

Roll of Honour

Session One

Board 17, Dealer is North, Vul: Nil

	♠ 98632	
	♥ Q10	
	♦ Q82	
	♣ 763	
♠ 5		♠ J7
♥ J9654		♥ A
♦ K3		♦ A109764
♣ A9842		♣ KQ105
	♠ AKQ104	
	♥ K8732	
	♦ J5	
	♣ J	

“South might bid 2♦ (Michaels) over an opening 1♦ from East or, those who play that such a bid is essentially pre-emptive and denies an opening hand, will bid 1♠ instead. West is not good enough to bid 2♥ and will generally settle for a double. In the modern style North is likely to pre-empt 3♠ but East is good enough, after partner’s double, to rebid 4♣. South will bid 4♠ and West 5♣ to end the auction. Getting to the excellent 6♣ contract would be clever enough to get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site.”

Most EW pairs sold out to a partscore by NS, so the average score on the board was EW +100. Simply by getting to game (and making it) EW scored 80% of the matchpoints. Just one pair bid to 6♣ and made it, for an absolute top.

Congratulations to **Sandra McBain and Camilla Gilder** from Glen Bridge Club.

Session Two

Board 29, Dealer is North, Vul: All

	♠ K10	
	♥ K962	
	♦ AK74	
	♣ Q75	
♠ AJ		♠ Q976532
♥ Q1075		♥ AJ
♦ J6		♦ Q98
♣ AJ1084		♣ 2
	♠ 84	
	♥ 843	
	♦ 10532	
	♣ K963	

“Whether North opens 1NT or 1♦, East is likely to bid 2♠ and this contract will very often be passed out. West will think about the possibility of making a forward-going bid given that partner has made a vulnerable interpose but most will pass. Even those who raise partner are not likely to get to the unstoppable 4♠ or 3NT contracts available to the side. With an opening bid from North it will not prove difficult to play the diamonds for one loser or to take a heart finesse and then a ruffing finesse in the suit for the 10th trick. The games are lucky but once there successful declarer play to bring home either contract will score very well and get you a mention on the Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site. “

Most pairs got to a spade part-score and made either 9 or 10 tricks. The pairs who bid game successfully were:

Chris Brooks and Gloria Secombe, Ballina Seniors Bridge Club
Joyce Powell and Jan Holmes, Batemans Bay Bridge Club
Helen George and Karin Le Roux, Bathurst Bridge Club
Jens Skovgaard and David Morrow, Bathurst Bridge Club
Yvonne Breakwell and Bet Matthews, Camden Haven Bridge Club
Joan Gillett and Judith Riley, Camden Haven Bridge Club
Pam Perry and Jan Kurras, Camden Haven Bridge Club
Cyril Treasure and Tiit Tonuri, Cowra Bridge Club
Sandra McBain and Kerrie Crothers, Glen Bridge Club
Michael Quilter and Pat McPherson, Illawarra Bridge Association
Sue Crawford and Margaret Draper, Manly-Warringah Bridge Club
Valerie Hambrook and Janet Bean, Manly-Warringah Bridge Club
Max Paterson and Ronald Smith, Manly-Warringah Bridge Club
Elizabeth Loneragan and Di Bates, Mudgee Bridge Club
Jan Heber and Barbara Muller, Mudgee Bridge Club
Sue Labordus and Lyn Smith, Narrabeen Bridge Club
Joyce Millington and William Kennedy, Penrith Bridge Club
Brian Borchard and John Robinson, Penrith Bridge Club
Judith Johnstone and Kathy Budge, Penrith Bridge Club

Session Three:
Board 3, Dealer is South, Vul: E-W

	♠ Q98753	
	♥ J108	
	♦ 6	
	♣ K73	
♠ -		♠ KJ2
♥ AK97653		♥ 2
♦ K2		♦ AQJ109754
♣ QJ106		♣ 5
	♠ A1064	
	♥ Q4	
	♦ 83	
	♣ A9842	

“Getting to 6♦ get you will a mention on our Roll of Honour on the NSWBA web site. NS are likely to get into the act having a 6-4 spade fit and favourable vulnerability but even a straight forward auction will have to be good. West will be frightened to start with 1♥, and some will try 4♥ in an effort to avoid spade interference, but the hand is far too strong. The best auction would be something like: 1♥: 2♦, 4♥: 5♦, 6♦. West must understand that partner’s removal to 5♦ is forward-going and the trump king and the void are gold.”

A huge majority of the field played in either 4♥ or 5♦. 620 was the average score, but those making just 11 tricks in 5♦ only scored a measly 30% of the matchpoints. Congratulations to the pairs who bid and made 6♦:

Margaret Quigley and Jan Hanlon, Batemans Bay Bridge Club
Michael Alves and Laurine Alves, Batemans Bay Bridge Club
Rhonda Jones and Jann McNeil, Bega Valley Bridge Club
Bettyanne McFarland and Jill Beith, Dubbo Bridge Club
Michael Burgess and Jenny Burgess, Goulburn Bridge Club
Ruth Neild and Karel Hensen, Illawarra Bridge Association
John Roodenrys and Martin Bunder, Illawarra Bridge Association
Jan Chivers and Peter Chivers, Manly-Warringah Bridge Club
Barbara Woodfield and Dick Woodfield, Narrabeen Bridge Club
Robert Vadas and Sophie King, NSWBA
Patricia Armstrong and Noreen Armstrong, Trumps Bridge Club
Bill Hulcome and Tony Bowden, Trumps Bridge Club
Trena Kennedy and Coral Brown, Wagga Bridge Club