



# “Trumping In”

## Waverley Bridge Club Newsletter

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### CHANGES TO WBC CONSTITUTION

Thank you to the members who attended the information session held with Peter Buchanan and myself (Rob Quirk) on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2011, to consider the redraft of our current Rules of Incorporation which date back to 2000.

Some changes have to be made to comply with changes made to the Associations Incorporation Act in 2009 while others have been proposed to simply make our Rules more relevant to the world of 2011.

While no substantive further changes to the current redraft were proposed, I would like to particularly thank Elizabeth Stillwell who has provided us with a large number of mainly editorial changes which will significantly improve the format and language of the next draft. Had we known of Elizabeth's skills and experience in this field, we would have involved her in our work from the outset.

Just to remind members, the principal changes proposed to our current Rules include:

- Allowing for the use of various means of formally communicating with members other than pre-paid post. E-mail would be the main alternative.
- The Committee can apply a pro-rata subscription rate for people joining in the second half of the financial year.
- A new section covering “disclosure of interests” of Committee members who have any financial dealings with WBC

- Committee members to hold office through to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting rather than from January to December.
- The roles of Public Officer and Secretary to be merged.
- Minutes of all General and Committee meetings to be available to members.

A new draft will be considered by the Committee at its September meeting and, if approved, will then be made available for the information of members prior to seeking the formal approval of members at our forthcoming AGM, due to be held on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m.

Rob Quirk  
Chairman,  
Constitution Sub-Committee

### NEWSLETTER TO BE ON WEB-SITE

During September, copies of the newsletter will appear on the WBC website, on the Newsletter page.

Past copies will be included and we hope to regularly post the Newsletter in this way from now on.

Copies will of course be available in the Clubrooms as usual.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to:

Di Brocklesby, Garry Manning, Graham Browning, Dorothy Barnes, Esther Goldschlager, Les Goldschlager, Kate MacDougall, Jenny Lawrence, Delma Casabene, Barbara Benson, Margaret Hosking, Penny Cearns, Tim Lane, Maree Tehan, David Stanley, Margaret Stanley, Diane Karapetric, Jennifer McFarland, Martin Simons and Lyn Innes-Irons.

We all hope you enjoy many years of fun, entertainment, challenge, friendship and success at WBC.

## FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION

The special competition being run on Friday evenings has, alas, been cancelled, owing to lack of interest.

From September onwards, table fees will return to \$8 and \$9 (on Nationwide Pairs nights)

## THEY JUST MADE A LEAD OUT OF TURN!!

The auction got to 4♠ and you are declarer. You get yourself settled in your seat to start play and see that your Right Hand Opponent has bunged the ♥4 on the table.

**So you call the Director**, who comes up and reels off a great list of choices that you can now make.

So much information, so fast, and you have to make a choice. So, to give you a bit of a head start, here are the choices that you will be given.

1. You can accept the lead and put your hand on the table – in other words, make yourself dummy and let partner play the hand.
2. You can accept the lead, have partner put down his hand, so that you can have a look at it, then follow to the lead from your hand. In other words, for this trick, dummy will play last.
3. You can return the lead to the correct hand and *either* (1) forbid or (2) demand a lead of the suit led.

If you forbid the lead of that suit, opening leader cannot lead it *for as long as he retains the lead*. In other words, he can't lead the Ace of another suit, then switch to the illegally led suit.

If you choose either of these options, the

player who made the incorrect lead can return the led card to his hand and play it at any time.

4. You can return the lead to the correct hand, and let him lead anything he wants.

In this case, the illegally led card becomes a penalty card. It must remain on the table and be played at the first legal opportunity. The director will stay at the table until the penalty card has been played.

Well, those are your choices. Now you just have to make the decision that will best benefit you.

So let's have a look at a couple of hands you might have. The contract is 4♠.

- |           |         |         |       |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------|
| 1. ♠KQJ85 | ♥AQ5    | ♦765    | ♣32   |
| 2. ♠KJ43  | ♥8532   | ♦AKJ6   | ♣7    |
| 3. ♠A962  | ♥ - - - | ♦J10765 | ♣A765 |
| 4. ♠9876  | ♥A      | ♦8765   | ♣QJ54 |
| 5. ♠QJ74  | ♥K8     | ♦A8752  | ♣62   |
| 6. ♠K875  | ♥A3     | ♦J1097  | ♣A65  |

The ♥4 is led in each case.

1. A Heart lead is good for you, as long as it comes from your left. Return the lead to the correct hand, and demand a Heart lead. Now you are sure to win 2 Heart tricks.
2. Hearts could be a problem for you. Return the lead to the correct hand and forbid a Heart lead. You are likely to get a favourable lead now.
3. The Heart lead is good. Return the lead to the correct hand and demand a Heart lead. The Ace should be on your left if it is not in the dummy. This could well set up a winner for an honour in the dummy. Don't accept the lead from your right, you will have to make a decision whether to ruff or not without looking at partner's hand.
4. Put your hand on the table and let partner play the hand. You are a very useful dummy and don't want any other lead.
5. Demand a Heart lead from the correct hand. You are now assured of a Heart trick.
6. Accept the lead and take a look at dummy before you play to the first trick. Maybe partner has ♥Qxx. That would be nice if the lead was from the King, which is likely.

As you can see, in several of these cases, the incorrect lead has given declarer an advantage. Be very careful to lead face-down!!

### ELECTRICITY AND GAS PURCHASING

We would still like to hear from members who are interested in joining a purchasing group to get cheaper power.

There is no obligation and no risk for you to add your name to the list. If at any time, before we all agree to purchase, you change your mind, you can just opt out.

No arrangement will be made without thorough investigation and the approval of all participants. *No-one will get your details.*

The larger the group the more likely we will be to achieve good savings. If your current deal is better you will have lost nothing by enquiring.

You don't have to be a member of WBC to join the group, you don't have to live in a particular area, you just have to be aware that electricity prices are going to go through the roof in years to come, and be interested in having your home power for less than you are currently paying.

If you currently have a contract it could well still be worth your while, so sign on and check it out.

### KITCHEN DUTY

You are sure to get sick of this newsletter constantly mentioning the help we need with Kitchen duty. Alas, we are continuing to need more support.

Can you spare five to ten minutes before the session, up to five minutes during the session and five to ten minutes at the end of the session?

If you can make sure everything is ship-shape and milk, biscuits etc. are all available before play; have a bit of a swipe at the benches *during* play; and get the dish-washer loaded and working and the benches clean at the end of the session, we shall a) thank you most sincerely; and b) give you the session that you are playing for free.

Repeating the nice little truism – a wee bit of help from a lot of people will make everyone's lives much easier.

### PLAN THE PLAY

What is the danger in each of these three cases, and what do you plan to do?

The contract is 3♥. The lead is the ♠A, followed by the ♠4.

♠K10532	
♥3	
♦AK53	
♣KJ3	
♠J8	♠AQ976
♥Q984	♥7
♦Q9642	♦J8
♣A4	♣Q10985
♠4	
♥AKJ10652	
♦107	
♣762	

And this one:

The contract is 4♠. West leads the ♥9

♠4	
♥Q7653	
♦K732	
♣A53	
♠A3	♠8762
♥982	♥AKJ104
♦10984	♦J6
♣8742	♣K6
♠KQJ1095	
♥---	
♦AQ5	
♣QJ109	

Try this one:

♠104
♥963
♦A75
♣J10985

♠AQJ5
♥A108
♦KQ32
♣AQ

CONTRACT: 3NT. Lead ♥2

How do you plan to make this contract?

Plan the play then see Page 7 and 8 for a discussion of all hands.

## THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Congratulations to all my friends who were born in the 1920's, 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and 1960's.

First, we survived being born to mothers who drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer....

Then after that trauma our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.....

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, Subway or Red Rooster.

Even though all the shops closed at 6:00 pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy toffees, gobstoppers, bubble gum and some bangers to blow up frogs with.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in them, but we weren't overweight because.....

### WE WERE ALWAYS PLAYING OUTSIDE!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to

find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and

cubbies and played in river beds with match box cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no video/DVD films, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no internet or internet chat rooms, no Facebook.....we had friends and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and hot cross buns at Easter time...

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10<sup>th</sup> birthdays,

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad to make ends meet!

Football and Cricket had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.... Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on MERIT.

Our teachers used to hit us with straps and sand shoes and bully's ALWAYS ruled the playground at school.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!!

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their

kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'.

We had freedom, failure, successes and responsibility, and we learned how to DEAL WITH IT ALL!

And YOU are one of them!  
CONGRATULATIONS!!

### LONG SUIT TRIAL BIDS

The auction has proceeded:

1♥ : 2♥ (you)  
3♥ : ??

It is your bid. What are you to do with the following hands?

1. ♠9876	2. ♠9876	3. ♠K3
♥KJ82	♥KJ82	♥KJ82
♦K3	♦1052	♦876
♣876	♣K3	♣7652

They all look somewhat the same don't they? Four trumps, 8 TP, 9 losers. Nice that you have a 9-card fit, but is that enough to decide that you are maximum, and will raise to 4♥?

And this is opener's hand:

♠Q7  
♥AQ1054  
♦A765  
♣A6

See what will happen with each of the three dummies.

With Hand 1, game will make, losing 2 Spades and a Club. Hands 2 and 3 will go down in 4♥, losing 2 Spades and 2 or 3 minor suit tricks.

Is it all blind luck, or can we inject a little 'science' here?

Instead of just bidding 3♥, invitationally, opener should, with this hand, bid **3♠**. This bid conveys the message to partner that opener's hand is strong enough to raise to 3♥, ( in other words, he has 16 – 18 TP with no more than 6 losers) but that *he needs a bit of help with the suit he is bidding*. As you can see, with doubletons in both Spades and Clubs, the worst he can do in these suits is lose a total of 3 tricks if partner has no help for him. Diamonds, on the other hand, is a whole other story. He could, on a bad day, lose 3 Diamond tricks, so particularly needs help here to make game close enough to bid.

And this is how responder should bid after the trial bid:

- With no losers in the trial suit, bid game
- With one loser in the trial suit, bid game
- With two losers in the trial suit, bid game if maximum, but stop at the three level if minimum
- With three losers in the trial suit, bid three of the trump suit.

Looking back at the three responding hands given:

1. Bid 4♥ with this hand
2. Bid 3♥ (you have 3 Diamond losers)
3. Bid 3♥ (you have 3 Diamond losers)

Try these ones:

Declarer	Dummy		
♠AQ1096	1. ♠K872	2. ♠K872	3. ♠K872
♥K874	♥965	♥QJ96	♥ - - -
♦A83	♦62	♦62	♦98765
♣6	♣QJ85	♣965	♣8732

After:

1♠ : 2♠  
3♥ (long suit trial)

1. Bid 3♠ - three losers in Hearts
2. Bid 4♠ - two losers in Hearts and maximum Points
3. Bid 4♠ - minimum points but *no* Heart losers.

### WHAT KIND OF SUIT CAN YOU TRIAL WITH?

Typically it should be no stronger than A10xx, and can be a lot weaker. Two high honours would make it too strong. You could have three small. Do not trial with a doubleton suit, you don't need enough help there to make it worthwhile. If you have two suits needing help, make the trial bid in the weaker.

### HOW SHOULD YOU RATE YOUR SUIT WHEN YOU REPLY TO THE TRIAL?

**No loser suits are** : Void; singleton Ace; doubleton Ace King; Ace King Queen or Ace King Queen (x) (x)

**1 loser suits are** : singleton; Ax; Kx; AKx; AQx; KQx

**2 loser suits are:** doubleton ( no better than Qx); Axx; Kxx; QJx. Qxx is not good and should be down-graded. AJx should be upgraded, so should KJx. AJ10 is *very* strong.

**3 loser suits are:** Jxx; xxx; xxxx

### RESPONDER CAN ALSO MAKE A TRIAL BID

After :            1♠        :        1♠  
                      2♠        :        responder holding:

♠KQ86  
♥987  
♦AJ62  
♣109    should now bid 3♥ - asking opener, do you have help in Hearts?

A responding hand strong enough to trial will be in the 10 – 12 TP range, with no worse than 8 losers.

Opener has rebid 2♠, so can't have a strong hand. This makes responder's trial very valuable – will partner's

values take care of my losers??

Opener responds as before for responder.

Holding:

♠KQ86  
♥9876  
♦AQJ  
♣54

Responder with 13TP and only 7 losers is too strong to trial. He should rebid 4♠.

Sometimes the trial might come in very handy in a hand where responder is interested in slam, but wants to know just where partner's values are:

After 1♥ : 1♠  
2♠ : responder holding:

♠AKQ6  
♥109  
♦KJ72  
♣KQJ4 has a bit of a problem. Blackwood might tell him partner has 2 Aces. Well, goody. What he wants to know is – how many losing Diamonds do I have? If partner has 3 small, then slam doesn't look too great. A bid of 3♦ here will get some kind of information.

And with the same auction, holding:

♠K10873  
♥A2  
♦10  
♣AQ543

Responder *really* wants to know if partner can help him with the Club suit.

Certainly 'cue' bidding would help with these hands, but not all of us use cue bids.

Trial bids are only used after **1suit : 2suit**. Auctions which begin **1suit : 3suit** generally now use 'cue bids'. You cannot make a trial bid now without reaching the game level, so there is no point.

## RECYCLING

You will have noticed a few light green bins in the club rooms. We have decided that it is fairly bad to be continually throwing away oceans of scrap paper. When you are tidying up around your tables, could you *please* put all bits of paper in the green bins. Remember them too when you are throwing out milk carton and cans. Thank you very much.

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS

Put in your entries right away for our premier Red Point Pairs event – to be run in September.

### WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUBS PAIRS

Monday 10.00 am September 5, 12 and 19

Tuesday 7.30 pm September 6, 13 and 20  
Entry fee: \$30 members; \$36 non-members

You can play in both Monday and Tuesday events if you wish.

There will be normal duplicate played on Monday mornings as well as the Pairs competition.

### WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUB SWISS PAIRS

Tuesday 7.30 pm October 11, 18 and 25  
Entry fee: \$30 members; \$36 non-members

Put your names for these events on the forms on the Events Board or enter on [Bridgeunlimited.com](http://Bridgeunlimited.com)

### BEGINNERS' LESSONS

It's that time again. We are running three lesson courses this year, and the final 2011 course begins on Monday evening 7.30 pm October 3, with each lesson repeated on Tuesday afternoon 1.45 pm from October 4.

Please note that evening lessons are being held on *Mondays* for this course, not the usual Wednesday evening.

There are eight lessons in the course and the cost is \$90, which includes, as well as the lessons, a course book and one free supervised session at the completion of the lessons.

Speak to your friends and family about learning our great game. There are application forms in the playing room, and interested people can ring Mary or Laura for more information on 9807 6502.

If you would like some flyers to put in your 'other' clubs and/or local shops, please just ask. We would love to get the word out to a wider audience than we currently have. Thanks.

### SEPTEMBER WORKSHOPS

Two very important workshops this month:

Communicating with Partner : leads, signals and discards.

9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Saturdays September 10 and 24.

Cost: \$13 Members; \$15 Non-members – per session.

Though of course it would be preferable to attend both sessions, if you can only come on one of the dates, it would certainly be better than nothing.

We spend half of our bridge playing life as defenders (though I agree that often it feels like 80%!) Defence is the most challenging and many say the most interesting of the game's many aspects. You can't win at bridge without being a good defender, so please consider these workshops.

Although the workshops are aimed at improving and Intermediate to high Intermediate players I am sure that more advanced players will benefit as well. As well as good revision, there will be some new ideas offered.

Have a look at the four examples below. How would you go as defender?

1. **Dummy** **Contract 3NT**  
 ♠762  
 ♥A64  
 ♦KQ986  
 ♣Q9

**Partner** **You**  
 ♠Q ♠J53

How do you follow?

2. **Dummy** **Contract 3NT**  
 ♠Q76

**Partner** **You**  
 ♠4 led ♠K985

What card do you play to the first trick when Dummy follows with the 6?

3. **Dummy**  
 ♠J1094

**Partner** **You**  
 ♠A led ♠Q82

The contract is 4♥. Which card should you play to the first trick?

4. The auction has been:

(1♣) : Pass : (1♠) : Pass  
 (1NT) : Pass : (3♠) : Pass  
 (3NT) : all pass

You lead the Diamond Jack and dummy comes down with:

**Dummy**  
 ♠KQJ762  
 ♥K93  
 ♦65  
 ♣J6

**You**  
 ♠984  
 ♥J108  
 ♦J1098  
 ♣Q95

The ♦5 is played from dummy, partner plays the ♦7 and declarer wins with the ♦King. Declarer now leads the ♠5. What now?

There is a wealth of information on offer and though these workshops are not exhaustive (there is no such thing as 'covering' defence in two easy lessons), if you take on board what is included in the two sessions, it is guaranteed to improve your game.

## PLAN THE PLAY QUESTIONS

### 1. Hand is repeated from Page 3

♠K10532  
 ♥3  
 ♦AK53  
 ♣KJ3

♠J8 ♠AQ976  
 ♥Q984 ♥7  
 ♦Q9642♦J8  
 ♣A4 ♣Q10985

♠4  
 ♥AKJ10652  
 ♦107  
 ♣762

The danger is, of course, that East will get the lead and send through another Club, promoting a second trump trick in West's hand.

So, what must be done to prevent East winning a trick?

Win the ♣K at trick two and immediately play three rounds of Diamonds – *discarding the Spade from your hand on the third round*. You have now removed East's ability to win a trick and return that third, deadly, Club. When a Spade is led, you can ruff, and draw trumps, losing only one.

### 2. Hand repeated from Page 3

♠4  
 ♥Q7653  
 ♦K732  
 ♣A53

♠A3 ♠8762  
 ♥982 ♥AKJ104  
 ♦10984 ♦J6  
 ♣8742 ♣K6

♠KQJ1095  
 ♥---  
 ♦AQ5  
 ♣QJ109

A Heart is led, the Ten is played, which you ruff. What is the danger here? That you will be forced to ruff again if West wins a trump trick and leads another Heart, shortening you before the Clubs are set up. So, what do you need to do? You have to shore up the hand *before* they have a chance to make inroads into your trump holding. Lead the Club Queen at trick 2. When East takes the Club King and returns the Heart Ace, you should refuse to ruff. Discard a Club instead. Now the ♥Queen protects you against the force. If East leads another Heart, you can ruff and lead a trump. West takes his trump Ace but has no good return – the Club entry to partner's hand has gone.

### 3. Hand repeated from Page 3

Here is the whole hand:

♠104  
♥963  
♦A75  
♣J10985  
♠K832      ♠976  
♥QJ52      ♥K74  
♦J9          ♦10864  
♣K74      ♣632  
♠AQJ5  
♥A108  
♦KQ32  
♣AQ

The ♥2 is led against your 3NT contract. Take stock – you have 1 Spade, 1 Heart, 3 Diamonds and one Club. With all kinds of chances for making 3 more. Three spade tricks would give you a total of 8 and if the Club finesse works, that would make 9. This is, however, hoping for a 50% chance, which, as it fails here, will result in 5 losing tricks – 1 Spade, 3 Hearts and 1 Club. Can you see a better chance?

Hold up the ♥A till the third trick. Hearts prove to be 3/4, as you had expected on the ♥2 lead.

Are you tempted to play ♣A,Q?? Well, if you are, correct defence will defeat you. If the player holding the ♣K holds up (giving you 7 winners), now you will have to squander your precious ♦A to reach dummy in order to finesse the Spade. And folks, the Spade finesse fails. Back to the drawing board. If you lead a low Spade towards the ten, of course, West will pop up with the King and take both his tricks.

The answer is simple and elegant. Just lead the ♣Q at trick 4. If West takes his King, now you will win 1 Spade, 1 Heart, 3 Diamonds and 4 Clubs. If he holds up, you can enter the dummy with the Diamond Ace, finesse the Spade (losing), but then you have a second Club trick waiting to cash, and will take your three Spades. There is a simple maxim here – always try to retain control of your suits while you set up your extra winners.

#### THE 'RULE OF 20'

Personally, I have a rooted objection to most 'rules' – with the exception of the Rule of 11 and usually the Rule of 15.

The rule of 20 really gives me the irrites!

Add your High Card Points to the length of your two longest suits. If it equals 20 or more, you can open the bidding.

These rules take away independent thought and substitute blind compliance. And since when did bridge permanently obey any 'formula'?

First or second in hand:

1. ♠Q      2. ♠Q4      3. ♠AK10984      4. ♠982  
♥8764      ♥K865      ♥K98      ♥AJ98  
♦K94      ♦J7654      ♦6      ♦7  
♣AQ762      ♣AJ      ♣543      ♣AQ1076

**Hands 1 and 2** are dogs. Pass with both of them. The mere fact that  $11 + 4 + 5 = 20$  doesn't make them worth opening. Load of old rope.

**Hand 3**, if you apply the Rule of 20, would be a pass, or a Weak Two opening. Yuck to both. This is a good little hand, and should be opened 1♠.

**Hand 4** is a little gem with your HCP in your long suits and a great overall shape. Open the bidding 1♣. (You don't need a 'rule' to see this is a good hand)

'Rules' are no substitute for using your brains!!

(I am very happy to enter into correspondence)