



“Trumping In”

Waverley Bridge Club Newsletter

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2014 – 2015 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The WBC subscription year runs from July 1 to June 30, and payment of subscriptions will be invited later this month.

Steep rises in ABF and VBA capitation have occurred and in order to avoid loss of income we will regretfully also have to increase our fees for Home Club members.

Annual fees:

Home Club members : \$45

Associate members : \$20 (unchanged)

New Member fees:

New Home Club members : \$60

New Associate members : \$35.

BRIDGE HOLIDAY 2014

We are delighted to confirm that this year we will be running another bridge holiday from September 17 to 21, and hope that you will be able to join us.

This year the holiday will be at the Stonelea Country Estate in Alexandra, not far from Eildon Weir, and our stay will be four nights.

Stonelea is a lovely rambling place, full of charm and character – it used to be a sheep farm. The large grounds include an 18 hole golf course, a lake with fishing (and frogs!), swimming pools, croquet and tennis. Rooms and en suites are spacious and attractive; all meals and snacks are included and will be great. Day spa and massage are available.

A half day trip to Marysville, with visits to Bruno's Sculpture Garden and a walk to Steavenson Falls is included in the overall price.

A bus to and from Melbourne will be provided to transport over 50 guests to Stonelea. Booking to use the bus will be on a first in, first served basis. There will be an extra charge for this transport.

People who do not want to drive this distance (close to 100 km) and are unable to use the bus may be able to get a lift from other travelers. Speak to us and we will be able to help you.

Mary, Laura and Bill will be your hosts and the program will include lots of bridge as well as options for lessons, outings and free time. (Laura has promised that it won't rain this year!!)

See pages 13 & 14 for all details and booking form. Places are limited – first in, first served.

VALE CHARLIE SCHWABEGGER

Charlie, one of life's gentlemen, and one full of a wonderful sense of humour and zest for life, folded up his cards last month after a long battle with cancer, and he will be sorely missed.

Charlie, a skilled and passionate bridge player, was a home club member of WBC for many years and the place just won't be the same without him.

Our deepest sympathies go to Kerrin and all his family.

RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our members who have recently achieved rank promotions:

Graduate Master **2+ Masterpoints**
Marcus Brodmeyer, Rhonda Favalaro, Joyce Fernandes, Elaine Hall, Jenny Hatcher, Sue Hodge, Eva Hody, Kate Macdougall, Daphne Norman, Barbara Scherger, Geoff Swanson, Heather Trumble, Claire Valkenburg

Club Master **5+ Masterpoints**
Moyra Kwan, Barry Levi, Elizabeth Roy

Local Master **15+ Masterpoints**
Lyndon Charlesworth, Nancy Ring, Jennifer Rogers, Rosalie Walter, Lindsay Williams

***Local Master** **25+ Masterpoints**
Sheila Evans, Kerry Fernandez, Les Hawke, Bruce Kennedy, Margaret Yarwood

****Local Master** **35+ Masterpoints**
Sue Bridges, Michael Pogson

Regional Master **50+ Masterpoints**
Warren Cousins, Anna Nugent

***Regional Master** **100+ Masterpoints**
Marsali Thompson

State Master **50+ MP incl 25+ Red**
Maria Moryto

***State Master** **100+ MP incl 50+ Red**
Dell Macneil, Helen Rawicki

National **150+MP incl 75+ Red**
Jan Rothlisberger

***National** **200+MP incl 100+ Red**
Inpa Inpanathan, Jennifer Millar

STAND BY ROSTER

Please add your names to the roster on the Director's office window to help the club by being a stand by player on a Monday morning, Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, Thursday morning, Thursday night or Friday morning.

If you do not get a game, you will be given a voucher for a free game. Why don't you choose a date when your normal partner is away, or when you think you can spare an hour or so, or a session, to help us keep WBC the best club in the known universe!

BILL JACOBS ADVANCED WORKSHOPS

Bill's next workshop is coming up next weekend.

Cue Raises and all that goes with them.

Learn the tools to effectively support partner in a contested auction. Quizzes and practice play included.

Friday May 2 7.30 – 10.00 pm; *and repeated on:*
Saturday May 3 9.30 am – 12.00 pm.

Cost \$18, or two vouchers per session.

NATIONWIDE PAIRS HEATS FOR MAY

Put aside a couple of Monday evenings this month to play in WBC Nationwide Pairs Heat and enjoy the possibility of substantial red point awards.

This month NWP Heats will be held on:

Monday May 5 and 12. 7.30 pm start.

Table fee: \$10 members; \$12 non-members



BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

The annual Red Point one session event of the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge will be held on Wednesday May 7th at 10.00.

Come along and help raise funds for research into Alzheimers Disease.

Table fee will be **\$12** – members and **\$14** – non-members with all profits going to the charity. Some snacks will be served.

If you would like to play but don't have a partner, ask Mary or Laura and we shall give you a hand in finding one.

If you can't attend on the day we are happy to accept tax deductible donations.

BIDDING THE FOURTH SUIT

You pick up:

♠AQ862
♥A5
♦754
♣K63

- and partner opens the bidding 1♥. Your first bid presents no problem and you respond 1♠, looking for a fit in that suit. Partner however, picks a rebid of 2♣. Now you are faced with a challenge.

With 13 HCP plus a 5-card suit, you are quite strong enough to go to game opposite partner's opening bid. But, what is the best game contract?

- 4♥ or 4♠ - You haven't yet found an eight-card major suit fit.
- 5♣ - Although you prefer clubs to hearts, you don't want to support that suit since partner's second suit may well be only four cards in length.
- 3NT - You can't bid no trumps because you do not have a diamond winner.

If you choose to raise any suit bid you are limiting your hand, and would have to make a bid at the game level. Partner may or may not have three-card spade support. A jump to 3NT – describing a hand with 13 – 15 HCP is dangerous. Partner may be short in diamonds, and the opponents are very likely to lead that suit after this auction. Also, If partner has strength in diamonds, a no trump contract is very likely to play better from his side – with the lead coming up to his hand.

A good solution to this problem is for responder to bid the fourth suit – 2♦. Even partnerships playing standard methods would treat 2♦ here as forcing – it is, after all, a new suit.

If you bid 2♦ in this auction, however, it is conventional and must be alerted. This is because it is an artificial bid, saying nothing about your holding in diamonds, but asking partner to rebid in no trumps if he has a *winner* in this suit. Failing that, partner has to make *some* bid, keeping the auction alive until a final contract can be reached. He would show three-card support for your spade suit, being unaware of how many spades you have in your hand.

The concept behind this conventional method is to discover whether there is a fit or whether the partnership should play in no trump.

See the following hand:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	
		♠ AQ74	
		♥ K8	
		♦ A963	
		♣ 765	

North knows that game is on. However he has only a 2-card Heart suit and unless partner has six hearts, it would not be suitable to bid game in Hearts. He cannot bid no trumps with no stoppers in the Club suit.

Since the partnership is still only on the two level, North knows there is enough room to examine more possibilities. By bidding the fourth suit North informs partner that game values are present. He is asking partner for more information about his hand.

South has not yet limited his holding and therefore has several options open.

1. If he has a club stopper South will bid game in no trump.
2. South can show 3-card support for spades if he has no club stopper. North may have a 5-card spade suit. This denies a club stopper.
3. If South supports spades showing only a 3-card spade suit, North can choose to play in 4♠ with a 7 card suit – known as a Moysian fit; or he could choose to play in the 8-card fit in Diamonds, bidding 4♦. South, with additional values, can raise to game.

These options are shown below:

1. South	2. South	3. North
♠ 5	♠ KJ4	♠ KJ85
♥ AJ953	♥ AJ953	♥ A5
♦ KJ105	♦ KJ108	♦ A874
♣ AQ4	♣ 9	♣ 974
3 NT	3 ♠	4 ♦

BIDDING QUIZ FOR IMPROVING PLAYERS

Partner opens 1NT (16 – 18) and your Right Hand Opponent passes. You are using Stayman and simple transfers. What is your call with the following hands?

WEST	NORTH 1NT	EAST Pass	SOUTH ?
1. ♠J874 ♥Q632 ♦85 ♣J92		2. ♠95 ♥KQ83 ♦AJ42 ♣975	
3. ♠85 ♥96542 ♦87 ♣10763		4. ♠Q97 ♥A5 ♦10983 ♣Q652	
5. ♠4 ♥J8 ♦Q108763 ♣1096		6. ♠A10873 ♥K9 ♦85 ♣QJ73	
7. ♠K876 ♥QJ972 ♦KQ ♣53		8. ♠103 ♥52 ♦AQJ73 ♣Q1085	
9. ♠AQJ94 ♥4 ♦AQ973 ♣J2		10. ♠Q105 ♥K7 ♦AQ73 ♣KJ87	

Choose a bid for each hand, then see page 9 for a discussion.

Wednesday Afternoon Lessons for Improvers

1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

May 7 – Discards and Signals

May 14 – Responding to pre-empts

May 21 – Who is the 'danger' hand?

May 28 – A recap of all May lessons

All welcome!

♠♥AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS♦♣

ENTER THIS FUN ONE SESSION EVENT TO BE HELD ON

MONDAY MAY 26 – 1.30 – 4.30

THIS AUSTRALIA-WIDE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS WITH FEWER THAN 35 MP

COMPETE AGAINST ALMOST TWO THOUSAND PLAYERS OF YOUR OWN SKILL LEVEL AND BE IN THE RUNNING FOR GREAT PRIZES.

There will be a souvenir booklet written by Paul Marston with the hand record and a commentary on each hand.

Entry fee for the event is \$16 for members and \$18 for non-members payable on the day.

Normal duplicate will also be played at this session.

We'll serve some yummy snacks during the session – this is sure to be a good event.

Please put your names on the entry form on the Events board.

TALKING ABOUT CUE BIDS

Cue bids take many forms, Michaels Cue bids, Control Showing cue bids when heading for slam, Asking Bids when looking for a no trump contract, Stopper Showing bids, also looking for a no trump contract, Cue Raises and more.

Cue bids can also describe a hand with general strength – have a look at these situations, when partner has made a Negative Double.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Double	Pass	?

North's double shows 6 or more points and four or more hearts.

You hold:

♠A ♥KJ6 ♦AKJ92 ♣A953

You should have the values for game, but still don't know where the best contract is – it might be hearts, diamonds, clubs or notrumps. A raise to 4♥ would be very arbitrary. Cue bid 2♠, telling partner that you have

the values for game, at least, and asking for more information.

♠853 ♥A2 ♦AKQJ87 ♣A6

Cue bid 2♠. You are too strong to rebid 3♦, a bid that partner could pass.

♠3 ♥AQ104 ♦♦KQJ83 ♣AK5

Cue bid 2♠. You know that you belong in hearts, but an immediate jump to 4♥ might miss slam.

Look at the following auction:

WEST	EAST
♠8	♠754
♥AQ7	♥KJ108
♦AQ63	♦742
♣AK932	♣QJ5

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

Once East promises some values with his double, West cuebids 2♠ to force to game. East can't bid notrump with no spade stopper, so he takes a preference to opener's first suit.

West bids 3♦ to show his second suit. East has already promised four hearts with his negative double, but he appreciates his three heart honours. He bids 3♥ to emphasize the quality of the suit.

West is happy to raise to 4♥.

HERE ARE SOME MORE PUNS TO GROAN ALONG WITH!

- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

·With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

·Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

·You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

·Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.

·A boiled egg is hard to beat.

WHAT WOULD YOU BID?

After hearing an opening bid of 3♣ on your left and 4♣ on your right, what would you bid, all vul, with:

♠AK8
♥AKQ93
♦A
♣J765

Choose a bid, then see page 6

CRANBERRIES AND CASHEWS FOR SALE

Yes folks, we still have good stocks of beautiful fresh, yummy and *most* reasonably priced cranberries and cashews.

**Cashews: \$15 a kilo;
Cranberries: \$10 a kilo.**

Will sell in half kilo lots

Just speak to Mary or Laura.

FOOTY TIPPING RESULTS SO FAR

We are well into the footy season now. Competition is tight and interest is growing as tippers jockey for first place. Here are your top 5 tippers at the end of Round

Place	Name	Score
1	Merle Howard	39
2=	Peter Buchanan	38
2=	Nanna Anne	38
2=	Angie Carter	38
2=	Arabella	38
2=	Trevor James	38

PLAN THE PLAY

♠AK
♥9643
♦8752
♣J72

Lead: ♠4

♠107
♥AQJ
♦KQJ10
♣A643

The contract is 3NT.

West leads the ♠4.

What is your plan for taking nine tricks?

Make your plan then see page 7 for a discussion.

LIBRARY BOOK SPONSORSHIP

Have you ever thought about donating to the club but don't know how? Why not sponsor a library book? We are offering members the chance to buy a library book of their choice to donate to the library. Sponsored books will have a sticker on the inside cover acknowledging the donor.

If you would like to order a specific book please talk to Jenny the librarian. Alternatively we have a stack of books that you can choose from in a box at the bottom of the library which range from \$5 to \$15 each. The books in the stack are being sold by the Victorian Youth Bridge Club, so by purchasing one of these books not only are you helping to improve the club library but you are also helping support the Youth Club.

A big thank you to Adrienne Reid for making the first donation!

WHAT WOULD YOU BID? from page 5

After hearing an opening bid of 3♣ on your left and 4♣ on your right, what would you bid, all vul, with:

♠AK8
♥AKQ93
♦A
♣J765

4♥ would appear to be a frequent choice, but does it really do the hand justice? Presumably partner has a club void, and even if he has a Yarborough many kinds of hand would produce slam – even grand.

Since partner will average 3 or more hearts, 6♥ seems a most reasonable bid, or perhaps double (takeout) with the intention of reaching 6♥ at least, offering some choices.

Partner held:

♠QJ963
♥J10762
♦1076
♣---

Making a grand available in either major.

BEST LAWYER/INSURANCE STORY OF THE YEAR, AND POSSIBLY THE CENTURY



This actually took place in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.'

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued and WON!

(Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable "fire" and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the cheque, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!

With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This true story won First Place in last year's Criminal Lawyers Award contest.

ONLY IN AMERICA!

PLAN THE PLAY from page 6

	♠AK	
	♥9643	
	♦8752	
	♣J72	
♠Q9643		♠J852
♥72		♥K10085
♦A63		♦94
♣K85		♣Q109
	♠107	
	♥AQJ	
	♦KQJ10	
	♣A643	

The contract is 3NT.
West leads the ♠4.
What is your plan for taking nine tricks?

Counting your ready winners, you see you have two spades, one heart and one club – leaving the task of finding five more.

The diamond suit can produce three more tricks by promotion – forcing opponents to take their Ace, leaving the rest of your cards 'high'. You could take two more with the help of a heart finesse – if East has the ♥K.

It might be possible to develop an extra trick in clubs, but that would take so long that defenders would certainly have had the time to take enough tricks to defeat the contract.

Diamonds looks very enticing, but West can win the ♦A and lead another spade. You win the ♠A and take a heart finesse – which works, but there's no entry back to dummy to repeat the finesse.

Instead, take the first heart finesse immediately after winning the ♠K. When this works, switch to diamonds. West wins and leads another spade, but you win and repeat the heart finesse to make the contract. You can't make the contract if the heart finesse fails.

MOST IMPROVED WBC PLAYERS THIS YEAR

ABF formula for Most Improved Player = (Points This Year * 10000)/(Total Points + 100)

NAME	RANK	TOTAL MP	MP This year	FORMULA SCORE
St Clair, A	Bronze Life	419.10	43.97	847
Decouto, M	National	160.80	21.51	825
Sharp, J	*State	106.11	16.42	797
Macneil, D	*State	115.09	16.89	785
Darling, M	**Local	39.82	9.25	662
Harley, D	Grand	1,389.5	90.41	607
Kunc, L	National	165.90	14.78	556
Roberts, A	Regional	75.62	9.76	556
Rennie, J	*Local	26.06	6.99	554
Simons, M	*Regional	105.77	10.76	523
Levi, B	Club	9.19	5.67	519
Quirk, R	*State	152.87	13.02	515

TOP MASTERPOINT EARNERS – HOME CLUB MEMBERS FOR 2014 TO DATE

NAME	RANK	TOTAL MP	MP THIS YEAR
Collins, Shirley	Silver Grand	4,487.56	46.15
McManamny, Nicole	Silver Grand	3,427.29	41.89
Talbot, Alison	Gold Life	802.33	41.04
Arul, Chelliah	Gold Life	919.96	39.78
Szabo, Leone	Silver Grand	3,038.10	38.73
Yang, Kathy	Grand	1,906.97	35.54
Wanz, Shirley	Gold Life	988.69	29.63
Kudelka, Sylvia	Silver Life	736.4	29.17
Obenchain, Marian	Grand	1,166.32	28.68
Mould, Susanne	Gold Life	1,014.86	23.41
Jez, Andrzej	Silver Life	735.34	22
Dickson, Elaine	Grand	1,352.78	21.86

PLAN THE PLAY FOR IMPROVING PLAYERS

Contract: 3NT ♠AQ104
♥Q73
♦J2
♣K853

Lead: ♥J

♠763
♥AK6
♦Q104
♣AQJ6

West leads the ♥J against your 3NT contract. How do you plan to guarantee taking nine tricks?

Make your plan, then see page 9 for a discussion.

HAND VALUATION

Jacks are the most overrated of Honours. “Jackless” hands should be upgraded.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	?

1. ♠KQJ3 ♥KJ8 ♦QJ74 ♣KJ

Pass. 17 HCP and a doubleton. But look at those Jacks, and the hand is Aceless. Pass.

2. ♠KQ93 ♥AQ8 ♦KQ74 ♣75

4♠. Not a Jack in sight. Upgrade and bid 4♠.

3. ♠A1093 ♥KQ108 ♦AK94 ♣75

4♠. You might only have 16HCP, but you have great quality in your honours – no Jacks, and two tens and two nines. Upgrade, and bid 4♠

Dlr. South	♠82 ♥A74 ♦AQ102 ♣AQ63	♠KQ543 ♥9865 ♦J73 ♣10
	♠J1097 ♥J2 ♦965 ♣J985	♠A6 ♥KQ103 ♦K84 ♣K742

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT

Pass 6NT All pass
With “only” 16 HCP, most North players would only invite slam. This hero, however, upgraded his jack-free hand and jumped to 6NT.

Despite the bad club break, everyone took 12 tricks, but only with 31 HCP, few pairs bid the slam.

DECLARER PLAY – “RULES”

Many bridge ‘rules’ work only some of the time and should just be treated as ‘guidelines’.

However, *some* ‘rules’ work all the time – the Rule of 11 for example – and ‘leading from weakness towards strength is another one, if entries are no problem.

Sometimes it is crucial to lead up to honours even when there is no traditional finesse situation.

	♠AJ3 ♥862 ♦K872 ♣764	
♠2 ♥AK94 ♦AQ109 ♣Q1092		♠964 ♥Q753 ♦J6543 ♣J
	♠KQ10875 ♥J10 ♦ - - - ♣AK863	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♠
Double	2♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

West led hearts and continued the suit. South ruffed the third round and turned his attention to Clubs. West had promised clubs with his takeout double. If West had only three clubs, all was well. If he had all five, there was no chance.

Therefore, South focused on a 4-1 split. He cashed the ♠A and played a spade to dummy’s ace. He then led a club from dummy and East was in trouble.

If East ruffed, South would regain the lead, pull East’s last trump, cash the ♣K and ruff a club to set up the fifth club. If East discarded, South would win the ♣K, concede a club and eventually ruff a club with the ♠J, setting up the fifth club, and draw West’s trumps when he regained the lead.

WHICH HAND SHOULD I BE IN?

When declarer has a choice of where to win a trick, he should think carefully about where he'll need to be later on.

Contract: 3NT	♠A9754	
Lead ♥J	♥K74	
	♦AK10	
	♣A4	
♠K10		♠QJ83
♥J10952		♥Q86
♦J75		♦Q92
♣875		♣K63
	♠62	
	♥A3	
	♦8643	
	♣QJ1092	

West leads the ♥J against your 3NT contract. You have 6 sure winners, 1 spade, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 club. You need three more to ensure your contract. Obviously clubs is the suit to tackle.

You must not make the mistake of winning the ♥A and leading the ♣Q (also having the effect of blocking the suit.) You are guaranteed to win 3 extra club tricks if you can get back to your hand after clubs are established – and in order to have an entry to hand, you must save your ♥A.

You should win the opening lead with the ♥K, cash the ♣A and continue with the ♣4 to your queen. The opponents can take their ♣K any time they want, but you are sitting pretty with your three club winners and your carefully preserved ♥A.

Another 'rule' that needs to be applied cautiously is 'second hand plays low'. While this is usually a defender's rule, it can often apply to declarer too. If you do that with *this* hand, you are doomed to failure.

PLAN THE PLAY FOR IMPROVING PLAYERS

From page 8

Contract: 3NT	♠AQ104	
	♥Q73	
	♦J2	
	♣K853	
♠85		♠KJ92
♥J10982		♥54
♦AK8		♦97653
♣942		♣107
	♠763	
	♥AK6	
	♦Q104	
	♣AQJ6	

West leads the ♥J against your 3NT contract. How do you plan to guarantee taking nine tricks?

You start with 8 sure tricks – one spade, three hearts and four clubs. You need one more.

The spade suit offers good chances and it is very tempting to win the first trick in your hand and lead a spade, finessing. On the actual layout, however, this leads to defeat. East leads another heart and it's too late to start looking elsewhere.

To guarantee the contract, lead a diamond after winning the first heart.

With the ♦QJ10 between the combined hands, you can promote a winner in the suit by driving out the defenders' ♦A and ♦K. The defenders can't get their heart winners established before you have your ninth trick from diamonds. The layout of the spade suit is unlucky, by you don't need to rely on luck!

BIDDING QUIZ FOR IMPROVING PLAYERS

From page 4

1. ♠J874 ♥Q632 ♦85 ♣J92

Pass: Although you would like to find an eight card major suit fit, you can't afford to use the Stayman convention. If you were to bid 2♣ and partner replied 2♦, you would have no suitable rebid. A bid of 2NT here would be invitational, showing 8 or 9 HCP.

2. ♠95 ♥KQ83 ♦AJ42 ♣975

2♣: With 10 HCP, the partnership has enough to guarantee some kind of game contract. You can look for an eight-card heart fit by using the Stayman convention. You don't need both majors. If partner bids 2♥, you can raise to 4♥. If partner bids 2♦ (no 4-card major) or 2♠, you can jump to 3NT.

3. ♠85 ♥96542 ♦87 ♣10763

2♦: You don't need points to use a transfer bid. 2♦ asks partner to bid 2♥. When he does so, you will pass, forcing the auction to end there. There's no guarantee that 2♥ will make, but it is likely that it is a better contract than 1NT. Your hand will provide no tricks in a no trump contract, but should be good for a couple of tricks if hearts is trumps. If you don't use transfers, then a bid of 2♥ would be a 'drop dead' bit, ordering partner to pass.

4. ♠Q97 ♥A5 ♦10873 ♣Q652

2NT: With 8 HCP, a balanced hand, and no interest in a major suit contract, make an invitational raise to 2NT. Partner will pass with 16, but will raise to 3NT with 17 or 18.

5. ♠4 ♥J8 ♦Q108763 ♣10962

2♣: This is a transfer to either minor. Partner will rebid 3♣, and you will then bid 3♦, warning partner that you have a weak hand with long diamonds, and telling him to pass now.

Because your auction is taking the contract to the 3-level, only do this with a 6-card or longer suit. If you are not using transfers, you would immediately bid 2♦ - a 'drop dead' bid.

6. ♠A10873 ♥K9 ♦85 ♣QJ73

2♥: You have enough points to insist on game. Tell your partner that you have a 5-card spade suit by transferring, then rebid 3NT to show at least 10 HCP.

Partner will decide whether to play in 3NT or 4♠, depending on how many spades he has in his hand. If you were not using transfers, a bid of 3♠ here would describe your hand, asking partner to choose.

7. ♠K876 ♥QJ972 ♦KQ ♣65

2♣: Start with Stayman, you have a 4-card major suit. If partner bids 2♥ or 2♠, raise him to game in that suit. If he bids 2♦ (no 4-card major), jump to 3♥, describing a hand with 4 spades and 5 hearts, and asking him to choose between a contract of 4♥ or 3NT, depending on how many hearts he has.

8. ♠103 ♥52 ♦AQJ73 ♣Q1085

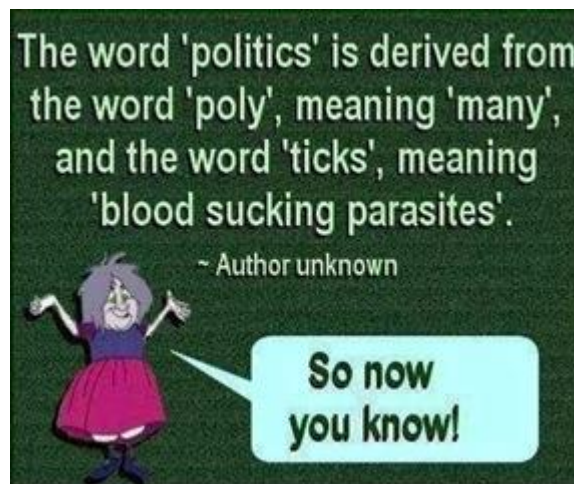
3NT: With 9 HCP and a good 5-card suit, you have enough to raise to game. Don't worry about your weakness in the majors, partner can take care of that. If you have a fair hand with a long minor, always think of playing in No Trumps, not the minor.

9. ♠AQJ94 ♥4 ♦AQ973 ♣J2

2♥: Start by transferring to the spade suit. You can then bid 3♦ to show a second suit. 3♦ is forcing! If partner then bids 3♠ or 4♦ you can consider slam. If he bids 3NT, it's probably best to settle for game.

10. ♠Q105 ♥K7 ♦AQ73 ♣KJ87

4NT: You have 15 HCP, so your combined strength is somewhere between 31 and 33. The way to invite slam is to bid 4NT – quantitative. It's not Blackwood, but asks partner to raise to 6NT with 17 or 18, or pass with 16.



Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Amringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

I offered my opponents a deal: "if they stop telling lies about me, I will stop telling the truth about them".

~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952.

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~Texas Guinan. 19th century American businessman

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle, French general & politician

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.

~Doug Larson (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, 1902-1981)

We hang petty thieves and appoint the bigger thieves to public office.

~Aesop, Greek slave & fable author

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. ~Plato, ancient Greek Philosopher

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Soviet politician

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become PM; I'm beginning to believe it.

~Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defense' by Irving Stone.

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

> ~John Quinton, American actor/writer

What happens if a politician drowns in a river?

That is pollution.

What happens if all of them drown?

That is a solution!

PUZZLE ANSWERS FROM APRIL NEWSLETTER

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FIND THE 6-LETTER WORDS ENDING IN THE FOLLOWING LETTER COMBINATIONS -

...amt	dreamt
...nue	avenue
...rtz	quartz
...oze	snooze
...mth	warmth
...iek	shriek
...gry	hungry
...thm	rhythm
...koo	cuckoo
...spy	crispy
...sip	gossip
...lem	emblem
...uid	liquid
...tyr	martyr
...meg	nutmeg

WORD WHEEL ANSWERS

9 letter words : Represent. Presenter. Repenters

All words 4 letters and longer:

Epee, epees, neep, neeps, peen, peens, peer, peers, penes, pens, pensee, penster, pent, pert, perter, pest, pester, pesterer, peter, peters, pets, pree, preen, preener, preeners, preens, prees, prese, present, **PRESENTER**, preset, prest, prester, pretense, repent, repenter, **REPENTERS**, repents, **REPRESENT**, reps, seep, sept, serpent, speer, spent, spree, sprent, steep, steepen, steeper, step, strep, tepee, tepees, terpene, terpenes.

TALKING TO OUR MEMBERS

Margaret Perry, a Melbourne girl, grew up in St Kilda during WW11, the middle child of three daughters. She spent her childhood living in Alma Rd, and attended Caulfield Primary school where she remembers bomb shelters being dug in the back of the playground, and practices being held for reaching cover in the event of an attack.

She has no memory of card games when she was a child – life was too busy being outdoors, she was very keen on sports and was a member of Girl Guides.

Teenage years saw Margaret at MacRob Girls High School and she was granted a nursing bursary when she graduated. It was to be a year before she could enroll in nursing college and she looked around for something to do. A friend of her mother's was a bank manager and offered her a temporary position in the bank for the princely sum of £8.00 a week. (Average weekly earnings for adult males were around £18 at that time, so £8 was not too bad at all!) She was keen to take up the job but her mother intervened, saying that she might get too used to the big income and not want to switch to nursing at the end of the year. She found a pre-nursing position in a local crèche instead and I can imagine thought wistfully, from time to time, about the income she had forgone. When she started her nursing course the pay was £3 a week – so probably her mother was right! Her salary, after she graduated in 1956, rose to only £7.

During her years at nursing college Margaret met Judy Bayliss and formed a friendship that, as we know, has endured, but during those years, playing cards was still not on the horizon. Judy made dark hints about all



Margaret, interrupted, when she had just started to play a 6♣ contract.

kinds of wonderful goings-on at nursing college but refused to be drawn on the subject.

In 1959 Margaret married Don and they had three children. Life was busy and happy. Margaret continued her nursing career and Don worked for TPG. Ten years later Don's work as Property Investment Manager for TPG took them to New Zealand where they lived in Wellington for 7 years. Margaret describes her years in NZ as the best years in her life.

She continued her nursing, working three days a week in a newly created position for the Wellington Teachers College Health Service; friends were many and their social life was wonderful.

Always interested in property, Margaret started a Valuer's course and completed three years of the course before the need to begin travelling for practical work conflicted with life at home and her nursing career, and she gave the course up. She was the first female in New Zealand ever to enroll for this course, and the College always referred later female students to her for orientation.

During this time Margaret started taking bridge lessons at the YMCA. She became immediately attracted to the game and says that they played bridge 'endlessly' in New Zealand. Later they joined the Victoria Bridge Club in Wellington and played there for some years. The club was in a large and gracious old home and standards were pretty high – men wore suits and women dressed semi-formally – Margaret said that she always wore a long skirt or dress. Tea was silver service, and the proprieties were observed. (Do you think we could re-write the WBC regulations to include silver service?? – ed.)

After her return to Melbourne in 1976 Margaret tried bridge at the VBA, playing with her mother, but decided that she preferred the young WBC, operating at that time out of Syndal Technical School.

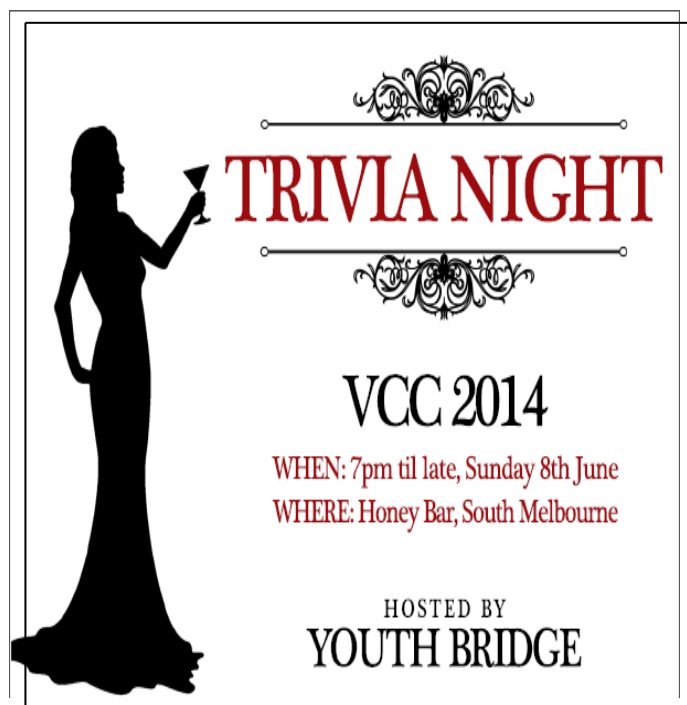
Margaret has always had a great interest in horses and she and her family invested in several race horses in NZ, an interest which continued after her return to Melbourne. She told me a story about one of her horses which was running at Caulfield. Don, Margaret's husband, when asked about the naming of their recent equine acquisition, "Is it called anything yet?" replied, "Nothing". So, "Nothing" it became and was the name it raced under. (Some other bright spark at the time had named their horse "Nobody".) One day at Caulfield, Bill Collins, during his call of the race said – "Nothing is leading, with Nobody behind it" – and the stands erupted with laughter. (Shades of 'Who's on First'!!)

I asked Margaret if she did any riding herself, but she replied that being confronted with such a large beast close up was quite enough to put her off!

Her friendship with Judy had continued, and Margaret took it upon herself to teach bridge to her friend. They had a great deal of fun playing with friends – Shirley Baker (a founding member of WBC) was a part of the group and Margaret's social life was very full.

She found a nursing job in a Glen Waverley medical practice – a job she describes as 'perfect' and one that lasted for ten years. Strangely (to me anyway – ed.) she decided in her middle fifties that she was too old to work any more, and retired. Voluntary work at Montifiore Homes followed, along with a lot of tennis, squash and swimming to go with the bridge - (but no riding). Margaret plays bridge with Judy twice a week and she does it for fun, and for the competition. Bowls is also high on her list of past-times, and she also does this twice a week.

Margaret and I sat and had a bit of a chat one Wednesday morning recently, and I had to cut the talk a little short, having another appointment. Margaret told me that she was busy anyway, she was taking her mother (98 years old!) out for lunch. I think that Margaret chose the right family, and trust that many happy years of good bridge and good friendship remain in store.



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*Expert lessons with Bill
Strategies for playing No Trump contracts
All about balancing*

*Improvers lessons with Mary
Forcing and non forcing bids
Valuing your hand*

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Advanced Lesson (Bill Jacobs): Strategies for playing No Trump contracts

Improvers' Lesson (Mary Elson): Forcing and non-forcing bids

Thursday evening September 18 – Red Point Pairs Heat**Friday morning September 19 –** Marysville excursion, duplicate session or free time**Friday afternoon –** Red Point Pairs Final**Friday evening September 19:** Duplicate session, free time or lessons as below

Advanced Lesson (Bill Jacobs): All about balancing

Improvers' Lesson (Mary Elson): Valuing your hand

Saturday morning September 20: – Red Point Teams 1**Saturday afternoon September 20–** Red Point Teams 2**Saturday evening September 20 –** Wine tasting; hand analysis sessions with Bill or Laura**Sunday morning September 21 -** Fun Duplicate. Farewell Lunch and prizegiving***WBC Alexandra Retreat - Holiday Registration***

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