



# “Trumping In”

MAY 2006

ABN 386 643 699 219

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following:

Gill Ross, Jennifer Finn, Anne Leonard, Campbell Lawrie, Hugh Wallace, Jenny Gray, Ron Gray, Kevin Raner, Mary Funder, Ian Stirling, Lorraine Scerri, Mark Miller, Rose Roth, Shirley Jarman, Phillis Jones, Caroline Street, Ian Bell, Sandy Willis, Elizabeth Vanslow, Marie Warncken, Grazia Peake & Angie Carter.

## RANK PROMOTIONS (1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter)

### GRADUATE MASTER

Mary Enter, Meredith Holmes, Peter Holmes, Helen O'Brien, Marie Schmidt, Dennis Sloper, Kay Sloper, Judith Steinberg, Sandy Willis & Margaret Yarwood.

### CLUB MASTER

John Connellan, Fran Dreaver, Patricia Hames, Russell Hames, Robert Quirk, Danny Smith & Ken Tenner.

### LOCAL MASTER

Wendy Spall

### \*LOCAL MASTER

Nathalie Hartmann, Annette Hourigan & Josephine Leyman.

### \*\*LOCAL MASTER

Frank Knipping

### \*REGIONAL MASTER

Nancy Burns, Danielle Gassin & Pamela Giling.

### GOLD LIFE MASTER

Julia Guttmann.

## COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the following players:

### GRADED PAIRS (Feb, Tues PM)

1<sup>ST</sup> J Kent & E Dickson

2<sup>ND</sup> S Collins & A Czapnik

3<sup>RD</sup> B Ulyatt & M Petrie

## OLIVE SHRIMPTON Pairs (March, Mon AM)

1<sup>ST</sup> G Pick & S Pick

2<sup>ND</sup> I Carling & M Thomas

3<sup>RD</sup> M Elson & J Hall

## JOHN WITT BUTLER Pairs (April, Tues PM)

1<sup>ST</sup> K Chan & A Krolikowski

2<sup>ND</sup> A Jez & G Neale

3<sup>RD</sup> B Ulyatt & M Petrie

## COMING COMPETITIONS

CLUB Teams (Tues PM 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June)

SWISS Pairs (Thurs AM 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June)

Remember also to put our Congress in your diary now. SATURDAY & SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST.

[www.waverleybridgeclub.com.au](http://www.waverleybridgeclub.com.au)

We have a new website! Thanks to the generosity and hard work of club member George Skarbek we now have our own site. You will find daily duplicate results, session times & news about lessons, clubroom updates and coming events. All ideas for further using this site for promoting our club are welcome. In the meantime log on and browse.

## DEBENTURE FORMS

All members recently received these forms. If you have overlooked yours could you please email or post your response soon. A progress report on the proposed new clubrooms accompanies this newsletter

## IN MEMORY

Ivy Dahler passed away on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Regular players at the Canberra congress will remember her well. Our condolences to family and friends.

## FEBRUARY TOP TEN PERCENTAGES

.B Ulyatt, M Petrie	71.99 %
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K Von Oxenberg, J Wierucki	70.68 %
M Park, B Lee	69.64 %
G Skarbek, K Tenner	69.44 %
T Chao, M Lawrie	69.31 %
B Van Der Horst, G Van Der Horst	69.23 %
B Niven, R Lattimore	69.05 %
M Lawrie, L Thomson	68.82 %
T James, C McMullen	68.75 %

## MARCH TOP TEN PERCENTAGES

J Rothlisberger, J Hanna	73.21 %
J Leyman, D Creasy	72.92%
A Hu, C Naranong	72.02%
C Hopkins, M Smith	70.21%
T Chao, P Chang	70.14%
G Skarbek, K Tenner	69.94%
J Herman, B Trzaskowski	69.44%
J Soon, V Au	69.35%
K Von Oxenberg, J Wierucki	69.29%
F Altstock, L Lukjanow	68.15 %

## APRIL TOP TEN PERCENTAGES

J Guttmann, J Kent	69.68 %
F Yu, A Hu	69.64 %
J Hanna, J Rothlisberger	69.51 %
W Sizeland, I Rivalland	66.37 %
P Henderson, M Leber	66.37 %
A Doktor, K Doktor	66.2 %
M Elson, J Hall	66.2 %
P Giling, J Bowlby	65.97 %
A Doktor, K Doktor	65.51 %
J Dunstan, C Schwabegger	64.92 %

## CUE RAISES OF OVERCALLS

The auction goes : (1♦) : 1♠ : (Pass) : to you.

You hold :

♠KJ94  
♥72  
♦A87  
♣A865

and feel a nervous knot starting to form in your stomach. You are playing with Roger today, and Roger is well known for regularly being more reckless than reliable or rational with his overcalls. You sneak a peek – partner is gazing complacently into the middle distance, and you begin to wish that you had accepted that invitation to play with Ernest.

Last time Roger made an overcall of 1♠ he had

♠A10865  
♥Q7  
♦965  
♣QJ6

and you know that he would be barely able to make even 2 Spades opposite your 12-count. What if he has this kind of rubbish again? Should you bid 3♣ and risk going off a bundle, or prudently bid only 2♠ and watch him pass with

♠AQ865  
♥98  
♦64  
♣KQJ8.

*Wouldn't it be great to be able to tell Roger that you had a really good hand for him, without having to bid to the 3-level, just in case he was in one of his over-bidding moods.*

You can – and it is the **Cue Raise**. If you bid *opponent's* suit at the cheapest level, you are telling partner that you have at least 11 HCP with a fit for his suit, so holding the top hand above, the auction would go:

(1♦) : 1♠ : (Pass) : 2♦ by you.

You have told partner that you have a strong raise to at least the 2-level, even opposite a bad overcall. Then you sit back and wait for partner to make the next decision. With Roger's first hand, one hopes he would bid 2♠, and might make the contract - with a bit of luck; and with the second hand, he would happily bid 4♠. With a slightly weaker hand, partner could bid 3♠ - putting the ball back into your court.

A raise to 2♠ would promise a normal supporting hand – 3 trumps and 6 – 10 HCP. A jump raise – to 3♠ - is now useful as a *preemptive* bid, showing 4 trumps and not a great hand, so with:

♠K974  
♥K7  
♦76  
♣109765

bid 3♠. You are raising to the level of your combined trump length, so the risks are not great. If partner has the second hand above, and you go off, opponents can make 4♦, but may not bid it over your preemptive raise to 3♠. If he has the first hand, well, it is

possible that opponents may be able to make 5♦.

You can, of course, cue raise with a stronger hand, and would plan to bid on after partner's minimum rebid, so with:

♠KJ94

♥AK3

♦8

♣109654,

you would raise partner's rebid of only 2♠ to the 3 level. Add the King of Clubs, and you would rebid 4♠. This distinguishes your strong raise to the 4-level from a preemptive raise.