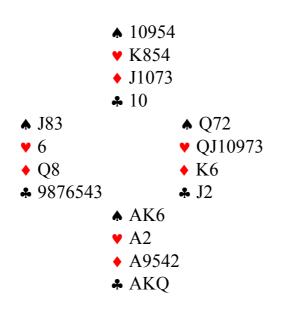


Session One: BD: 18 Dealer: E Vul: N-S



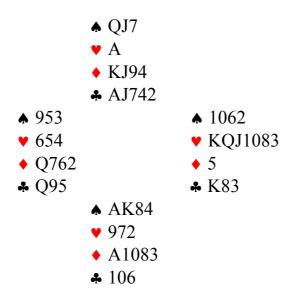
"Diamonds 2-2 or a singleton honour is all that is required to make 6♦ on this deal but it will be hard to reach even if East does not confuse the issue with a weak 2♥ opening. The extra trick to be had by pitching two spades on the clubs and ruffing a spade in the short hand is not, of course, available 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

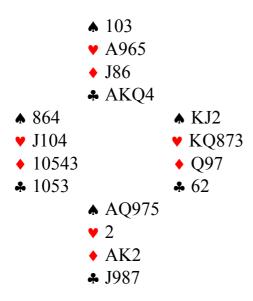
Session Two: BD: 19 Dealer: S Vul: E-W



"Most will pass on the South hand and leave it to partner to open 1. East will bid $1 \lor$ or $2 \lor$ or $3 \lor$, 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 missguess diamonds and the roof will fall in. $6 \blacklozenge$ is a poor spot and requires inspired declarer play. $4 \blacklozenge$, 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: <u>http://www.nswba.com.au/fabc/index.html</u>"

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
J. 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



"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 finess 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:

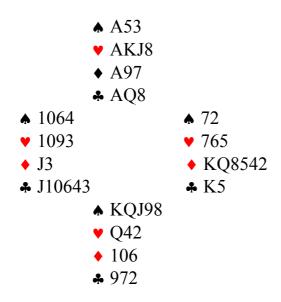
- J. Hector and M. Simes from Bathurst and District Bridge Club
- N. Peacocke and D. Clarke from Dubbo Bridge Club
- K. Wilks and I. Walker from Newcastle Bridge Club
- H. Britton and E. Dawes from Orange Bridge Club
- R. Dobson and P. Hardy from Penrith Bridge Club
- **R. Pout** and **M. Eggins** from 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



"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 finess 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