



# “Trumping In”

## Waverley Bridge Club Newsletter

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### SEASONS GREETINGS



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#### Compliments of the season to all our members and friends.

2013 has been a busy and productive year for WBC, and we hope that you have found membership at WBC a positive part of your life this year. We look forward to welcoming you all to one of our Christmas parties - if not more!

This year they are being held on:

**Thursday 7.30 pm** December 12

**Monday** December 16 – Morning players come for Bridge at 10.00 am. Afternoon players please arrive at 12.30 pm

**Tuesday 7.30 pm**, December 17

Please bring along a plate of yummy food to share for lunch. The playing session will be a little shorter than usual to allow for time to party.

There will be an option to play in a special ‘fun’ section at the parties. This was trialled at Kalorama and occasioned much good humour and not a little noise.

Very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas season and a happy, healthy, bridge-filled 2014 from all the Committee and staff at WBC. Copies of the 2014 Handbook will be ready for collection in the middle of December.

#### CHRISTMAS SESSIONS:

WBC will be closed on December 25 and 26. Sessions will resume on December 27. Two extra sessions will be played on Friday afternoon December 27 and Tuesday afternoon December 31. Normal sessions resume on Jan 1.

See page 5 for Christmas/New Year plans when we will be running a winner-take-all competition in conjunction with our normal sessions.



#### BRIDGE PLAYERS' GIFTS

Check out our wonderful array of bridge-players gifts on the table in Room 1.

#### PLAY VOUCHERS

Would you like to give your partner or friend the perfect gift? We are selling, at face value, gift vouchers for one or more games.

#### GIVE A GIFT OF LESSONS – A LIFETIME OF FUN!

Do you have a friend or relative who might be thinking of learning bridge? We have gift vouchers for full lesson courses for \$120 or a discount price of \$250 for lessons, club membership and 10 supervised sessions. Beginners' lessons start in February.

Vouchers are also available for our 8 week Intermediate course starting in February for only \$100.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS -

Tania Reilly, Tracey Arnall, Ann Meehan, Richard Jackson, Marian Marshall, Wendy Kennon, Beverley Riddell, Malcolm Carter, Gerda Fanning and Sara Backhouse.

We hope you enjoy many years of good bridge and good friendship at Waverley Bridge Club.

## MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have recently achieved rank promotions:

Graduate Master      2+ Master Points

Rex Harding  
Helen Jowett

Club Master      5+ Master Points

Ann Doyle  
Keith Leech

Local Master      15+ Master Points

Harold Dalton  
Trish Kerr

\*Local Master      25+ Master Points

Lorna Mason  
Jolanta Terlecka  
Peter Wilson

\*\*Local Master      35+ Master Points

Judith Steinberg

Regional Master      50+ Master Points

Maria Moryto

Gold Life Master      750 Master Points

Alison Talbot

## BIDDING QUIZ FOR NEWER PLAYERS

Partner opens 1♦ and your right hand opponent overcalls 1♠. What should you do with the following hands?

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. ♠872<br>♥943<br>♦Q6<br>♣QJ642  | 2. ♠973<br>♥K4<br>♦53<br>♣AQJ742  |
| 3. ♠K1083<br>♥74<br>♦K83<br>♣QJ75 | 4. ♠64<br>♥J94<br>♦J875<br>♣A872  |
| 5. ♠A92<br>♥KQ1085<br>♦Q8<br>♣J73 | 6. ♠KJ5<br>♥AJ7<br>♦Q95<br>♣10872 |
| 7. ♠96<br>♥KQ83<br>♦843<br>♣K1075 | 8. ♠AQJ953<br>♥K82<br>♦4<br>♣1094 |
| 9. ♠3<br>♥95<br>♦KJ875<br>♣J10862 | 10. ♠962<br>♥K94<br>♦AQ873<br>♣Q7 |

See page 9 for answers

## WHO HAS WHAT?

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♣986

Lead: ♥Q

♠AJ984 (You)  
♥32  
♦A73  
♣K53

1. Which player is likely to have the ♥J?
2. Which player is likely to have the ♣A?
3. How do you plan to make the contract?

Choose your answers, then see page 6





## CALL THE DIRECTOR Rob Quirk

From time to time, something can be said or done at a table, either accidentally or intentionally, which causes one or more of those present to feel uncomfortable or be offended. When it does happen, such behaviour completely undermines our principal objective of providing an environment at all times in which everyone enjoys playing bridge at WBC. Unfortunately, however, in a club of our size and with people being people, it will inevitably occur. What should you do if you have such an experience?

If somebody makes an insufficient bid or leads out of turn, I would think that most of us know to call the director without hesitation. Although it might seem easier said than done, this is exactly the same course of action you must take if anyone makes a comment or gesture at any time with which you are not comfortable. Call the director.

We understand that many of us may feel reluctant to become involved when issues involving people, rather than cards, arise but if such behaviour is allowed to go unchecked, you can be assured that anyone behaving in an unacceptable manner will think that they can continue in this vein with impunity. Even if you are a relative novice playing against very experienced players, you are entitled to be shown the same respect and courtesies as anyone else and you should never allow yourself to be intimidated by another person.

Our directors are responsible for ensuring that all players conduct themselves at all times in a manner acceptable to WBC. If you have any concern at any time about someone else's behaviour at the table, call the director without hesitation.

## MAKING A CLAIM

And as a corollary of the above, here is just a little run-down of the correct way to make a claim. This is the *only* correct way to make a claim.

If the declarer makes a statement that he will win a certain number of tricks, or lose a certain number of tricks, or in any way makes a claim – play ceases.

After the statement of claim, declarer must place his cards face up on the table and *state his exact line of play*.

If the defenders are not happy with the claim, they should then call the director. Defenders are not able to request a certain line of play or ask that the cards be played out.

Defenders should *not* have to ask declarer to show his cards or state his line of play. This should be automatic. A defender who is forced to ask declarer to do so is not being aggressive, merely maintaining the law. Of course, it is important to always make any such request in a pleasant tone of voice.

## TEST YOUR PLAY – for advanced players

Dlr S                    ♠754  
 Vul: N/S              ♥AQ3  
 IMP's                  ♦K76  
                              ♣A942  
  
                              ♠A63  
                              ♥KJ1084  
                              ♦AQ94  
                              ♣6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
3♣ (weak)	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥

Lead: ♣K. Plan the play, then see page 8

## WORKSHOPS

We have been having a great response to the workshops which are currently running.

Our Splinter Bids workshops have just been completed, so chat to your partner about coming along to our coming two week series :

**Cue Bidding to Slam:** to be run on Saturday December 7 and 14 by Mary Elson

Time: 9.30 am – 12.00 pm.

Cost for members \$15 per session and for non-members \$17 per session.

Come alone or with your partner – of course it is a good idea for both of you to attend, but copies of the notes are available for only \$2 so if your partner can't make it to one or other of the classes you can work through the notes together later.

Plenty of quizzes, bidding and hand play.

## A POLITICALLY CORRECT CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...  
How to live in a world that's politically correct?

His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",  
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,  
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows:  
Rudolf was suing for unauthorized use of his nose.

As for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion  
That making a choice could cause so much commotion.  
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur.  
Which meant little for him. And little for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute.  
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.  
Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.  
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.  
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.  
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.  
No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.  
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.

And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,  
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.

For they raised the hackles of those psychological  
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;  
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.

Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passé;  
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, dishevelled, perplexed;  
He just could not figure out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,  
But you've got to be careful with that word today.

His sack was quite empty, was limp to the ground;  
Nothing fully acceptable was there to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might  
Give to all without angering the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,  
Each group of people, every religion;  
Every ethnicity, every hue,  
Everyone, everywhere...even you.

So here is that gift, its price beyond worth...

**"MAY YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ENJOY  
PEACE ON EARTH."**



**Be an angel, and put your name on the  
Stand-by Roster for December or January –  
help all our members enjoy bridge at WBC.**

## CUE RAISES OF OPENING BIDS

You may be familiar with cue raises of overcalls, when

(1♦) : 1♠ : (Pass) : 2♦ promises 10+ HCP and primary support for partner's suit – spades.

However, you can also make use of cue raises when partner has opened the bidding and there has been an overcall –

1♠ : (2♣) : 3♣ - promises a good raise to 3♠ or better:

1. ♠J974	2. ♠KQ9
♥A2	♥A2
♦KQ97	♦KJ72
♣543	♣9864

With hand 1, you have a hand worth 11 Total Points and describe it perfectly by cue bidding 3♣ over opponent's 2♣ overcall.

With hand 2, you have 14TP and are planning on reaching the game level. Begin describing your hand with a cue raise, then if partner shows a minimum opening hand by rebidding 3♠, raise him to 4♠.

The use of the cue raise frees up a jump raise in the suit for other uses, specifically to be used, after the overcall, as a preemptive raise –

1♠ : (2♣) : 3♠ - shows a hand similar to the following:

♠Q974  
♥762  
♣QJ932  
♣7

Normally you will have four trumps and fewer than 9 or 10 TP. Your jump raise will make it difficult for opponents to continue, and will warn partner not to get too excited.

## FOR SALE

Once again we can offer top quality roasted cashews and dried cranberries for wonderful prices -

Cashews per kilogram - \$15

Cranberries per kilogram - \$10

We will provide half kilogram quantities as well.

Ask Mary or Laura.



## CHRISTMAS BRIDGE



WBC will be closed on December 25 and 26.  
Sessions will resume on Friday morning December 27.

Sessions will be held on all days with the exception of Tuesday pm December 31 – as follows:

Friday 10.00 am December 27 – free clinic

Friday 10.30 am December 27

Friday 1.30 pm December 27

Saturday 1.00 pm December 28

Sunday 2.00 pm December 29

Monday 10.00 am December 30

Monday 1.30 pm December 30

Tuesday 10.00 am December 31

Tuesday 1.30 pm December 31

Tuesday 7.30 pm December 31 - CLOSED

Wednesday 10.00 am January 1 – Normal sessions resume

Note that there are two extra sessions during this time – Friday afternoon December 27 and Tuesday afternoon December 31.

*In conjunction with normal bridge, a special competition will be run at this time. Play at any of these sessions with three different partners for a chance to win a cash prize which will be dependent on numbers of players.*

*Your highest scores with three different partners will be averaged – winner takes all! There is no entry fee.*



Frustration is trying to find your  
glasses without your glasses.



**WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUB PENS FOR SALE** – for yourself or for a Christmas gift.

Buy your partner, your neighbour, or yourself a WBC pen – only \$3. See samples in the office.

## ENTERTAINING OUR AMERICAN VISITORS

Well folks, the best laid plans of mice and men etc. etc.

Preparations were almost complete for our lunch and duplicate game with our 44 American and Canadian visitors on November 9, when we received a call – on the afternoon of November 8 - to tell us that there was heavy fog in New Zealand and the majority of our guests were unable to fly out.

So, instead of 44 guests, we had 6.

Luckily although the food had been bought it was not prepared, so there were some hasty changes to quantities. Lunch was prepared, eighty of our members turned up (double the normal Saturday crowd – and thanks to all of you,) our six guests arrived and we all had a terrific time.

After sorting out a few small changes between North American bridge and Australian bridge – our northern neighbours ‘announce’ bids like – ‘transfers’, we all settled down and enjoyed the game.

Laura had made a great prize basket for the highest scoring visitor pair – two bottles of WBC labelled wine, two packs of WBC cards, two pairs of ‘cards’ socks, and two (mercifully small) jars of Vegemite!

Let’s hope we have another opportunity to entertain overseas or interstate visitors in the future.

The remainder of the party arrived on the evening of November 9 and then had to jam Melbourne and the ubiquitous visit to Philip Island to see the penguins into one Sunday. It must have been a bit of a rush.

## USING THE CAR PARK

When you park your car in the spots adjacent to the trees, please park *close* to the tree. This will leave enough space for other cars to use the centre spot in each group of three parking spots. Leaving your car a metre, or nearly so, away from the tree just makes parking for the car in the middle very difficult and potentially damaging to *your* car.

Thoughtful parking by everyone will make for fewer scraped cars, and much better tempers all round. We will have to ask you to move your car if you park across two spaces, especially on busy days. Thanks.

## PLAN THE PLAY for improving players

1. ♠AQ6  
♥A8  
♦J9842  
♣763

♠K105  
♠KQ7  
♦Q103  
♣KQJ4

Contract: 3NT  
Lead: ♥4

2. ♠AQ74  
♥K752  
♦104  
♣J97

♠KJ10652  
♥A63  
♦AQ  
♣104

Contract: 4♠  
Lead: ♣A

Plan the play for both hands, then see page 7 for a discussion.

## WHO HAS WHAT? – answer from page 2

As South, you become declarer in 4♠ after the following auction:

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1♦	Double	Pass	4♠

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Lead: ♥Q

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♥AK104  
♦95  
♣986

♠AJ984 (You)  
♥32  
♦A73  
♣K53

1. Which player is likely to have the ♥J?  
West – although he *could* have the singleton Queen, or Qx, it is much more likely that he is leading Queen from Queen Jack.
2. Which player is likely to have the ♠A?  
West. He opened the bidding so must have most of the missing points.

3. You have a certain Diamond loser and could lose three Club tricks. The complete layout is likely something like this:

	♠KQ106 (Dummy)	
	♥AK104	
	♦95	
	♣986	
♠53		♠72
♥QJ97		♥865
♦KJ62		♦Q1084
♣AQ2		♣J1074
	♠AJ984 (You)	
	♥32	
	♦A73	
	♣K53	

The only chance is to discard one of your losing Clubs on a winner in dummy, and if West has the ♥J, you can do just that. Take the Heart Ace at trick one, draw trumps, ending in your hand. Lead your other Heart and finesse the ♥10. If this holds – and it should – discard one of your clubs on the ♥K.

## NSW BUSHFIRES FUNDRAISER

### RED POINT SWISS PAIRS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

10.00 AM – 5.00 PM

\$25 per player

A BBQ LUNCH AND DRINKS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR SALE.  
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Keep Sunday December 15 free to help us  
assist the bushfire victims.

Take a (surely well-earned) break from  
Christmas stuff and play a little good  
bridge!! All profits from the event will be  
donated to the appeal.

Please place your name on the Entry form on  
the Events board, email us at  
[office@waverleybridgeclub.com.au](mailto:office@waverleybridgeclub.com.au) or enter  
on our web site -  
[www.waverleybridgeclub.com.au](http://www.waverleybridgeclub.com.au)

## PLAN THE PLAY for improving players

From page 6

1.	♠AQ6	
	♥A8	
	♦J9842	
	♣763	
♠742		♠J983
♥106542		♥J93
♦AK5		♦76
♣A2		♣10985
	♠K105	
	♠KQ7	
	♦Q103	
	♣KQJ4	

Contract: 3NT

Lead: ♥4

You have six sure tricks, three in spades, and three in hearts. So, you need three more. The club suit looks promising since you can promote two winners by driving out the ♣A and will get a third trick if they are divided 3/3.

This however, does not have a very high probability. If you play on clubs and the suit breaks badly – 4/2 or worse, you will go down. On the actual deal, West can develop two heart winners to go with the ♦AK and ♣A.

Instead, you can guarantee nine tricks by going after the diamond suit. Win the heart Ace, and lead a low diamond to the queen. West will take the King and lead another heart.

You win and lead another diamond, west can take the Ace and lead a third heart, clearing away all your winners, but you have won the race. Your diamonds are 'set up' and you can take three diamond tricks and make your contract.

2.	♠AQ74	
	♥K752	
	♦104	
	♣J97	
♠93		♠8
♥1084		♥QJ9
♦K653		♦J9872
♣AKQ2		♣8653
	♠KJ10652	
	♥A63	
	♦AQ	
	♣104	

Contract: 4♠

Lead: ♣A

You have a sure heart loser, a potential diamond loser and two sure club losers. At first blush, it looks like the contract relies on a successful diamond finesse. You plan to lead a diamond from dummy and play the queen, hoping East has the king – a 50% chance. On the deal as given, this is the 50% of the time that the finesse loses.

It is always better to give yourself two chances instead of just one. After ruffing the third round of diamonds, draw trumps, and play the ♥A,K and lose a heart. You had to lose that trick anyway. If the missing hearts divide 3-3, dummy's last heart is now a winner.

If East wins the third round of hearts and leads a diamond, take the ♦A, go to dummy with a spade and discard the ♦Q on dummy's good heart. What if hearts weren't divided 3-3? Then, and only then, you can fall back on the diamond finesse.

## MORE BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

We have recently acquired the following titles for the library –

Declarer Play at Bridge – Barbara Seagram and David Bird  
Defend or Declare : 72 deals to test your bridge skill - Julian Pottage  
The Contested Auction - Roy Hughes  
Partnership Understandings – Mike Lawrence  
Start Bridge the Easy Way – Hugh Kelsey  
Bridge Humour – Mike Lawrence

We also have extra copies of –

Test Your Bridge Play – Eddie Kantar  
Modern Bridge Defence – Eddie Kantar  
2 over 1 Game Force – Grant Rodwell

You can borrow any book for three weeks and may renew it as long as no-one is waiting for it.

## DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Donations of clothing, jewellery and home wares in good condition can be made to Mecwacare a body working to provide aged, respite and in-home support services.

Goods can be dropped off to the shop at:

52 Chapel St  
Windsor

You can also arrange for bulky goods to be picked up by phoning 9521 1774

## TO REBID OR NOT TO REBID??

Generally speaking it is not a good idea to rebid a 5-card suit if you are responder and partner has not raised your suit –

Holding:

♠Q95  
♥QJ762  
♦84  
♣K53

and partner opens 1♦. Your first bid is, of course, 1♥. But then if partner rebids 1NT, or 2♣, or 2♦, it would be unwise to rebid 2♥. You should pass 1NT or 2♦. If partner rebids 2♣, you should show preference to diamonds.

That is generally speaking. What times might there be when it would be wise to rebid a 5-card suit?

1. Opener promises a minimum hand with a doubleton in your suit and your hand is otherwise unsuitable for No Trumps.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

♠A732  
♥QJ983  
♦J82  
♣6

Partner must have two or three of your suit –

- He doesn't have 4 spades
- He doesn't have 5 diamonds and 4 clubs
- He doesn't have 6 diamonds –

Which will only leave him with something like –

♠K62  
♥1072  
♦AQ64  
♣A94 – or maybe he has 5 diamonds.

If he has –

♠K62  
♥107  
♦AQ643  
♣A94 You should do all right in the 5/2 Heart fit, and Hearts scores better than Diamonds.

With both hands, rebid 2♥

2. Partner promises a very strong hand with at least a doubleton in your suit.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	?

And once again you hold:

♠A732  
♥QJ983  
♦J82  
♣6

This shows, depending on the range of your No Trump opening, 18 – 19, or exactly 19 HCP, and is a game force. If you had a 6-card suit, you could now rebid 4♥, because partner must have at least two Hearts for his balanced hand, so a rebid of 3♥ would describe a hand with 5 hearts, offering partner a choice of contracts.

3. Your suit contains four honours –

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣		?

♠9832  
♥AKJ109  
♦J8  
♣62

Rebid 2♥. There is still some hope of game. Even if partner has a singleton heart, the strength of your suit should be sufficient to withstand the 5/1 fit.



## TEST YOUR PLAY – for advanced players

From page 3

Dlr S ♠754  
Vul: N/S ♥AQ3  
IMP's ♦K76  
♣A942

♠J98 ♠KQ102  
♥5 ♥9762  
♦103 ♦J852  
♣KQJ10753 ♣8

♠A63  
♥KJ1084  
♦AQ94  
♣6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♥
3♣ (weak)	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥



In order to make this contract you have to avoid two spade losers. A dummy reversal is out because the third heart in dummy is not high enough to ruff three clubs and still draw trumps ending in dummy. Instead you must plan to ruff a spade in dummy!

To pull this off, you have to discard a spade on a diamond while trumps are outstanding. (Translation: you must find East with at least four diamonds plus the long trump.)

Win the ♠A, cash the ♥A and duck a spade. If a spade comes back, win the ace, cash the ♥J and whether both follow or not, play West for ♦10 or ♦Jx. Start with the ♦A, cross to the king and then lead low to the 9.

If your wish comes true, cash the ♦Q, discarding a spade, and ruff a spade. Ruff a club back to your hand and take the last two tricks with high hearts. Play the same no matter what is returned after the spade exit.

Bottom Line: You can't make the contract if diamonds are 3-3.

## BIDDING QUIZ FOR NEWER PLAYERS from page 2

Partner opens 1♦ and your right hand opponent overcalls 1♠. What should you do with the following hands?

1. ♠872 ♥943 ♦Q6 ♣QJ642

Pass. With only 5 HCP and a five card club suit you would have responded 1NT if East had passed. Partner could have up to 21 HCP. Now, however, East's bid has given partner another chance to make a bid, and you no longer have to stretch.

2. ♠973 ♥K4 ♦53 ♣AQJ742

2♣. This is exactly the same response you would have made if East had passed.

3. ♠K1083 ♥74 ♦K83 ♣QJ75

1NT. You would have responded 1♠ if there had been no overcall. Now 1NT is a very good substitute, showing 6 – 9 HCP and a spade winner.

4. ♠64 ♥J94 ♦J875 ♣A872

2♦. Don't let the overcall prevent you from supporting partner. It is true that on some rare occasions, partner may have only three diamonds, so you would prefer to have five, but in the majority of cases partner will have at least four, particularly when the spade overcall comes in, making it less likely that partner has four of that suit.

5. ♠A92 ♥KQ1085 ♦Q8 ♣J73

2♥. You would have responded 1♥ without the overcall, but your hand certainly qualifies for the two-level response, with 12 HCP.

6. ♠KJ5 ♥AJ7 ♦Q95 ♣10872

2NT. – this bid is natural and invitational, showing about 10 – 12 HCP with a good stopper in overcaller's suit.

7. ♠96 ♥KQ83 ♦843 ♣K1075

Double. This is a *negative* double, promising the values to make a response, and four cards in any unbid major suit, and possibly length in the other unbid suit as well.

8. ♠AQJ953 ♥K82 ♦4 ♣1094

*Pass! Smoothly!* If you are using negative doubles, as I hope you are, a double here would promise a four card heart suit. You would *really* like to make a penalty double with this hand, but in order to do so, you must pass and hope that partner, who will be short in spades, re-opens with a double, which you can then leave in for penalties. If you hesitate and agonise over it before you pass, partner could very well be barred from doubling. Good general tip – the longer you are in opponent's suit, the faster you should pass.

9. ♠3 ♥95 ♦KJ875 ♣J10862

3♦. Did you read the piece on page 4 about cue raises of opening bids? This is a great example of a preemptive raise of a 1♦ opening bid following an overcall.

10. ♠962 ♥K94 ♦AQ873 ♣Q7

2♠. A good example of a cue raise of a 1♦ opening. Bid two of opponent's suit to promise good values for a raise to 3♦.

## TABLE FEES

### Table fees will be rising from January 1, 2014

Member duplicate fee - \$9

Visitor duplicate fee - \$11

Sheet of 12 vouchers - \$100 (an \$8 saving)

Red point events - \$11 per session members  
\$13 per session visitors

Special events – as advertised

Lessons – as advertised

Annual subscriptions, due at the end of June 2014, are unchanged - \$40 for home club members and \$20 for associate members.

*WHAT IS SANTA'S FAVOURITE PIZZA?*

*One that's deep pan, crisp and even!*



## WEDNESDAY LESSON

The Wednesday afternoon hand play and analysis session will be breaking over the Christmas holiday period. The last session will be on December 11 and classes will restart on January 29.

This session, aimed at improving players, is designed to reinforce existing skills as well as introduce new techniques.

A series of six hands is played at each session, all illustrating a particular topic. The same hand is played at every table after which a discussion is held about the bidding and play. This can be very lively, with lots of questions being asked.

All players who would like to improve their game and enjoy bridge more (if that is possible!) will have a great time with Laura at these classes.

## Topics for January and February:

Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reverses
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stayman
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Opening leads
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Limiting your hand
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Planning the play in suit contracts



**Finn Rennie with The Honourable Alex Chernov, the Governor of Victoria on November 16. Finn was at Government House to receive the Commissioner's Award which is the highest honour a junior member of St John Ambulance can receive.**

## A NEW THREAT TO YOUR COMPUTER – by George Skarbek

CryptoLocker is a relatively new threat which I believe will become widespread as it offers criminals a good return.

### Overview

CryptoLocker is a Trojan that when executed will encrypt your entire hard drive making your data files such as Word and Excel, photos, music, databases, presentations etc. unreadable.

It will also encrypt all data files on any other computers it finds on your network. It can also encrypt files in the cloud such as Dropbox. A demand for between \$350 and over \$700 is made to supply a personal password that will allow the files to be de-encrypted and you will be given three days to pay otherwise the file are gone forever. It is unlikely that the level of encryption used by CryptoLocker will be able to be cracked within the next decade.

Payment must be made by MoneyPak or Bitcoins. Credit cards are not accepted. There have been reports of users paying the ransom but they have not been given their recovery password.

This Trojan is being distributed by mass email spamming where people are receiving emails that appear to be from banks and other financial institutions.

## What can you do?

Firstly ensure that your anti-virus is being updated automatically on a daily or more frequent intervals. This is being done automatically for almost all anti-virus programs. For example, Norton updates its database several times a day in the background.

More importantly be *very* careful when clicking on attachments sent from unknown sources or from unlikely sources such as the Tax Office advising you of a refund but the attachment ends in an .exe or is a Zip file containing the executable file that is the dangerous payload. Similarly be wary if PayPal offers you a refund and it is in a Zip file or .exe.

A slight but more subtle variation on this is that you receive a similar letter asking you to click on their PDF but if you hover the mouse over the link you will see a file that may be called Your.PDF.exe as the link. You will not open a PDF file but you will run a nasty program in the background that may pop up a PDF to distract you for some seconds until it has achieved its objective.

**Be very careful to do regular backups onto an external drive.**

For more information on CryptoLocker threat see: <http://grahamcluley.com/2013/11/cryptolocker-protect/>

## PLANNING YOUR SWITCH

♠Q7  
♥74  
♦8632  
♣AKJ94

Lead: ♠3

East hand 1. ♠1093  
♥A85  
♦J105  
♣8763

East hand 2. ♠1093  
♥A85  
♦J105  
♣Q1083

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Partner leads the ♥3 against South's 4♠ contract. You take the Ace, declarer dropping the ♠6. What card should you return at trick two with each East hand?

With hand 1, shift to the jack of diamonds immediately;

the club suit is so menacing that you must take side suit tricks as quickly as possible.

With hand 2, shift to a trump! You know that declarer cannot set up clubs, and by leading a trump you are telling your partner (and declarer, if he is awake) the same thing. In fact, a trump switch by you guarantees that the club suit is under control!

With hand 1, declarer's hand might be:

♠AKJxxx  
♥Q10x  
♦Kx  
♣10x

And a diamond switch will defeat the contract.

With hand 2, declarer might have:

♠AJxxx  
♥Q10x  
♦AK  
♣xx

And a trump switch will defeat the contract because declarer can no longer engineer a heart ruff.

## ANOTHER DEFENSIVE PLAN

	♠653		
	♥AKQ2		
	♦Q52		
	♣953	(you)	
Lead: ♠7		♠82	
		♥J987	
		♦K987	
		♣A64	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Partner leads the ♠7 against South's 3NT contract. Declarer wins the ♠10, leads a heart to the Ace, West playing the ♥2, and plays a low club. Plan your defence. See next page.

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity.

An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

- Winston Churchill

## A DEFENSIVE PLAN – from previous page

♠653	
♥AKQ4	
♦Q52	
♣953	(you)
♠KJ1074	♠82
♥62	♥J987
♦8643	♦K987
♣K8	♣A64
♠AQ9	
♥1053	
♦AJ	
♣QJ1072	

Contract: 3NTS.

When a small club is led from the dummy, East must rise with the Ace. He can then return a spade, clearing out that suit, and allowing West's club winner, should he have one, to be his entry to run the now established spades. If East plays low, West will win with his ♠K, but his second spade lead will remove East's only remaining Spade, so that when he eventually takes a trick with the ♣A, he will have no Spades to return to partner.

## THE HARDEST THINGS IN BRIDGE – an occasional look

You must be kidding, I can hear you say – the hardest?! It's all hard. Some days the whole thing is a complete mystery, some days we seem to keep our heads above water a little more. Getting our minds around the complexities of bridge will more than keep us busy for the foreseeable future.

Some aspects of the game, however, do seem to provide more challenge than others, and from time to time we will have a look at one.

This month, it's the opening lead – a huge topic. Contracts are so often defeated or let slip through at the opening lead and it would pay all defenders to have a fresh look at how they select a lead.

Just for a minute, forget your hand. Fold it up, shut your eyes and have a think. Review the auction – is this a trump contract or a no-trump contract? Did declarer open 1♦ or 1♠? Did he rebid 2♣? Did partner overcall? Did dummy raise? Does dummy have a suit of his own? Has anyone shown a singleton?

Ask yourself a hundred questions – you are arranging all the pieces of a puzzle in your head as well as you can before seeing the dummy.

Most players look at their hands and lead from a sequence, no matter what was bid. Players are very fond of quoting 'rules' – never underlead a King, never

underlead a Queen, never underlead a Jack, never lead a trump, always lead a trump, lead your highest, lead your lowest, always lead a Spade if partner doubles – Aaaaarrrrgh!!

Listen closely to the auction, and when you think you have extracted all the clues there are available, then and only then have a look at your hand. Don't rely on 'rules' – rules will be right when they are right and wrong when they are wrong. Every hand is unique.

If the auction demands a trump lead, then lead a trump – doesn't really matter what's in your hand. If the auction screams for the lead of the unbid suit, then lead the unbid suit. Lead what the auction calls for, not what is appealing in your own hand.

When was the last time your partner said – 'Nice lead partner' – to you?

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME – child not included



This scooter, a Legend-3, was purchased in December 2003 for \$4,200 and comes with a rear shopping bag. Full manuals are available.

It is in good condition and has not been used for about six years. Its carrying capacity is 135 kg.

The batteries are the originals and have a very short life and range and will need to be replaced. It will require two 34 amp sealed batteries. The charger is inbuilt.

The scooter is in Glen Waverley. For more information please ring George Skarbek on 9561 6362.

*Merry*  *Christmas* 

## HAND VALUATION

Which hand would you rather have?

- |    |        |    |       |
|----|--------|----|-------|
| 1. | ♠AK109 | 2. | ♠KQ74 |
|    | ♥753   |    | ♥KJ9  |
|    | ♦AJ74  |    | ♦KQ72 |
|    | ♣K9    |    | ♣Q10  |

Using a 16 – 18 NT opening, hand one would not qualify as a 1NT opening, having 15 HCP. Hand 2, with 16 HCP, would be opened 1NT.

And yet, would you not rather have hand 1, rich in Aces?

A change in hand valuation is needed to differentiate hands stronger in playing strength – Aces and Kings take more tricks than Queens and Jack.

Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point for every Ace in your hand.

Subtract  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point for every Queen in your hand.

Using this valuation, hand one revalues to 16 and should be opened 1NT.

Hand two revalues to