

Roll of Honour

Session One

Board 8, Dealer West, Vul: Nil

	♠ A942	
	♥ 63	
	♦ AK	
	♣ QJ1032	
♠ Q86		♠ 10
♥ AKQ105		♥ J874
♦ Q432		♦ J95
♣ 8		♣ AK974
	♠ KJ753	
	♥ 92	
	♦ 10876	
	♣ 65	

“When North doubles West’s 1♥ for takeout East is good enough to bid game. South might make the mistake of attempting to save in 4♠. 4♠ can be held to 8 tricks by disallowing declarer to pick trumps by cashing 2 rounds of hearts and then playing 3 rounds of clubs. The defence to a heart contract is even more demanding - North must cash 2 diamonds and then underlead the ♠A to receive a diamond ruff. This is the only successful defence to 4♥ and will get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site: <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/swp.htm>”

This board was a real mixed bag, with about a quarter of the field making 4♥. Those NS pairs who were clever enough to beat EW’s game deserved their matchpoint score of around 88% on the board.

The Roll of Honour recipients were:

Alibeth Clatworthy and Barbara Martin from Dubbo Bridge Club
Judith Futter and Sue McKerrow from Glen Bridge Club
John Munro and Beryl Isaac from Goulburn Bridge Club
Valry Smith and Michael McGhie from Goulburn Bridge Club
Arlene Brown and Denise Biron from Griffith Bridge Club
Patricia Protheroe and Margaret O’Leary from Leeton Bridge Club

Max Roth and Tony McKerrow from Mudgee Bridge Club
Robin Suttor and Virginia Heath from Mudgee Bridge Club
Sue Labordus and Marguerita McDonald from Narrabeen Bridge Club
Ronald Dobson and Phil Hardy from Penrith Bridge Club
Ernie Newman and Elaine Pugh from Penrith Bridge Club
Emma Leermakers and Antonius Wolf from Penrith Bridge Club

Session Two

Board 4, Dealer West, Vul: All

	♠ 9754	
	♥ K9854	
	♦ KJ97	
	♣ ---	
♠ 10832		♠ ---
♥ 63		♥ QJ7
♦ 1082		♦ A64
♣ KQ65		♣ AJ108432
	♠ AKQJ6	
	♥ A102	
	♦ Q53	
	♣ 97	

“4-card trump support, 2 kings and a void makes North worth a 4♣ splinter raise to game after partner interposes 1♠ over a 1♣ opening from East. East will probably bid 5♣. South has the extras to bid 6♠ which is a reasonable contract depending on diamonds 3-3 or a short ♦10. West has the information on the auction that partner has a void spade and very long clubs with a hand too good to open 5♣ and should find the save in 7♣. 7♣ is an excellent save and will get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site: <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/swp.htm>”

It seems that very few EW pairs were tested to find the slam sacrifice on this board, and nobody achieved the Roll of Honour score. There were a number of EW pairs who got to play this board in clubs at lower levels. Any EW pair scoring better than -650 scored quite a bit above average. As we can't congratulate anyone for achieving the Roll of Honour score, let's mention the two pairs who shared an outright top by successfully bidding and making 6♠:

Leigh Tindall and Jennifer Hector from Bathurst Bridge Club
George Czubala and Ken McIvor from Illawarra Bridge Association

Session Three

Board 11, Dealer South, Vul: Nil

	♠ Q64	
	♥ A10	
	♦ AJ7	
	♣ K10964	
♠ J872		♠ K95
♥ J		♥ 9765
♦ 1098542		♦ KQ3
♣ 53		♣ QJ2
	♠ A103	
	♥ KQ8432	
	♦ 6	
	♣ A87	

“6♥ is an excellent contract requiring only a reasonable break in trumps and a 3-2 club break. Should the defence lead a testing spade declarer will have to guess to play low from dummy but the suit can otherwise be discarded on the club suit. Declarer will have to note the fall of the ♥J and be careful to cash the ♥10 before returning to hand to draw the trumps. Entry to dummy’s clubs must be retained by ducking a club but otherwise the hand is uncomplicated. 6♥ will get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site: <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/2012/swp.htm>”

Just playing carefully in 4♥ would get you an excellent score on this board. Making 480 for NS was worth 70% of the matchpoints. There were 5 pairs who successfully bid their way to 6♥ and made it. The icing on the cake for the last two pairs listed was that they were doubled for a very satisfying +1210. Congratulations to:

Margaret Perosin and Leone Evans from Griffith Bridge Club

Linda Abbenbroek and Carolyn Dowling from Manly-Warringah Bridge Club

Mike Edwards and Liz Jacka from NSWBA

Joan McClelland and Jenny Keegan from Narrabeen Bridge Club

Ronald Dobson and Phil Hardy from Penrith Bridge Club