the FABC pages of the NSWBA web site:

<http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/index.html> “

Only two partnerships in the event were able to play the contract in 5♦ and make the requisite twelve tricks. They were:

**G. Milson and P. Bourke** from Goulburn Bridge Club

**C. Carter and G. Davies** from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club

Session Two:

BD: 19 Dealer: S Vul: E-W

♠ QJ7	
♥ A	
♦ KJ94	
♣ AJ742	
♠ 953	♠ 1062
♥ 654	♥ KQJ1083
♦ Q762	♦ 5
♣ Q95	♣ K83
♠ AK84	
♥ 972	
♦ A1083	
♣ 106	

“Most will pass on the South hand and leave it to partner to open 1♣. East will bid 1♥ or 2♥ or 3♥, depending on the partnership style and South will make a takeout double. North will probably take a guess at 3NT. This contract is very scary. Quite a few will misguess diamonds and the roof will fall in. 6♦ is a poor spot and requires inspired declarer play. 4♠, however, is an excellent spot. So much so that, bidding and making this game deserves mention on the Roll of Honour on the FABC pages of the NSWBA web site: <http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/index.html>”

Thirteen partnerships bid and made at least ten tricks in 4♠. They were:

**J. Herriot** and **S. McConnell** from the Commercial Bridge Club, Albury

**M. Mitchell** and **L. Nicholson** also from Albury Bridge Club

**E. Smith** and **A. Humphries** from Ballina Bridge Club

**E. Jones** and **K. Madden** from Batemans Bay Bridge Club

**M. White** and **W. Parker** from Illawarra Bridge Club

**J. McCrae** and **F. Lyon** also from Illawarra Bridge Club

**P. Hehir** and **R. Thomas** from Leeton Soldiers Bridge Club

**P. Williams** and **V. Kelly** also from Leeton Bridge Club

**T Murphy** and **M. Parfait** from Maitland Bridge Club

**A and E Karakashian** from Manly Warringah Bridge Club

**S. Labordus** and **C. Conway** from Narrabeen Bridge Club

**L. Montz** and **L. Kobler** from Trumps Bridge Club

**J. Bowen** and **H. McDonald** from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club

Session Three:

BD: 3 Dealer: S Vul: E-W

	♠ 103	
	♥ A965	
	♦ J86	
	♣ AKQ4	
♠ 864		♠ KJ2
♥ J104		♥ KQ873
♦ 10543		♦ Q97
♣ 1053		♣ 62
	♠ AQ975	
	♥ 2	
	♦ AK2	
	♣ J987	

“For want of a sensible alternative bid North will probably produce 2♣ over the opening 1♠ from partner. Those who play splinter bids may well get to 6♣ which is an excellent spot and in practice makes all 13 tricks when the spade finesse works and the suit breaks. Over 2♣ a jump shift to 3♥ shows a club raise with a singleton heart. The heart holding at North is perfect. 6♠ also makes but is a very much inferior place to play. To reach 6♣ on such thin values will get NS a mention on the Roll of Honour on the FABC pages of the NSWBA web site:

<http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/index.html>“

Just six pairs of the several hundred who played the board were able to reach and then to make this excellent contract. They were:

**J. Hector** and **M. Simes** from Bathurst and District Bridge Club

**N. Peacocke** and **D. Clarke** from Dubbo Bridge Club

**K. Wilks** and **I. Walker** from Newcastle Bridge Club

**H. Britton** and **E. Dawes** from Orange Bridge Club

**R. Dobson** and **P. Hardy** from Penrith Bridge Club

**R. Pout** and **M. Eggins** from Maitland Bridge Club

## The Annual Brilliancy award

The following hand was sufficiently hard, I thought, to be deserving of the annual brilliancy award. I did overlook that the lead of the club Jack would simplify matters. 18 pairs had no problem so I had to resort to a hat draw to come up with a winner. This draw was made from those who received a lead other than a club honour.

The winning pair is:

**P. Carruther** and **J. Southwood** from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club

I have listed the pairs who managed to make twelve tricks below.

BD: 28 Session 3 Dealer: W Vul: N-S

♠ A53	
♥ AKJ8	
♦ A97	
♣ AQ8	
♠ 1064	♠ 72
♥ 1093	♥ 765
♦ J3	♦ KQ8542
♣ J10643	♣ K5
♠ KQJ98	
♥ Q42	
♦ 106	
♣ 972	

“North, with a very handy bunch of high cards will probably settle for 4♠ when partner uses the partnership gadgetry, probably a transfer, to show a 5-card spade suit. Most declarers will draw trumps, pitch a diamond on the long heart and take the losing club finesse to end up with 11 tricks. You will note that the software analysis manages to make twelve tricks in this contract and so should we all. A club to the eight is the correct way to play that suit – and this brings in 12 tricks and 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. Furness** and **I. Lahm** from the Commercial Club at Albury  
**H. and R. Van Aken** also from the Commercial Club at Albury  
**P. Preston** and **L. Hoult** from Ballina Bridge Club  
**E. Smith** and **A. Humphries** also from Ballina Bridge Club  
**B. Meaney** and **M. Hoare** again from Ballina Bridge Club  
**K. Crothers** and **S. McBain** from Glen Bridge Club  
**S. Ross** and **E. Sevil** from Gunnedah Bridge Club  
**T. Marchant** and **I. Porter** from Illawarra Bridge Assoc.  
**M. Hezemans** and **J. Edmond** also Illawarra Bridge Assoc.  
**P. Ross** and **L. Harradine** from Manly Warringah Bridge Club  
**V. and P. Apte** also from Manly Warringah Bridge Club  
**S. Crawford** and **B. Turner** again from Manly Warringah Bridge Club  
**M. Leonard** and **H. Bryant** from Mudgee Bridge Club  
**G. Hood** and **M. Brown** from Orange Bridge Club  
**L. Kobler** and **A. Hazell** from Trumps Bridge Club  
**J. Rava** and **D. Brennan** from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club  
**P. Carruther** and **J. Southwood** also from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club

C. Kelly and W. Curtis again from Wagga Wagga Bridge Club